

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING DEC. 4 FOR THE PROPOSED GRADE SEPARATION OF
ROGERS LAKE ROAD IN KANNAPOLIS

TIP Project No. Y-4810K

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing regarding the proposed grade separation of Rogers Lake Road over the Norfolk Southern/North Carolina Railroad in Cabarrus County.

The meeting will be held Thursday, December 4, at the Kannapolis Train Station located at 201 S. Main Street. It will begin with an open house from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by a formal presentation at 7 p.m., and ending with a public comment session. The opportunity to submit written comments and ask questions will be provided throughout the meeting. The presentation and comments received will be recorded, considered and addressed in our final environmental document.

The purpose of the project is to improve vehicular mobility and safety and the efficiency of train traffic by removing the existing Rogers Lake Road at-grade railroad crossing and replacing with a grade separation. Grade separating means using a bridge to separate intersecting roads and/or railroads. This would reduce the possibility of vehicle-train collisions and improve traffic flow by eliminating the need for vehicles to wait for trains to cross through the intersection. The closure of the crossing at Winecoff School Road was previously included in this project but is now included in TIP Project I-3802.

This project is a part of an effort to reduce the number of redundant and/or unsafe rail-highway at-grade crossings statewide. The proposed project will include a bridge over Main Street, the railroad track and Ridge Avenue, eliminating potential vehicle/train conflicts. Traffic will be maintained in the project area during construction and this project will require the purchase of additional right of way.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project during the open house portion of the meeting. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the open house hours.

The formal presentation will include an explanation of the location and design of the proposed alternative, the required right of way and relocation requirements and procedures that will be part of the project.

Maps displaying the location and design of the project are available for public review at the following locations:

- Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization, 135 Cabarrus Ave. East - Suite 101, Concord
- City of Kannapolis – Public Works Department, 1401 Bethpage Rd., Kannapolis
- NCDOT District Office, 4770 South Main Street, Salisbury

Copies of the maps are also available online at: <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>

For additional information, contact Diane Wilson, NCDOT Senior Public Involvement Officer, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6073, or via email at pdwilson1@ncdot.gov. Please submit comments by Thursday, December 18, 2014.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Wilson 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 (800) 481-6494.