

**NOTICE OF A PRE-MEETING OPEN HOUSE & DESIGN PUBLIC MEETING
FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO NEW LEICESTER HIGHWAY (NC 63) FROM GILBERT ROAD
TO NEW FOUND ROAD / DIX CREEK CHAPEL ROAD**

*******NOTE: LOCATION & MEETING FORMAT CHANGE*******

TIP Project No. U-3301

Leicester, Buncombe County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Design Public Meeting on December 6, 2012 at the **Newfound Baptist Church**, 2605 New Leicester Highway.

This project proposes to improve New Leicester Highway (NC 63) from near Gilbert Road (State Road 1615) to about 600 feet past the New Found Road (SR 1004) / Dix Creek Chapel Road (SR 1375) intersection. The project will include a four-lane divided roadway with a narrow 23-foot grass median and a three-lane undivided roadway with curb & gutter on both sides of the roadway in the Leicester community. In addition, five roundabouts are proposed at the following intersections: Gilbert Road (SR 1615), Leicester Elementary School Entrance, Martins Branch Road (SR 1610), Old Newfoundland Road (SR 1378), and Alexander Road (SR 1620).

NCDOT representatives will be available at an informal, Pre-Meeting Open House between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments relative to the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours.

A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed location & design, right of way acquisition, relocation requirements / procedures, and the state-federal funding relationship. The hearing will be open to those to present statements, questions and comments. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a transcript will be prepared.

A map displaying the location and design of the project is available for public review at the NCDOT Division Thirteen Office located at 55 Orange Street, Asheville and the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization, 339 New Leicester Highway, Suite 140, Asheville. The maps are online. Search the project using "U-3301" and click on "Show More" to view the Design Public Hearing Maps at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Kimberly Hinton, Human Environment Unit at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, 27699-1598, by phone: (919) 707-6072, by fax: (919) 212-5785, or by email: khinton@ncdot.gov. Additional comments may be submitted until December 28, 2012.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Hinton 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.