

N.C. Department of Transportation to host a Public Meeting on September 22 for Proposed Railway Crossing Closure on Murphs Road (Crossing No. #629577C, Railroad Milepost #A 224.99) near Parkton, Robeson County

TIP Project No. Y-5500FA

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold an informal public meeting regarding a proposed railway crossing closure at Murphs Road (S.R. 1730) near Parkton in Robeson County.

The meeting will take place on Monday, September 22, from 5 until 7 p.m. at Parkton Elementary School at 400 North Green Street, Parkton.

Attendees are welcome to stop by at any time during the meeting hours. There will not be a formal presentation; however, NCDOT representatives will be available to meet with attendees to answer questions and receive comments. Written comments or questions can be submitted at the meeting or later by October 20.

The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public about the proposed railway crossing closure on Murphs Road due to very low traffic volume. The nearest crossing of Blanchard Road (S.R. 1727) is approximately 1.4 miles south of the project location. The Blanchard Road crossing is fully functional with flashers and gates as a crossing warning device. The proposed closing of this crossing is part of an effort to reduce the number of redundant and/or unsafe rail-highway at-grade crossings nationwide.

Project maps are available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>.

For additional information, contact Brian Gackstetter, NCDOT Rail Division Engineer, Engineering Coordination & Safety Branch at 1556 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1556, by phone: (919) 715-9357 or email begackstetter@ncdot.gov.

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 Anamika Laad at alaad@ncdot.gov or 919-707-6072 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

NCDOT will provide interpretive services upon request for persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English. Kindly request it prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.