

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE  
PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 56 (OVER  
HOLTS LAKE/BLACK CREEK) AND BRIDGE NO. 70 (OVER NEUSE RIVER)  
ON U.S. HIGHWAY 301 IN SMITHFIELD

Express Design-Build Bridge Replacement Projects  
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Johnston County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a public meeting, known as a Citizens' Informational Workshop, for the above-mentioned proposed bridge replacement projects on Tuesday, October 30, 2012. It will be held between 4 and 6 pm at The Pentecostals of Smithfield Church, located at 3020 S. Brightleaf Boulevard, Smithfield.

The NCDOT proposes to close the existing bridges over Holts Lake and the Neuse River on U.S. Highway 301 and replace them with structures that meet current design standards. Both bridges were built in 1926 and necessitate replacement. Both bridges will be closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic for a period of no longer than 180 days each. The bridges will not be closed for construction at the same time. Maps depicting possible detour routes will be on display at the public meeting. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged.

The proposed structures will have two (2) 12-foot travel lanes (one in each direction) and a 5-foot sidewalk on the west side of each structure. Right of Way acquisition is expected to begin in early 2014, followed by construction beginning in the summer of 2014 for Bridge No. 56 over Holts Lake / Black Creek. Right of Way acquisition for Bridge No. 70 over the Neuse River is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2014 followed by construction beginning after Bridge No. 56 is open to traffic. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Wade Harper, by phone at: (252) 296-3521 or by email: [waharper@ncdot.gov](mailto:waharper@ncdot.gov).

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this public meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Eileen Fuchs, NCDOT Public Involvement Officer at (919) 707-6067 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.