

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS
TO US 70 FROM WEST OF NC 58 NORTH (QUEEN STREET) TO JUST
WEST OF NC 58 SOUTH IN KINSTON

NCDOT High Hazard Elimination Project

Lenoir County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will conduct a public meeting regarding a proposed intersection improvement project in Kinston on Thursday, Feb. 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Kinston-Lenoir County Visitor and Information Center located at 101 East New Bern Road, Kinston, NC.

NCDOT representatives will be available to explain the proposed High Hazard Elimination Project, answer questions and receive comments.

NCDOT proposes the construction of a concrete median that will be 12 feet wide that will run from about 1000 feet west of the US 70/NC 58 North (Queen Street) intersection eastward to about 300 feet west of the US 70/NC 58 South intersection. NCDOT will provide breaks in the proposed median along this section of US 70 to allow left turns at US 258 South and State Road 1357 (Meadowbrook Drive). A median opening for eastbound left turns is being considered in the vicinity of Pearson's and a median opening for westbound left turns is being considered in the vicinity of the Kangaroo Express. As part of this safety project, NCDOT also proposes to resurface this section of US 70.

The proposed safety improvements are needed as a result of a NCDOT Traffic Safety Study performed along this section of US 70 that identified 39 reported vehicle crashes in a recent five-year period. The majority of the crashes can be attributed to the unrestricted continuous center left turn lane that runs along the length of the project. The addition of the proposed median should reduce the potential of these types of vehicle crashes along this section of US 70.

Maps displaying the proposed intersection improvements will be on public display at NCDOT's Kinston District Office beginning Monday, February 7th. The Kinston District Office is located at 1629 Highway 258 South. The phone number for the Kinston District Office is 252-527-0053.

For more information, please contact Dwayne Alligood, NCDOT Division Operations Engineer or Lang Jones, NCDOT Division Design Engineer at 252-695-2044.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Dwayne Alligood as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.