

## NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO U.S. 13 / N.C. 11 FROM AHOSKIE TO WINTON

TIP Project No. R-5311

The [N.C. Department of Transportation](#) proposes to widen N.C. 11 from just south of the intersection with N.C. 561, north to U.S. 13 and continuing along U.S. 13 to the intersection of U.S. 158/N.C. 45 west of Winton in Hertford County.

The purpose of the project is to improve the safety of the N.C. 11/U.S. 13 corridor between the intersection of N.C. 11 and N.C. 561, and the intersection of U.S. 13 and U.S. 158/N.C. 45. The accident rate along this stretch of N.C. 11 and U.S. 13 is higher than the statewide average.

A public hearing was held on Monday, June 9, at Hertford County High School in Ahoskie. The hearing began with an open house from 4 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a formal presentation at 7 p.m. Four design alternatives were presented to the public for review and comment. Opportunities to submit written comments and ask questions were provided throughout the meeting. Approximately 75 persons attended the public hearing.

To insure that all citizens have an opportunity to participate in the project development process, NCDOT is extending the comment period through July 11<sup>th</sup>.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NCDOT has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. The EA is a federally required environmental document that describes the need for the project and evaluates the project's concept for potential social, economic, and environmental effects. The EA for this project was approved in October 2013.

Maps showing the location and design of the project and a copy of the approved EA are available for public review at the following locations:

- NCDOT Resident Engineer's Office located at 230 NC Highway 42 W, Ahoskie;
- Town of Ahoskie Manager's office at 201 West Main Street, Ahoskie; and
- Hertford County Library, 303 W Tryon St, Winton, NC 27986.

The maps are also available online: <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>.

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