

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
IMPROVEMENTS TO US 158 FROM US 17 BUSINESS (ROAD STREET)
TO EAST OF THE PASQUOTANK RIVER, ELIZABETH CITY**

TIP Project No. U-4438

Pasquotank County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in conjunction with the City of Elizabeth City will hold the above Public Informational Meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Arts of the Albemarle Building, 516 E Main Street, Elizabeth City, 27909.

The purpose of this meeting is for NCDOT and City representatives to provide information and answer questions regarding the construction phasing, utilities and traffic control for the proposed improvements to US 158 from US 17 Business (Road Street) to Water Street. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has completed the final design work for this project. A brief overview presentation of the proposed improvements will begin at 5:30 p.m.

This project proposes to rehabilitate US 158 (East Elizabeth Street) from US 17 Business (Road Street) to Water Street and replace the existing drawbridge carrying eastbound US 158 traffic over the Pasquotank River and construct a new bridge tender's building. The purpose for the project is to correct differential settling, or sinking, of the US 158 roadbed, eliminate other minor problems with the roadway, and to replace the eastbound drawbridge with a reliable and safe structure. The existing bridge will be replaced by a wider structure that accommodates pedestrians and bicycle traffic.

Construction of this project is expected to last up to four years. Utilities that cross or lie along East Elizabeth Street will be relocated in early 2011. Actual project construction will begin in mid-2011. Two lanes of traffic will remain open during construction, with traffic traveling on one lane in each direction. However, temporary road closures will be necessary for utility and drainage construction. NCDOT apologizes for any inconveniences during construction.

NCDOT is very concerned with making sure construction on East Elizabeth Street does not damage adjacent buildings. Construction methods will be used that minimizes vibration and digging. NCDOT will prepare a Vibration Monitoring Plan that limits the level of vibrations allowed by construction equipment and will monitor vibrations during periods of roadway construction.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Malcolm Watson, Roadway Design Project Manager at 1582 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, 27699-1582, by phone at 919-250-4016, by fax at 919-250-4036, or by email at mcwatson@ncdot.gov or concerning utilities Mr. Rich Olson, City Manager, at Post Office Box 347, Elizabeth City, 27907-0347, by phone at 252-337-6864, by fax at 252-337-2503, or by email at rolson@cityofec.com.

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. Kimberly Hinton at khinton@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.