

NOTICE OF A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR N.C. 24-27 FROM N.C. 740 IN
ALBEMARLE TO THE PROPOSED TROY BYPASS (R-0623), WEST OF TROY

TIP Project Nos.: R-2530B; B-4974; R-2527

Stanly and Montgomery Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Combined Public Hearing on Thursday, June 21, 2012, between the hours of 4 – 7 p.m., at the Stanly County Commons (Commissioners Room), located at 1000 N. First Street, Albemarle.

The proposed projects involve widening N.C. 24-27 from N.C. 740 in Albemarle in Stanly County to the proposed Troy Bypass (R-0623), west of Troy, in Montgomery County. TIP Project R-2530B involves widening existing N.C. 24-27 from west of N.C. 740 to the Pee Dee River in Stanly County from either two or three-lane sections of highway to a four-lane divided highway with a 23-foot wide raised median from east of Sweet Home Church Road (State Road 1731) and transitioning to a 46-foot depressed median from east of Sweet Home Church Road to the Pee Dee River in Stanly County. TIP Project B-4974 involves the replacement of existing Bridge No. 51 over the Pee Dee River on the Stanly/Montgomery County Line. TIP Project R-2527 involves widening existing N.C. 24-27 from a two-lane highway to a four-lane divided highway with a 46-foot depressed median from the Pee Dee River to the proposed Troy Bypass, west of Troy in Montgomery County.

The total length of the proposed projects is about 14.6 miles long. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin for the R-2530B project in 2014, followed by construction beginning in 2016. Right-of-way acquisition for the bridge project, B-4974 is scheduled to begin in 2014, followed by construction beginning in 2016. R-2527 is scheduled for right-of-way acquisition to begin in 2016, followed by construction beginning in 2018. The Troy Bypass project (R-0623) is scheduled to be let to contract in 2014. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

The purpose of these projects is to improve traffic flow and the ability to carry future traffic on the section of N.C. 24-27 between N.C. 740 in Albemarle to the proposed Troy Bypass, west of Troy, and to maintain a bridge across the Pee Dee River that addresses the needs of the travelling public between Stanly and Montgomery Counties. Additional right-of-way acquisition and the relocation of homes and businesses will be required to construct the project.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. There will be no formal presentation.

Maps displaying the location and design of the projects and a copy of the environmental document, the Environmental Assessment (EA), are currently available for public review at three locations: 1) Stanly County Commons, 1000 N. First Street, in Albemarle; 2) the Town of Troy (Town Hall), located at 315 North Main Street, in Troy; and 3) the NCDOT-Resident Engineer's Office, located at 303 Highway 740 Bypass East, in Albemarle. Copies of the maps are also available upon request at: http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/HearingMaps/hearingmaps_by_county/county/Montgomery.html

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Eileen Fuchs, NCDOT-Human Environment Section, Senior Public Involvement Officer by phone at: (919) 707-6067 or by email at: eafuchs@ncdot.gov. Additional written comments may be submitted to Ms. Fuchs until July 23, 2012.

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. Fuchs as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.