

**NOTICE OF A CITIZENS' INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP
FOR THE PROPOSED GOLDSBORO CONNECTOR TRACK RAILROAD PROJECT**

TIP Project No. P-5004

WBS No. 42073

Wayne County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a public meeting called a citizens' informational workshop on July 31, 2012 at the School Street Elementary School, located at 415 S Virginia Street, Goldsboro from 5-7 pm.

NCDOT proposes railroad connector track work that would be necessary to accommodate future rail passenger service in the southeastern part of North Carolina. This project would allow for future service from Goldsboro Union Station to destinations such as Raleigh and Wilmington. The need for future passenger train service was identified as part of the 2005 Southeastern North Carolina Passenger Rail Study. Depending on the alternatives developed, it is possible that at-grade railroad crossing closures may be a part of this project. The study area includes the existing rail lines in West Goldsboro in the vicinity of US 117/13, West Elm Street, North and South Carolina streets, and West Ash Street.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the rail project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the workshop. There will not be a formal presentation.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Kristina L. Solberg, NCDOT Environmental & Planning Branch, Rail Division at 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1553, by phone at (919) 707-4716 or via email at klsolberg@ncdot.gov Citizens may also contact consultant Ann Steedly of Planning Communities at (919) 848-5959 or via email at asteedly@planningcommunities.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact NCDOT Senior Public Involvement Officer Kimberly Hinton at (919) 707-6072 or by email at khinton@ncdot.gov 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.