

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
FOR THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NUMBER 528
OVER FLAT CREEK ON TEXAS ROAD IN MONTREAT

TIP Project No. B-5196

Buncombe County

The Town of Montreat will hold a public meeting, known as a Citizens' Informational Workshop on Tuesday, November 27, 2012, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Walkup Building, located at 300 Community Center Circle in Montreat.

The Town of Montreat, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) propose to replace Bridge No. 528 on Texas Road over Flat Creek in Montreat, North Carolina. The existing bridge is currently closed to vehicular traffic due to safety concerns related to its state of deterioration. Replacement of the bridge is needed to provide safer access and mobility in the study area, to support pedestrian connectivity, and to improve access to community facilities. Environmental and engineering studies are currently being conducted for the project.

Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in December 2013, followed by construction beginning in June 2014. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Town of Montreat and NCDOT representatives will be present in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. Maps showing the proposed project will be on display. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the workshop hours. There will not be a formal presentation.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact NCDOT Project Planning Engineer - Bridge Section, James Bridges, by phone at (919) 707-6013 or by email at jfbridges@ncdot.gov or NCDOT Consultant, Lindsay Maurer of Planning Communities by phone at (919) 803-8215 or by email at: lmaurer@planningcommunities.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for anyone who wants to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Bridges as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

For persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, interpretive services will be available at the meeting upon request. For more information, please call 1-800-481-6494 prior to the meeting.