

NCDOT TO HOLD A PRE-MEETING OPEN HOUSE AND DESIGN PUBLIC MEETING AUG. 31 FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. 70 HAVELOCK BYPASS

TIP PROJECT No. R-1015

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold an Open-House and Design Public Meeting for the proposed U.S. 70 Havelock Bypass on Monday, August 31 at the Havelock Tourist and Event Center, located at 201 Tourist Center Drive in Havelock.

An informal open-house will be held prior to the formal public meeting in the main hall of the Center. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project throughout the meeting. Attendees are encouraged to submit written comments or questions. Interested citizens may also drop in anytime during the open house from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The formal presentation will begin at 7 p.m., and conclude with a public comment period. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed location and design of the preferred alternative, information about the state-federal relationship, right of way and relocation requirements and future activities and procedures that will be part of the project. Citizens will be able to speak, ask questions and/or turn in comments immediately following the formal presentation. The presentation and public comment period will be recorded and a written transcript will be prepared.

Anyone wishing to speak at the formal public meeting may register at the sign-in table during the open-house hours. Speakers will be called in the order they sign in and provided a three-minute time limit. Everyone who would like to speak will have an opportunity to do so. Written comments bear the same weight as spoken comments.

The proposed project will be constructed on a new location (bypass) on the southwest side of Havelock and U.S. 70. The proposed road begins north of the Havelock City limits and extends south for approximately 10 miles to the Craven-Carteret County line. The proposed roadway section will be a four-lane, median-divided highway that will provide a high-speed alternative to using existing U.S. 70 through Havelock, which is slowed by numerous traffic signals at intersecting side streets.

Maps displaying the proposed location and design of the preferred alternative of the U.S. 70 Havelock Bypass will be available for public review at the following locations:

- City of Havelock – City Planning Office, 1 Governmental Drive, Havelock;
- New Bern Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, 300 Pollock Street, New Bern; and
- NCDOT District Office, 209 South Glenburnie Road, New Bern
- The maps can also be found online at:
<http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>

For more information, please contact Diane Wilson, NCDOT- Human Environment Section, by phone at (919) 707-6073 or via email at pdwilson1@ncdot.gov. Additional written comments regarding the proposed project may be submitted through September 28, 2015.

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 Ms. Wilson as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.