

NOTICE OF THREE DESIGN PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE WIDENING OF US 158 FROM THE I-95 / NC 46 INTERCHANGE TO THE MURFREESBORO BYPASS

TIP Project Nos. R-2582 & R-2584

Northampton County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold three (3) Informal Design Public Hearings for the above mentioned highway project from 4 to 7 pm at the following locations:

Tuesday, August 14, 2012 Conway Middle School 400 East Main Street Conway, 27820	Wednesday, August 15, 2012 Garysburg Town Hall 504 Old Highway Road Garysburg, 27831	Thursday, August 16, 2012 Northampton County Cultural & Wellness Center 9536 NC 305 Highway Jackson, 27845
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The purpose of the informal hearings is to provide information regarding the design and location of the proposed project, and to obtain public input. Interested citizens may drop by at any time during the above mentioned hours. NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. There will not be a formal presentation. Additional material may be submitted until September 17, 2012.

NCDOT proposes to widen US 158 from the I-95 / NC 46 interchange to the Murfreesboro Bypass. The Least Environmentally Damaging and Practicable Alternative (LEDPA) has been selected. The selected alternative will utilize the existing highway in some sections, while other sections will be constructed on a new location. The widening of US 158 will convert the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane, median divided highway that will include some service roads. The proposed highway will have 12-foot lanes, paved shoulders, and a 46-foot wide grassy median. Additional right of way and the relocation of homes and businesses will be required for this project.

Maps showing the design and a copy of the approved environmental document, State Final Environmental Impact Statement are available for public review at the Garysburg Town Hall, 504 Old Highway Road, Garysburg, 27831, Northampton County Cultural & Wellness Center, 9536 NC Highway 305, Jackson, 27845, Conway Town Hall, 221 West Main Street, Conway, 27820, and the Northampton County Maintenance Yard, 9339 NC Highway 305 North, Jackson, 27845. The maps are available for viewing online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US158Widening>.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Kimberly Hinton, Human Environment Unit, 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by telephone (919) 707-6072; or via email khinton@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Hinton as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.