

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS JULY 22 & 24 IN WINSTON-SALEM FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. 421 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NUMBERS 178, 278, 286, 288, 291, 293, 305, 312, 313, 336 AND VARIOUS SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS FROM WEST OF FOURTH STREET TO EAST OF CHURCH STREET

TIP Project No. U-2827B

**Also known as Business 40 Improvement Project**

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold two public hearings in July regarding a proposed project for pavement rehabilitation of travel lanes, reconstruction of shoulders and ramps, replacement of ten (10) bridges (Bridge Numbers 178, 278, 286, 288, 291, 293, 305, 312, 313, 336), and various safety improvement on US 421/I-40 Business (commonly referred to as Business 40 by residents of Winston-Salem) between west of Fourth Street and east of Church Street.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow, operations and safety on U.S. 421/I-40 Business between west of Fourth Street and east of Church Street. Additional right-of-way acquisition and the relocation of homes and businesses will be required for this project.

The hearings are scheduled at the following times and places:

- **Tuesday, July 22:**  
**Milton Rhodes Art Center, 251 N. Spruce Street, Winston-Salem**  
**Pre-Hearing Open House: 4 – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Formal Presentation: 7 p.m.**
- **Thursday, July 24:**  
**Miller Recreational Center, 400 Leisure Lane, Winston-Salem**  
**Pre-Hearing Open House: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Formal Presentation: 7:30 p.m.**

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the project during the open-house portion of the hearings. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the open-house hours. The same information and maps will be available at all meetings. The public is urged to share their ideas, thoughts and suggestions with department staff. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Comments regarding the project and the Environmental Assessment (EA) document will be accepted through **August 24, 2014.**

The formal presentations will include an update of recent project activities and studies, an explanation of the location and design of the alternatives, information about the state-federal relationship, the required right of way and relocation requirements and future activities and procedures that will be part of the project. The presentation and comments will be recorded, and a transcript will be prepared.

Hearing Maps displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available for public review at the:

- NCDOT Division Engineer's Office, located at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem
- Winston-Salem UA MPO – Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Bldg. – Suite 307, located at 100 East First St.
- The maps are also available online at:  
<http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) is also available for public review at the:

- Forsyth County Public Library – Central Library – North Carolina Reading Room, located at 660 West Fifth St.
- Winston Salem State University – C.G. O'Kelly Library – Main Circulation Desk, located at 601 South Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

Additional information on the Business 40 project, the Hearing Maps and the Environmental Assessment (EA), is also available online at: [www.business40nc.com](http://www.business40nc.com)

For additional information, contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT-Human Environment Section at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6085 or by email: [publicinvolvement1@ncdot.gov](mailto:publicinvolvement1@ncdot.gov).

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 Robbins as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made. For persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, interpretive services will be available at the meeting upon request. For more information, please call 1-800-481-6494 prior to the meeting.