

## NOTICE OF A CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED RALEIGH UNION STATION

TIP Project No. P-3803

Wake County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Citizens' Informational Workshop between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm on Monday, August 6, 2012 at the Raleigh Convention Center (Ballroom B), located at 500 South Salisbury Street, in Raleigh.

The City of Raleigh and the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) are proposing to construct a new passenger train station in downtown Raleigh at 510 West Martin Street. Construction of the new train station is tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall of 2013. The station would replace the existing Amtrak Station on Cabarrus Street, which routinely experiences overcrowding and does not have a platform long enough to service all the trains that access the station. The two waiting rooms at the existing Amtrak Station are not large enough and many passengers have to wait outside the station. Also, there are currently only 54 parking spaces available at the station, forcing passengers to park on adjoining neighborhood streets.

Currently there are four daily round trip passenger trains that serve the Raleigh Amtrak Station. Two additional Raleigh to Charlotte round trips are planned in the near future to meet service demands. The location and size of the current train station cannot accommodate the current number of passengers, nor the expected growth in passengers due to the increased number of trains.

The NCDOT, the City of Raleigh and the Triangle Transit Authority have worked together in planning and in funding the proposed new facility that will accommodate inter-city passenger rail service in the near future, and commuter rail, buses, taxis, bicycles, and other modes of transportation in the long term.

The proposed project will also include the construction of an extension to the existing Prison Siding, a separate rail track that is used for passing trains and/or railroad car storage. The extension of the Prison Siding will allow trains to pass the station when a passenger train is stopped at the platform on the main track. Also, the Greenfield Siding will replace the existing Cabarrus Yard freight storage tracks inside the Boylan Wye. These track improvements will improve freight and passenger rail operations by allowing the storage of trains and rail cars outside of the congested Boylan Wye area. It will allow trains to pass through the Boylan Wye area, even when passenger trains are stopped at the station.

Maps will be on display depicting the proposed new Passenger Rail Station and the proposed locations of the new Greenfield Siding and the extension of the Prison Siding. NCDOT, City of Raleigh and Triangle Transit Authority representatives will be available to answer any questions. The opportunity to provide written comments will be provided and is encouraged. Citizens may drop in any time during the workshop hours. There will not be a formal presentation.

For more information, contact NCDOT Rail Project Development Engineer Ryan White, P.E. at (919) 707-4717 or by email at [rlwhite@ncdot.gov](mailto:rlwhite@ncdot.gov).

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for anyone who wants to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. White as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

For persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, interpretive services will be available at the meeting upon request. For more information, please call 1-800-481-6494 prior to the meeting.