

**NOTICE OF DESIGN PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE PROPOSED  
US 17 IMPROVEMENTS FROM DEPPE LOOP ROAD / SPRINGHILL ROAD, SOUTH  
OF BELGRADE IN ONSLOW COUNTY TO THE JONES/CRAVEN COUNTY LINE,  
SOUTH OF NEW BERN**

WBS No. 34442.1.1

R-2514BCD

Onslow/Jones Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold two Design Public Hearings for the above mentioned highway project at the following times and locations:

<b>INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING</b>	<b>FORMAL PUBLIC HEARING</b>
<p><b>Thursday, September 13</b> <b>4-7p.m.</b> Maysville Elementary School 814 Sixth Street Maysville, 28555</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, September 18</b> <b>Pre-Hearing Open House 4-6:30 p.m.</b> <b>Formal Presentation 7p.m.</b> Pollocksville Elementary School 300 Trent Street Pollocksville, 28573</p>

The purpose of the 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 to answer questions and receive comments. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Additional material may be submitted until November 19.

**The formal public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 18 at Pollocksville Elementary School.** A formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed location, design, right of way and relocation requirements / procedures. The hearing will be open to those present for statements, questions and/or comments.

This project proposes to improve a 16 mile portion of U.S. 17 between Deppe Loop Road (State Road 1330) / Springhill Road (SR 1439), south of Belgrade and the New Bern Bypass near the Jones/Craven County line, south of New Bern. The selected alternative includes a bypass of Belgrade and Maysville, a bypass of Pollocksville, and widening the existing highway between Maysville and Pollocksville. The widening of U.S. 17 will convert the existing two-lane highway to a four-lane, median divided highway. 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. The project is also designated as part of the NC Strategic Corridor system and is a hurricane evacuation route. The purpose of the project will relieve traffic congestion and improve safety.

A map setting forth the location of the project and a copy of the approved environmental document – Record of Decision (ROD) - are available for public review at the Pollocksville Town Hall located at 103 Main Street, Pollocksville; Maysville Town Hall located at 404 Main Street, Maysville; and at the NCDOT Resident Engineer’s Office located at 209 S. Glenburnie Road, New Bern.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Kimberly Hinton, Senior Public Involvement Officer, Human Environment Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, phone (919) 707-6072, or email [khinton@ncdot.gov](mailto: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 at the contact information above 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.