

**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE I-26/U.S. 74 INTERCHANGE
IN COLUMBUS, POLK COUNTY**

TIP PROJECT NO. I-4729A

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold an informal public meeting regarding the proposed improvements to the I-26/U.S. 74 interchange in Columbus. The meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 25, 2017** from **4 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at the **Isothermal Community College - Polk Center Auditorium**, located at **1255 W. Mills Street in Columbus.**

The project will provide direct ramp connections from I-26 westbound (WB) to U.S. 74 eastbound (EB) and from U.S. 74 WB to I-26 EB. NCDOT is working to complete construction of the interchange improvements prior to the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) World Equestrian Games, which will be held at the nearby Tryon International Equestrian Center in September 2018.

The purpose of the meeting is for NCDOT representatives to provide information, answer questions and collect comments regarding this project. The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meetings or by mail no later than **May 25, 2017**. The public may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops. Please note that there will not be a formal presentation at the meeting.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

For additional information, contact Kenneth McDowell, Project Engineer by mail: NCDOT Highway Division 14, 253 Webster Road, Sylva, NC 28779, phone (828) 586-2141, or email at kjmcowell@ncdot.gov.

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 Jamine Robbins, Human Environment Section, via e-mail at jarobbins@ncdot.gov or by phone (919) 707-6085 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.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.