



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

ROY COOPER  
GOVERNOR

JAMES H. TROGDON, III  
SECRETARY

**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Post Public Meeting Participants  
**From:** Craig A. Freeman, Jr., PE  
**Date:** November 15, 2018  
**Subject:** U-5797 Public Comments

**Post Public Meeting Summary**

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A post public meeting discussion was held on November 15, 2018, via conference call. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the comments received from the public during the U-5797 (Fayetteville Road) project public meeting which was held on October 23, 2018, as well as any additional comments received after the meeting. The following were in attendance for the post public meeting discussion:

Greg Burns, PE	NCDOT Division 6 Division Engineer
Craig Freeman Jr., PE	NCDOT Division 6 Division Project Engineer
Steve Kendall, PE	NCDOT Division 6 Division Project Development Engineer
Jim Rerko	NCDOT Division 6 Division Environmental Officer
Anne Lenart-Redmond, EI	STV Engineers, Inc.
Patrick Livingston, PE	STV Engineers, Inc.
Justin Carroll, PE	STV Engineers, Inc.
Trent Moody, PE	STV Engineers, Inc.
Elizabeth Scott	STV Engineers, Inc.
Garold Smith	STV Engineers, Inc.

- A Local Officials Informational Meeting (LOIM) and an open-house format Public Meeting (PM) were held on October 23, 2018, at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center, 1100 North Cedar Street, Lumberton, NC. The purpose of the meetings was to inform local officials and provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed design for the project. The Public Meeting was advertised through the NCDOT website (<https://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>), the mailing of direct mail notification postcards to 1298 addresses. Participants were invited to the LOIM through an email invitation sent to elected officials and project stakeholders.

- The LOIM was held from 4 to 5 p.m. and was attended by representatives from the City of Lumberton and Robeson County. The PM was conducted from 5 to 7 p.m. during which time the public had the opportunity to review project maps and proposed typical section displays, view the project simulation video, ask questions, provide comments and discuss the project informally with NCDOT representatives. There was no formal public presentation. Thirty-five (35) citizens registered their attendance at the public meeting.

A total of 37 comments were received at the public meeting or during the comment period following the public meeting. The comments and responses to those comments can be found on the following pages. (*Note: Comments are inserted into this comment summary as written and submitted – no spelling or grammatical changes have been made.*)

### **Written Comments Received**

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#### **1. John**

##### Comment 1 (comment sheet):

Consider improving the intersection of 211 & Walnut at the Rescue Squad Building. It is extremely dangerous.

##### Response to Comment 1:

Thank you for your comment. The intersection of NC 211 & Walnut Street is out of the scope of this project. Adjustments to the traffic signals along Fayetteville Road corridor through signal timing is proposed as part of this project, and phasing concerns will be passed along to the design team for further investigation, however this project will not specifically address these issues at this location.

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#### **2. Ken Windley; 203 E. 19<sup>th</sup> St., Lumberton, NC 28358**

##### Comment 2 (comment sheet):

Concern over this creating more traffic on Walnut St. by drivers trying to avoid stop lights on Fayetteville Rd. There is enough traffic now on Walnut St. Walnut St. – 19<sup>th</sup> St. intersections in already dangerous.

##### Response to Comment 2:

Thank you for your comment. The project will widen and provide more capacity for traffic on Fayetteville Road. There should be a reduction of traffic volumes on Walnut Street since an improved Fayetteville Road will operate more efficiently.

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#### **3. Janice Lee**

##### Comment 3 (email):

My name is Janice Lee, Owner of property located at 601 Kensington St, Lumberton NC, Located just below Bobs Jewel Shop on Fayetteville Rd. I attended a meeting in reference to the above project proposal on 10/23/2018 at the Bill Sapp Recreation Center to view the proposed changes to

Fayetteville Rd. I would like to begin by saying that there were a lot of friendly staff there to assist as best they could in answering questions. I must say they were willing to assist, however what was very disturbing to me was the fact that though willing to assist, each group that I spoke with had different views of the mapping and what exactly would be taking place at my property. I was so very upset to learn that I had purchased a property and have began heavy renovations to accommodate myself and my disabled spouse only to learn that the property was going to be mutilated with this project. The first persons that I spoke with in this meeting told me that the maps indicated my homesite would be used while the construction was underway but did not appear to be part of the actual roadway changes, then I continued to express the concerns I had and sent over to a table where there were several engineers who told me there would certainly be loss of property but described the setbacks (right of way) to me and advised that this was still in planning and my thoughts needed to be expressed for further consideration. I then stated that if they take 15 to 20 feet of my property as it is now, and then have another (right of way) as always entitled, the roadway could sit within a few feet of my bedrooms. I looked at the proposed video description and listened attentively as the reasoning for this was described. As we all know the largest problem with Fayetteville Rd is the AM and PM traffic from Lumberton Senior High School. Now while I know moving the school is not an option at this time, I feel that moving the traffic is. The traffic from the school could easily be re-routed down Linkhaw Rd and dropped out onto Meadow Rd and Hwy 41. This would have a great impact of lesser traffic and accidents and a much more appealing area for Businesses with this change, with the proposed traffic circle Godwin Ave and 24h St remaining in place as proposed as well as the change to the left turn lane at Fayetteville Rd and Roberts Ave. I am fully aware of the hazardous conditions of am and pm traffic because I was one of the victims of a traffic accident that involved 5 cars at the High School a few years ago, so I fully understand the urgency with that issue, though I have yet to be able to get the statistics for the number of accidents in that area in the past year. I do know that there is an average of 5 wrecks per month in that area alone. Now I am also told that this is a beautification project to make Fayetteville Rd more appealing. Well I could go on and on about what I feel but there is a point that we reach where this becomes more venting than an appeal to what seems sensible and just to all parties that will be affected. I am very sure that there is not one business that will be directly affected who thinks this is a great plan, they will lose more than can ever be gained. I have, in fact, spoken with almost everyone that will be impacted and none are happy or share the enthusiasm of the vision as proposed. There will be no long term real benefit here if there is not a change to the traffic from the high school. With all of this being said, there are five residential dwellings and two apartment complexes involved in this proposal, this is where the worst of the impact will be felt. The residents in this area and the tenants at the apartments will be endangered by having traffic closer to their dwellings, all of which have bedrooms that will be next to the traffic, the noise will be another factor we will not be able to control because when you remove that much yard, the city will not allow fencing to be put up that close to the roadway. It is my plea that you will reconsider the area of where the construction will begin and consider this heavily. I have a mortgage on a home that I have never stayed in and I am still 5 to 6 months from that opportunity due to the extensive renovations, I have spent approximately 120,000 in renovations thus far and have received a letter from the city telling me that the renovations at this point have increased my tax value by 65,000.00 which sounds great until I see the land that will be taken from this property and the destruction of the value thereof. I spent 5000.00 to move a tree and keep it alive that will be in the line of construction and /or underground service. This tree was planted by my Aunt (Dorothy

Schneider) when she built this beautiful home in 1973, she is now deceased and I purchased the home from her daughter. I cannot put a value on sentimental things but I purchased this to be my home and now would rather not own it at all if there are not other options. I would hope that the state would buy out these residents rather than to force them out by making it uncomfortable to live there. Though I am sure that is not the intention, it will be detrimental to all parties concerned. I welcome contact from you if you have any questions for me and I hope that sincere consideration will be given in this matter. My cell# is 910.618- 6911. My home phone # is 910.739.5618 And my business # 910-739.5039. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter...

Sincerely,  
Janice Lee  
601 Kensington St  
Lumberton NC 28358

Response to Comment 3:

Thank you for your comment. Studies show that a median minimizes vehicular conflict points and makes the roadway safer by reducing crashes. The design plans presented at the public meeting were preliminary and did not present the final easement and right-of-way requirements for the Fayetteville Road project. As the design progresses and the roadway plans are finalized, right-of-way and easement requirements will be refined. Property owners who may be impacted by this final design will be contacted by representatives of NCDOT Right-of-Way to further discuss the project and potential property impacts.

At this time, the proposed curb line is roughly 20' closer to the property and will require an additional 10 feet of right-of-way.

The roadway improvements not only address traffic congestion that is witnessed today but also 20+ years into the future. School traffic is only a portion of the overall traffic volumes that are being accommodated by this project.

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**4. Leroy Rising – City Councilman Precinct 1 (Lumberton); 301 Sandlin Dr., Lumberton , NC**

Comment 4 (comment form):

Many folks who did not attend public hearing are extremely confused about boundaries for project. If some R/W stakes could be placed in strategic locations so the business owners could visualize the location of extra lane would be helpful. The map at NCDOT.gov is scaring people especially because that are confused again about the “Temporary Construction” area which is in green/cross hatched. It would be helpful to have a measurement from existing BOC to proposed BOC so folks can see where lanes are actually proposed. Thanks! Leroy

Response to Comment 4:

Thank you for your comment. The preliminary design plans presented at the public meeting did not present the final easement and right of way requirements for the Fayetteville Road project. As the

design progresses and the roadway plans are finalized, easement and right-of-way requirements will be more clearly defined. Property owners who may be impacted by this final design will be contacted by representatives of NCDOT Right-of-Way to further discuss the project and potential property impacts. Until final right-of-way impacts are identified it would be imprudent to stake out the preliminary right-of-way limits.

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## 5. Greg Phelps

### Comment 5 (letter):

Proposed Widening of Fayetteville Road Project U-5797

After meeting with Lumberton City Manager Wayne Horne and City Councilman LeRoy Rising I became aware I had spend more time studying the project map on your website than they had. Mr. Rising believed it would only be two lanes heading from I-95 to 211 at intersection of Farrington and Fayetteville Road. I do not believe the leaders of Lumberton, much the residents understand the project. I would like to request another public meeting with local officials and residents and that this meeting be publicized more. Most have learned about the project from Face book after the fact.

I am very concerned as a citizen of Lumberton. I am very concerned as a land owner of the city of Lumberton and I am very concerned as a long time retail merchant of the city of Lumberton.

My concerns as a citizen of Lumberton are the dangers to our citizens, the loss of property value for home and commercial properties and the loss of business income caused by this design and road barriers for our local merchants on Fayetteville Road and Roberts Avenue. The loss of privacy and fear of safety for our home and apartment residents along Fayetteville Road.

My concern for safety and the dangers that this project will present to our students at Lumberton High School, the residents of the homes and apartments and the patrons of local businesses along Fayetteville Road. By making Fayetteville Road six lanes, it will be harder for our inexperienced driving children to navigate out of the high school onto Fayetteville Road and safely navigate out of this danger zone. This is a rural community that does not have much experience with driving in six lanes added to the educational level and understanding the major changes made to the roads makes this a danger for the driver of the vehicle plus those having to live, work and study in such proximity to a six lane highway.

There is a dangerous traffic hazard on Fayetteville Road alternating between four and six lanes from Interstate 95 to Hwy 211 as aggressive drivers jockey between changing six lanes to four then back to six lanes. Plus a poor understanding of how this new concept of traffic flow truly works. It amazes me as I watch four individuals from law enforcement and fire department spends hours directing traffic at the traffic circle at Ocean Isle Beach. I have observed law enforcement directing traffic at the interchange of I-95 and 301. I daily watch as cars either stop or come to a crawl as they try to figure out how to maneuver through the criss cross pattern.

I'm concerned for the safety, fear and privacy of the residents along Fayetteville Road. If this

construction is allowed to proceed. The highway will be closer to a home than you personally would want to live in. Our residents will live in fear of being woke up to a vehicle that has plowed into their bedroom. Parents and grandparents would not feel safe to let their children and grandchildren play in their own yard due to fear of a child killed by a car. Can you sleep at night knowing you caused this to potentially happen? These residents will be held prisoners of their own property.

I'm concerned for the loss of property values for our home and property owners. When you move a highway closer to these homes you have taken someone's life savings and disregarded it. Yes I understand you will pay them for the property that you took from them. But will you compensate them for the loss in value of the property because no reasonable, common sense person would pay them what they paid for the property even after adjusting your payment for property lost. So much with inflation and increase in property values. This just got thrown out the window. May I propose a house swap proposition.. The people who make the decision to widen Fayetteville Road can swap homes with the unfortunate good people of this city who do not have a choice in this matter?

I have sympathy for the merchant who will lose their long time family business where the traffic circle will be place. I have sympathy for all the merchants who will lose valuable parking spaces due to encroachment. Plus the newly caused hazard of having a six lane highway so close to the parking lots that will endanger their employees and customers by being run over from a car traveling so close to a highway. When I go to another city and look at the new development, it appears that the pedestrians are protected by barriers and distance from a major highway. Are we second class citizens of North Carolina and we don't receive the same consideration of more affluent towns and counties?

I assume I should be thankful for all the barriers you are putting in the middle of the highway. This way we will not run head on into each other as we travel down the hazardous road that needs a concrete median for protection. But for our safety on what will now be a dangerous road we must forgo our convenience to be able to turn into a local merchant we would like to patronage. Our merchants are scared to death of lost income and losing a business they have put their heart, soul and life saving into. Now the customer will have to go around their elbow to get to their butt. Eventually the customer will not have this issue because the business will no to exist. Or the consumer can do as A person told me at church yesterday. If it is to inconvenient, I will just shop somewhere else. They even mentioned shopping out of town. My heart dropped when I was told this.

If you can remember back two years ago this city and county was destroyed by flood. The residents and business were just starting to get life back to normal. Not completely there, but almost there. Now that we have been flooded a second time. The people of this area are devastated. We are devastated emotionally. We are devastated physically. We are devastated financially. The DOT with the completion of the project will have the opportunity to be the straw that broke the camel's back and help close several of the businesses who are deeply struggling. I was sitting in a restaurant on Roberts avenue Friday night, and the owner sat down at the table and told me he was struggling to stay afloat. When I told him how much harder it will be to get to his business with the barrier you will build he looked in disbelief and said you got to be kidding me. This 18 million dollars could be better and

wiser spent helping the residents and business recover from the hurricanes.

A better use of this 18 million dollars would be to invest in a study of how to handle the flow of water through this city and county than put the money to work to help the residents with something that is not a top priority to this community. It's not even a concern when you compare traffic at Roberts Avenue and Fayetteville Road to traffic in Fayetteville or any town in the triangle area.

This is just a sample of my concerns as a resident of this community. As a merchant of thirty plus years in this city, I'm more concerned about this road closing my business than any recession past or future. The federal government and NAFTA devastated this community I guess the state can finish us off.

As I looked at the map on your website my heart sank. The first thing I saw was a permanent easement that came right up to the building on Farrington Street. Once I got over that I looked at Fayetteville Road. As I magnified the overlapping construction map over the property map I could see the parking spaces over taken by a new curb. This would eliminate five of the parking spaces for this business. Guess what? Now I do not pass the city code for the number of parking spaces required for the square footage of the business. Most of the business along Fayetteville road would not be in compliance. If over 1/3 of the parking spaces are taken, how can any reasonable person expect to have enough parking for employees and customers to conduct any type of business at all? It is a simple equation. NO PARKING = NO CUSTOMERS = LOSS OF INCOME= 30 PLUS YEAR MERCHANT CLOSING not because of the economy which is very tough in Lumberton but because of MY STATE.

As a property owner I feel raped. With the new and improved Fayetteville Road, my heart breaks by looking at your map. I would lose 1/3rd of the width and 1/10th of the depth of the property. This just decreased the future desire and value of the corner lot property. The usability and layout options of the property will become severely handicapped due to lack of parking and any limit to the future design of a new structure on this property.

I would lose access to Fayetteville road from my property with the proposed plan. There is access to Fayetteville road from the adjoining land owner. This will also decrease the desirability and marketability of the property since we lost our Fayetteville Road access. This is one of the reasons I did not buy the property across the street. Curious isn't there some grandfather clause that would allow me to keep the Fayetteville road access. I know you say that I do have access through an adjoining property. But what if the property owner decides to put a barricade down the property lines and I will no longer have access to a road my customers were use to using as a convenience. The access to Fayetteville road was one of the reasons I purchased this property. Life doesn't seem fair does it? You work hard to build something all your life and it seems to slip out of your hands. I'm self employed and do not have a government pension to fall back on. This is my pension. The rental of this property is or was my pension plan. It's kind of like the General Assembly coming in and saying sorry state employees, we appreciate your 30 years of hard work but we decided it is best for the tax payers of this state to cut your pension in half. Ouch. that hurts, can you understand and feel the my

pain as well as the pain of other merchants and land owners of Lumberton.

I believe on the video you produced it mentions simulations showing that traffic would move faster with these change. As for me and my personal experience traveling, adding two stop lights within 1/10th of a mile does not speed up traffic. It slows it down. Now we will have three traffic lights right on top of each other. This is progress?

I'm concerned with the extra traffic you are going to force down Fayetteville Road. If I was traveling from the proposed traffic circle to Roberts Avenue and wanted to get on I-95. For the life of me I cannot figure out why I would sit through two traffic lights to make two right turns. Thanks to your new highway configuration the Easiest and Simplest route to I-95 will be to cross over Roberts Avenue and continue STRAIGHT down Fayetteville Road. It's a no brainer as a motorist. Now what have we done? We are taking traffic off of Roberts Avenue which will affect the fast food restaurants on this road due to lower traffic count and hurt their businesses. We have increased the traffic from Roberts Avenue to I-95 on Fayetteville Road. We have also increase the number of wrecks at the light at Farrington and Fayetteville road due to a traffic hazard that is cause from going from six lanes to four and vise versa . I have spent the last 20 years watching wrecks at this intersection, you are going to give me the opportunity to watch a lot more wrecks and watch ambulance chasing lawyers the opportunity to get richer. Truth known, 95 percent of the wrecks I have personally watched happen at this intersection has nothing with what the DOT can do to make the roadway safer. It is pure stupidity and poor decisions of the drivers coming through the intersection. Now you are going to make the road considerably more complex with the same motorist who have made poor decisions on this same road. It doesn't take rocket scientist to figure out the outcome at this intersection and throughout this project zone.

I request that you meet with me at my property and discuss this project so you can personally show me where the road is. I would also request another public meeting and this time, better publication of this meeting so more residents will have knowledge and be able to attend. I found out about the meeting after the fact when someone posted a story from the Robesonian on face book.

I was told years ago there were plans for a by-pass around Lumberton. It would go out Farrington Road and end up on Hwy 211 somewhere. If there is a traffic issue at Fayetteville Road and Roberts Ave wouldn't this eliminate a lot of the traffic build up for left hand turns from Fayetteville Road to Hwy 211? I would hope and pray this would not affect home owners and businesses since I never personally saw the plan. I do know it would make someone very rich by taking farm land and converting it into prime residential and commercial property by having a major road go through their farms and woodlands. This probably would not affect as many residence as the current proposal. Plus all the recently utility work, curbing and side walk work would not be wasted money spent over the last five years. Curious why did we replace power polls, run telephone and internet wiring, added sidewalks and curbing if this project was on the board?

I thank you for reading my concerns and look forward to hearing from you soon. My phone numbers are 910.739.3431 or 910.258.2443.

Greg Phelps

Response to Comment 5:

Thank you for your comment. The preliminary design plans presented at the public meeting did not present the final location of easement or right of way requirements for the Fayetteville Road project. As the design progresses and the roadway plans are finalized, easement and right-of-way requirements will be more clearly defined. Property owners who may be impacted by this final design will be contacted by representatives of NCDOT Right-of-Way to further discuss the project and potential property impacts.

The easement along Farringdom Street is a temporary easement, which may or may not accommodate parking within it depending on the stage of construction and contractors' needs but would ultimately return to the property owner after construction ends as it is temporary.

All businesses and homes are outside of the clear zone for the roadway at the proposed posted speed limit.

The traffic forecasts capture all projects in the vicinity of U-5797 through 2040, and the forecasts would capture any diversion by neighboring projects.

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**6. Shelly Zellers**

Comment 6 (comment sheet):

I am opposed to the STIP Project no. U-5797 for several reasons. I work on Fayetteville Rd., my mother lives on Fayetteville Rd and I travel this road daily. I recently attended a meeting about flooding with the Army Corps of Engineers present. It was stated in the meeting that construction plays a factor in flooding. This concerns me since I have had more flooding damage in my home during Hurricanes Matthew and Florence. My mother lives in Highland Town apartments and the shrubs in her parking lot have stopped numerous cars involved in accidents on Fayetteville Rd from hitting her apartment. I am also worried that emergency vehicles would be delayed by the proposed islands. Local businesses would be affected since access to parking lots would be diminished.

Response to Comment 6:

Thank you for your comment. It is not feasible to design the roadway drainage to convey major hurricanes. Proposed culvert improvements associated with the project will increase the existing culvert sizes and are anticipated to reduce the current frequency and severity of flooding that occurs along Fayetteville Rd and NC 211. However, there are significant drainage improvements along the corridor such as the number of drainage inlets and increased pipe sizes to mitigate runoff from a typical storm event; the street drainage has been designed to the NCDOT standard storm event.

All businesses and homes will be outside of the clear zone for the roadway at the proposed posted speed limit.

Islands would be mountable and would not preclude EMS access along the corridor.

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**7. Sally Richardson**

Comment 7 (comment sheet):

I oppose STIP Project No. U-5797 in Lumberton. I do not feel we need this Transportation Enhancement due to future growth in the area. I am very concerned about any new construction due to existing issues we have. After suffering from 2 floods in less than 2 years, it is my understanding that new construction/hard surfaces can be detrimental with existing drainage issue which we undoubtedly have. Safety issues are also a concern as it appears businesses and homes would be very close to highways and also looks as though ease of access would be diminished. Current issues need to be addressed and corrected before any new construction of any kind is considered for our area. I did not attend the meeting because I was not aware ~ was made aware through being shared on Facebook.

Response to Comment 7:

Thank you for your comment. It is not feasible to design the roadway drainage to convey major hurricanes. Proposed culvert improvements associated with the project will increase the existing culvert sizes and are anticipated to reduce the current frequency and severity of flooding that occurs along Fayetteville Rd and NC 211. However, there are significant drainage improvements along the corridor such as the number of drainage inlets and increased pipe sizes to mitigate runoff from a typical storm event; the street drainage has been designed to the NCDOT standard storm event.

All businesses and homes are outside of the clear zone for the roadway at the proposed posted speed limit. Limiting access to right in/right out is restricting some movements but is a safer alternative, especially when widening to 6 lanes.

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**8. Sheila Cabral**

Comment 8 (comment sheet):

I am expressing concern regarding this project. Communication was evidently flawed, I nor anyone I know was made aware of a meeting for public input, questions and answers. This county has had devastating floods with hurricanes Matthew and Florence and new construction creates anxiety and fear as to how this project will effect the county as a whole regarding flooding issues. How will businesses be effected with this road construction. We are the poorest county in the state and businesses struggle as is, restricting easy access to their stores could be detrimental.

Response to Comment 8:

Thank you for your comment. It is not feasible to design the roadway drainage to convey major hurricanes. Proposed culvert improvements associated with the project will increase the existing culvert sizes and are anticipated to reduce the current frequency and severity of flooding that occurs along Fayetteville Rd and NC 211. However, there are significant drainage improvements along the corridor such as the number of drainage inlets and increased pipe sizes to mitigate runoff from a typical storm event; the street drainage has been designed to the NCDOT standard storm event.

Businesses along the corridor may experience temporary access issues due to construction, but every effort will be made to accommodate customer access.

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## 9. Nancy Everson

### Comment 9 (comment sheet):

I am opposed to STIP Project U-5797 in Lumberton, NC. This will harm our already struggling businesses on Fayetteville Road, limit emergency access to residents in that area and create more hard surfaces which limit draining while adding to our flooding problems. Lumberton needs the money that would be used for this project to address our flooding problems and rebuild our community. We need to fix our current problems to help our community grow before we create new issues.

### Response to Comment 9:

Thank you for your comment. It is not feasible to design the roadway drainage to convey major hurricanes. Proposed culvert improvements associated with the project will increase the existing culvert sizes and are anticipated to reduce the current frequency and severity of flooding that occurs along Fayetteville Rd and NC 211. However, there are significant drainage improvements along the corridor such as the number of drainage inlets and increased pipe sizes to mitigate runoff from a typical storm event; the street drainage has been designed to the NCDOT standard storm event.

Islands would be mountable and would not preclude EMS access along the corridor.

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## 10. Greg Phelps

### Comment 10 (email):

Hi Mr. Freeman,

I had a friend for Duke Industries come by and look at a pole that runs across the parking lot at 4280 Fayetteville Road. I was trying to figure out why the plan is putting a utility easement from Farrington Drive to the building. I thought it was because of the line running across the parking lot that is half way between the road and the building. He told me there is no power on that line. I would like to request moving the support pole and line off my property and removing the easement that extends 1/3 of the property.

He also had a question for me that I would like to refer to you. He made a comment that the power lines and polls were replaced less than five years ago. Then he asked why were the expanded lanes not

going down the other side of the street? All the current easements for water, power, telephone, high speed internet, etc are on this side of the street. The plan calls for all the lane additions being on the same side as all the utilities. Would it not save the tax payers of North Carolina lots of money by going to the other side of the road where there are no utilities and add the lanes there?

I look forward to your help and comments,

Sincerely,

Greg Phelps

910.739.3431

4280 Fayetteville Road

Lumberton NC 2835

Response to Comment 10:

Thank you for your comment. The widening of Fayetteville Road takes place on both sides of the roadway, depending on the location along the corridor. The project team assessed asymmetrical vs. symmetrical widening and determined that the asymmetrical/best fit alignment had the least amount of project impacts to utilities, homes and businesses along the corridor. Safe designs are prioritized over utility costs. Also, many of the utilities listed are private utility companies and are not paid for by NCDOT or taxpayers.

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**11. Will Willoughby**

Comment 11 (comment form):

I feel that the proposed widening of Fayetteville Rd. will cause an unnecessary strain on traffic and place burden upon several businesses along Fayetteville Road. Several businesses would be affected due to access from several directions being blocked off by new traffic patterns. The intended plan of installing two new traffic lights and disabling left turns at Fayetteville Road/Roberts Avenue intersection will just lead to further confusion. By redirecting I-95 traffic from downtown to Boomerang Dr. just to reach I-95 traffic jams will become serious problems as Boomerang Dr. is simply not large enough to support such a large flow of traffic.

Response to Comment 11:

Thank you for your comment. Redirecting left turns from main intersections has proven successful in reducing congestion and increasing mobility in areas similar to Lumberton. Boomerang Drive as proposed will process traffic acceptably into the design year. This innovative intersection concept also has less right of way impacts to the businesses at the North Roberts Avenue intersection.

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**12. Keith Dabney/Employee at Wicked Skinsations; 2512-A Fayetteville Rd., Lumberton, NC 28358**

Comment 12 (comment form):

My belief for the proposed work on the east end of Fayetteville rd. is this – without directional turn lanes on the east bound lanes, it will hinder access to the business’ on the west bound side. Also creating a bottleneck leading to and at the round-a-bout. We, as business owners and employees rely on traffic access from both directions. Restricted access or re-directed traffic has a strong potential to send clientele away from this plaza. Making it harder on the business and property owners.

Response to Comment 12:

Thank you for your comment. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined.

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**13. Jeff Turner; 2512 A. Fayetteville Rd, Lumberton, NC 28358**

Comment 13 (comment form):

I think it is a bad idea simply because it will kill our job. People will have a hard time getting in and out. The round about and no left turns will also hurt other businesses in the AREA. With the center of the road is gonna be it will also hurt EMS. If its that way they will take longer to answer a call if it hear at any of our businesses. The money should be put somewhere else to help the town with the flooding. That would be a better investment.

Response to Comment 13:

Thank you for your comment. The proposed raised median in this area utilizes 1’-6” curb and gutter, which is mountable and can be traversed by emergency vehicles if necessary.

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**14. Chris (Illegible); 1026 Park Rd. Sunset Beach, NC 28468**

Comment 14 (comment form):

Make a round about and taking people convenience away doesn’t make sense.

Why do I want to go out of my way to turn around when I can find other merchants with better access.

Most likely when this happens I’ll stay in Brunswick county and shop.

Response to Comment 14:

Thank you for your comment. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined.

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**15. Brian Hodge**

Comment 15 (comment form):

As a Lumberton officer a single lane will prohibit a civilian from pulling over in an emergency situation.

A concrete median will also prohibit us from accessing the other side of the road in an emergency in a timely manner.

*Response to Comment 15:*

Thank you for your comment. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined.

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**16. James Williams; 2512 Suite A Fayetteville Rd. Lumberton NC**

Comment 16 (comment form):

As a business owner and former public servant I see both sides of the venue. I think that the proposed plan will cause a greater time frame of waiting and traffic back up and if we have no left turn from either way across the road or out of the plaza it will hurt business on top of slowing prompt response for law enforcement and rescue and fire. Even with the round about the median is a hazard and delay for official response. I run a specialized business so most of clients will come any way but the walk through or spontaneous traffic will be lost.

*Response to Comment 16:*

Thank you for your comment. The raised grass median in this area utilizes 1'-6" curb and gutter, which is mountable and can be traversed by emergency vehicles if necessary. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined; this will include methods of reducing the 4-lane section

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**17. Gerry Hyatt; Dillon, SC**

Comment 17 (comment form):

I disagree with the plan. This will make it very inconvenient for us customers to do business with these businesses on the other side of the road. Also considering the traffic added to the roundabout because no traffic relief between. Also, I would hate to know a customer fell down and needed emergency services, they got to go down and around and back up to get here. I truly believe the NCDOT could find way more useful problems to spend 15 million dollars on, besides hurting the small businesses. Maybe spend it on water run off walls(?) to disperse flooding water

*Response to Comment 17:*

Thank you for your comment. The raised grass median in this area utilizes 1'-6" curb and gutter, which is mountable and can be traversed by emergency vehicles if necessary. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined; this will include methods of reducing the 4-lane section

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**18. Jerry Warwick – Owner @ Carolina Surf & Turf Market; 2512 Fayetteville Rd. Lumberton, NC 28358**

Comment 18 (comment form):

As a business owner, I am very concerned about the impact of widening Fayetteville Rd in front of the Bryan Buildings shopping center. Currently, I do not have much problem exiting the parking lot to the left and I don't feel there is a need to extend the median past our parking lot exit or changing the current flow from 4 lanes down to 2 lanes. I am concerned as well on how this will affect product deliveries to my business as many come by 18 wheeler. As well as how it will affect my customers, new & existing, and how easily they can access my business. Feel free to contact me if you need to for any concerns. Thanks!

Response to Comment 18:

Thank you for your comment. Designs in this area should accommodate a WB-50 semi-trailer (approximately 55 feet in length). Driveway dimensions should be discussed if they have specific areas that need to accommodate large vehicles. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined; this will include methods of reducing the 4-lane section

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**19. Charles Graham – Graham and Faust LLC/Capt. Ds; 2191 Roberts Ave. Lumberton NC 28358**

Comment 19 (email):

Craig

My name is Charles Graham and I am with Graham and Faust LLC and Capt. Ds at 2191 Roberts Ave Lumberton NC 28358. The proposed changes to this intersection will make it impossible for access to our drive cut (only) for traffic traveling any direction except east bound Roberts avenue. The medium on North Roberts looks like any traffic coming our location via Boomerang drive or west bound Roberts avenue will not be able to access the lot without making a U turn which probable will be prohibited or going out of their way to make a U turn beyond the intersection? This is a significant impediment to access to our property especially given the fact that there will be a proposed medium on Roberts avenue blocking access and elimination of our drive cut on Fayetteville Road. I would like to speak to you regarding this matter. Please provide a number or means by which we can discuss this situation.

Regards

Charles Graham

Response to Comment 19:

Thank you for your comment. U-turns to accommodate business access will likely be allowed for vehicles traveling westbound on North Roberts.

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**20. Becky Travis, Special Projects – Arby’s Restaurant Group, Inc.; 1155 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta, GA 30338**

Comment 20 letter):

**COMMENTS - ARBY’S RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. 11/13/18**

**3009 Fayetteville Road, Lumberton, NC NC DOT STIP U-5797 / Fayetteville Road**

Arby’s runs a successful business at the above location. We believe that this business will suffer the severe negative impact due to reasons outlined below if current NC DOT plans are implemented.

- The full loss of left turn capability from northbound Fayetteville Road into the Arby’s. The proposed alternate route – right at Roberts, left onto Boomerang, left back onto Fayetteville – is entirely too circuitous to expect people to use it. Also, this route takes our customers past three other dining options (Taco Bell, KFC, Cici’s) before they arrive at Arby’s. AND drivers have to know they want to visit Arby’s BEFORE crossing Roberts Ave.
- The loss of the left turn capability from eastbound Roberts Road into the secondary access point into the currently vacant parking lot as a way to get to Arby’s. Again, it’s unrealistic to expect the public to use this proposed alternate route– cross Roberts, left on Boomerang, left on Fayetteville to get to Arby’s.
- One of the biggest draws of quick service restaurants are is convenience. This design detracts greatly from our location’s convenience to customers approaching from south, east and west. We also lose our ‘impulse’ customer. By the time northbound traffic sees our sign, it’s too late – the extended median means they can’t double back. I’m not able to tell from the plans where or if a car could do a u-turn and return south.
- The you-tube video explaining the changes to traffic flow is aimed at traffic traveling to points beyond the Fayetteville Rd. / Roberts Ave. intersection. Nowhere do I see anything that addresses customers going to Arby’s or CVS or any development in the lot behind Arby’s (hopefully a Lidl grocery). What type of public education campaign will be implemented to inform the public of how to navigate this intersection beyond a you-tube video or DOT signs that serve only to direct traffic to I-95 or Hwy 211? How will our customer driving east or west on Roberts Ave. or north on Fayetteville Rd. know how to get to us?

Some changes to the plans we’d like to see

- Allow U-turns for northbound traffic at the new stop light at Fayetteville Rd. and Boomerang Drive using the designated left turn lane already on the plans.
- Shorten the median on Roberts Ave. west of Fayetteville Rd. to allow our customers access through the Lidl parking lot. Another possibility would be to allow the existing curb cut into the Lidl parcel to be relocated further west. The median would also need to be shortened but to a lesser degree. You may also want to consider that this now vacant parcel was purchased

by Lidl with plans to develop it as a grocery store. The proposed medians on Roberts and Fayetteville effectively choke access to any business that could be located there.

This Arby's has been in operation since 2004 and functions as a part of Lumberton's business community. Based on past experience at other locations, we expect to realize a substantial loss in sales during construction, from which we can recover. The impact of the two proposed medians is more permanent and much more damaging. We strongly urge you to consider the changes suggested above.

Thank you for considering these and other potential alternatives.

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Response to Comment 20:

Thank you for your comments.

Utility Impacts:

Duke's Preliminary Utility Easement (PUE) fronting Fayetteville Road is to relocate the existing poles behind the sidewalk, and requires a 12' clear zone requirement fronting the north side of N. Roberts Ave. The existing poles along the north side of N. Roberts are located between the back side of the curb and the sidewalk. They will be moved about 10', placing them behind the sidewalk and outside the clear zone. Relocating these poles shouldn't block the Arby's entrance. Parking is permitted under the power PUE, therefore, the loss of parking should be minimized.

There is an 8" sewer line and 8" ductile iron water pipe that run across the Arby's entrance. There are two water meters located in the existing sidewalk. The City is handling the water and sewer design, and it will be up to their consultant if and how those meters will need to be relocated. The utility design has not progressed to the point to be more definitive regarding impacts at this time.

The City's consultant will also know of any stormwater conflicts at the Arby's entrance and about the necessary construction to install the two catch basins there. There is an 8" sewer pipe runs beneath those two catch basins, but it is difficult to ascertain the degree of undercutting that will be used or the required minimum separation between the sewer and drainage pipes.

Suggested Plan Revisions:

After further analyzing the traffic operations and property access issues, NCDOT has decided to allow U-turns at Boomerang Drive and Highland Avenue. However, should U-turns at this intersection present safety or operational issues in the future, U-turns may be prohibited.

Due to safety and traffic operational issues on Roberts Avenue, the median cannot be shortened at this location. Those wishing to access your property will be able to perform at U-turn at that intersection or turn left and then perform a U-turn at Highlands Avenue.

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## **21. John Keith Bryan**

### Comment 21 (comment form):

Referencing Bryan Buildings LLC. Per conversations at meeting, please help us address the turn restrictions south of Roberts Ave. and Fayetteville Road.

I will look forward to working with you in the very near future to reach a compromise.

We are all flexible as business owners to encourage growth and development in Lumberton. Please don't willfully destroy what has taken my family 75+ years to build.

### Response to Comment 21:

Thank you for your comment. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined.

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## **22. Marcia Bryan.**

### Comment 22 (email):

<https://www.robsonian.com/news/116694/dot-unveils-fayetteville-road-plan>

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to talk with you. So far we have people really confused thinking that the traffic going pass Bryan Buildings is wider and no wonder if this article is really considered fact. We don't have 5 lanes going through our area. We are being told that will have two lanes with a large grass area, and concrete dividers all a long. Maybe an error in reporting or misleading fake news. Could you write something explaining the facts in our newspaper, please?

So far the left lane to turn going north on Fayetteville Rd to turn into Roberts Ave is not as difficult to accept it is the way the entrance is not adequate for our shopping center. How are semitrailers going to turn into any where on the business side of Fayetteville Rd into the businesses especially our center? Why should our customers have to travel so far when others a long Fayetteville Rd don't.

The plan is making our travel time ten times greater with the wasted grass space that someone will have to go to our business versus some kind of turn lane or uturn closer to help flow for our growth.

We have already taken a hit to decrease the flow from Fayetteville Rd crossing to the stop light to our side of Fayetteville Rd from two lanes to one to allow from two lanes to two from Fayetteville Rd on two Roberts Ave. Turn left from one of the BB exits next to Captain D's.

Really not acceptable to anyone I have spoken with today. It will hurt the businesses not just in our shopping center currently listed but limiting our future growth. When we get another shot at a restaurant or take out food business how will this work with your current traffic flow.

Everyone is willing to ask for customers and staff to fill out forms. If you could provide them with some more of the handouts especially the one that shows the blowup of centers entrance and exit and scale. I will drive to Fayetteville tomorrow to your office to pick them up. We need at least 50 more. I will be sure they get mailed to you before 11-6. Everyone felt it would make it much harder at busy times to get in and out of shopping center. It will hurt their business. The core drilling man was very polite but told someone at Smith's Cleaner that our center was getting a turn lane. We would appreciate that the facts be made clearer especially when presented in the paper.

We also witnessed during the last two flooding events the US 301 route was used by large trucks loaded with supplies and an guards; Emergency personnel and utility truck used the four lanes; and it would seem it is a natural way to route traffic to gain access to downtown to the flood areas or hospital. Still want the canal reversed to natural state which means it is directed to Lumber River not even come our way.

Check out the flooding event to our side of Fayetteville Rd. You tube "Lumberton, NC Flash Flood Hurricane Florence 9-16-18". Is our shopping center being treated as a green space? Still want canal cleaned out of trees and made deeper and wider so it doesn't hammer our buildings and parking lot. Our drainage into canal was blocked off by a cloth after rocks and dirt plugged up our drainage and expect it be fixed so we don't back up in rain events. Maybe some of the Golden Leaf money could provide assistance in improving the Meadow Branch Canal on our side now.

Let met know when is a good time for me to get the copies so I get get more people to offer their thoughts on how the changes will cause more issues for our shopping center to remain a vital part of this community as it has been since 1944 prior to flood plane.

More to come as we talk with tenants. Thank you for your time. Marcia Bryan  
910-733-5072

Still feels like the Bryan Buildings is taking it on the chin for the team but not getting anything out of this project that uses money that we as a whole pay taxes to support.

Why are the forms deadline Nov 6th, Election Day ? Seems pretty political motivated day. Sent from my iPad

Response to Comment 22:

Thank you for your comment. The drainage canal was analyzed to maintain the existing level of service at the roadway culverts. The culvert sizes under Fayetteville Road have been increased to compensate for the additional widening and grade changes. Access to businesses along Fayetteville

Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined.

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### **23. Marcia and John Bryan**

#### Comment 23 (email):

Please read before meeting on October 23 for project no U-5797. Thank you both for taking time to look at our concerns and suggestions. Hopeful others from our center will attend this meeting. Marcia Bryan 910-733-5072 and John Bryan 910-674-8045.

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

Good morning Ms Lenard-Redmond, El and Mr Freeman Jr,  
PE

We were very concerned about the lack of care given to the Meadow Branch canal once again. We communicated with Rob Armstrong and spoke with the city maintain department about the grass and trees going on our side of the canal and nothing was done as promised to improve the flow of water in the event of another heavy rain event like Florence. During Florence flooding event we noted that the water was being pushed back toward our buildings and it was much deeper on our side of the street. It was so much higher that even all emergency and city trucks were traveling on the other side of the street to pass from Fayetteville Rd across Roberts Ave.

Search Lumberton NC Flash Flooding from Hurricane Florence 9/16/2018 on You tube and it will show you our center looking at our center and gives you idea of how bad it was. According to Mr Armstrong weeks before 9/16/2018, their is no money let to help us on our side of Fayetteville Rd, the Meadow Branch Golden Leaf Money was used on cleaning out the MBC on the other side of the bridge on Fayetteville Rd. We do not have any one offering help or money to fix our issues from the city, county, or state to help prevent floodwater from beating at our buildings each time the canal backs up with trees growing in canal, maintain blocking our drainage from our parking lot, the pallets from the Robesonian freely floating into the MBC from up stream. We don't believe this is fair to our center and our customers that we are in business as owners. Why would one side of the street be made to drain and not ours?

Making a new bridge higher is only going to make our flooding worse in the future and the green space planned to stream may be needed by should not come at our expense. Our building have stood the test of time and we have invested in our community by maintaining them at a rate that allows for locate business owners to invest their time and money as well. Each business employs local Tar Heel citizens from Robeson Co mostly and surrounding area. These people will suffer loss of income if we are forced to close because of issue from the road changes such as the lack of yet any way to turn into our center from the left lane; only one lane available to those traveling North on Fayetteville Rd; and decreasing our parking and signage available to have do to current signs regulations as to how close the signage can be to center of highway. We are grandfathered for what we have standing prior to Florence. Our larger signage was blown out during Florence and damage to roofs and parking lot are

going to cost a god deal of our money. We don't get the Golden Leaf Money for anything. We must not be the select group of business owners. We pay a goodly amount for taxes to state and county.

We are willing to yet again grant access to our property but we as a family know that we have granted city and state access for right away prior and feel this is not fair to continue to take up our property without fair changes to our side of Fayetteville Rd. We are willing to negotiate for improvements that will improve our property and allow our local businesses to survive as well. Would like to see a Stop Light and turn lane for our center, signage, and safety barrier placed in from of units that will be closes to the road, parking lot paved and lighting provided. The canal maintain as well as right way that the city was suppose to be maintaining the canal and payment over right a way. Adequate drainage of our parking lot into storm sewer and canal as should have been already.

Small businesses are what made American great.

I am so asking that you change the map you posted on your site please. Whomever made the map does not have the correct businesses even back when the survey was completed. We were instructed by mail to not talk with the company at anytime and direct questions are to be made now and you are the appropriate people. The turn around does not appear to be of any help to those of us located in the oldest businesses located on Fayetteville Rd. It would seems it is a way to get us to be forced out of business.

Please consider how to be fair to us as well. We are open to any ideas that benefit us as well. Might concern lights and road coming through our parking lot to connect to the lights and road that are being placed to the back side of Boomerang Dr that no business entrances are located. The road could be continued to the back side of Robert Freemans property to allow for access to his properties as well. Or the state could just buy is out is another idea.

I attached the correct map for our area of Fayetteville Rd. Please use it so others can see we are a center that is surviving without the city or states help.

Sincerely John and Marcia Bryan

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

Response to Comment 23:

Thank you for your comment. Trees growing in the canal blocking the flow is a maintenance issue and is the County's responsibility. The proposed design has larger box culverts than the existing and will improve existing drainage in the area. There is no bridge planned as part of U-5797. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined.

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**24. Marcia Bryan**

Comment 24 (email):

**Annotations of U-5797\_Public\_Hearing\_Map copy**

## **Bryan Buildings zone C- 30 Retal:office:Restaurant**

text [page 1]: Bryan Buildings Smith's Cleaners Wixie Stephens Stubbos Speed Barn Long Leaf Professional Counseling

note [page 1]: The Speed Barn is located in Bryan Buildings at 2548 B Fayetteville Rd. 41 Is vacant and is Jimmy Harrington's Oil company that has been closed for many years.

strikeout [page 1]: THE SPEED BARN

text [page 1]: 2550-2548 A -C B-D-F 13,948 sq ft Bryan Buildings

note [page 1]: Crafty Mommy was located in Bryan Buildings 6-2013 at 2512 C moved across lot to 2548A Fayetteville Rd until 9-2014 Never had a store located here in 44. This building had Hertz Car Rental for a few years and now AirGas Storage building Freeman Investments owns building

text [page 1]: Bryan Buildings 2512 B zone restaurant vacant 1400 sq ft last a Bakery 2512 C Carolina Surf and Turf restaurant 1400 sq ft

text [page 1]: Bryan Building 2512 A, Wicked Skinsations zoned Mixed use office space 2800 sq ft with roll up door

note [page 1]: Building has Duke Elect service with 3 phase to 2512C and single phase to A & C 2512 A zone mixed use B ( 2800 sq ft ) 2512 B zone restaurant ( 1400 sq ft ) 2512 C zone restaurant ( 1400 sq ft )

note [page 1]: 2550 Fay Rd Long Leaf Professional Counseling 2400 sq ft 2548 A 2365 sq ft zoned restaurant vacant 2548 B Speed Barn 1695 sq ft auto parts 2548 C Stubbos 1224 sq ft Hair Salon 2548 D Wixie Insurance and Bail Bonds 600ft 2548 E-F Smith's Cleaners zoned as a Dry Cleaner Production Plant 5047 sq ft and 600 ft drive thur over head

### Response to Comment 24:

Thank you for your comment. The Public Hearing Map was shown using the latest information available to us at the time. Unfortunately, these comments were not received in time to be incorporated in the public hearing map before the public meeting. However, the mapping for the project has been revised for the record.

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### **25. Marcia Bryan**

#### Comment 25 (email):

Good morning Ms A Redmond and Mr C Freeman,

This is the update letter we wished to have you both read prior to make a final decision about our shopping center. Look forward to talk with you at the meeting

Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

Good morning Ms. Lenard-Redmond, PE and Mr. Freeman Jr, PE

J. Lewis Bryan and Dorothy K. Bryan purchased the 3.3 acres property in 1947. Their machine and welding business morphed in to other commercial property with the building of a rental unit at 2550 Fayetteville Road. Adjacent buildings were constructed or renovated by the Bryans as tenants sought commercial space.

Bryan Buildings LLC (BB) includes 2512 - 2550 Fayetteville Road on 3.3 acres with 212 parking spaces. It contains the following businesses: Wicked Skinsations (newest business added), Carolina Surf and Turf, Smith's Cleaners, Wixie Stephens Insurance/ Oxendine Bail Bonding, Stubbo's Hair Salon, The Speed Barn, and Long Leaf Professional Counseling PLLC. Two units, 2512 B and 2548 A, are available for food service in future. Zoning is B4 for Bryan Buildings.

We were very concerned with NCDOT's plan for the widening of Fayetteville Road in Lumberton. Concerns:

1. Your proposed plan limits the entrance and egress to the property.

The extension of the concrete divider in the proposed plan limits vehicles turning from the southbound lane into our property and causes a flow congestion for traffic entering and existing in a timely manner during lunch time and end of business day for people returned home for the evening ( rush hour ).

2. BB's property's northern border is the MBC. NCDOT's Public Meeting map Project WBS 44367.1.1 (U-5797) drawing implies a significant narrowing of the canal as it approaches the bridge at Fayetteville Road. The width of the canal to that point and after the bridge is significantly wider. Water flow in 2016 and 2018 exceeded the planning or maintenance of the MBC. NCDOT's plan does not address our concerns and we would appreciate the actual study results to how this is not unfairly going to impact our property. It was our understanding by telephone conversation that the proposed bridge over MBC will be higher and so will the road. This change will direct more water be forced back toward BB during rain events. Will the sewers be larger to accommodate the increase flow that will occur due to added concrete from bridge and road widening and traffic.

3. Nor does the NCDOT plan acknowledge the right of way granted to the City of Lumberton by J. Lewis Bryan and Dorothy K. Bryan to maintain the canal banks, pavement, and drainage along the entire northern perimeter of our entire property.

4. Recent storms evidenced the lack of care given to BB property along the MBC We communicated with city engineer Mr. Rob Armstrong and spoke with city street and maintenance department supervisor Mr. Willie Clark about the grass and trees growing on our side of the canal and drainage from parking lot into the canal be plugged. Nothing was done as promised to improve the flow of water in the event of another heavy rain event like Florence or Matthew.

According to Mr. Armstrong weeks before 9/16/2018, there is no money left to help us on our side of Fayetteville Road. Golden Leaf money designated for Meadow Branch Canal (MBC) was used to clean out MBC on the west side of the Fayetteville Road bridge and green space is planned down stream and homes and park will be made into the green space. So no one at city, county or state levels offers help or funds preventing floodwaters from beating at our buildings and parking lot each time the canal backs up.

We don't believe this is fair to our center's tenants and their customers. We are all in business as owners. Why would any side of the street be made to drain and not ours?

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Our buildings have stood the test of time and we have invested in our community by maintaining them at a rate that allows for locate business owners to invest their time and money as well. Each business employs local Tar Heel citizens from Robeson Co mostly and surrounding area.

Bryan Building LLC’s tenants will suffer loss of income during the construction process. Current NCDOT planning creates access and egress issues will result because of the lack of viable way to turn into our center from the southbound (left) lane and only one lane available to those traveling north (right) on Fayetteville Road.

Current NCDOT planning negatively affects parking and signage. It appears some of the 212 parking spaces may be eliminated. Current city of Lumberton signage regulations stipulate how close our signs can be to center of highway.

Current location of our signage is grandfathered. Our larger sign was blown out during tropical storm Florence. The sign will be replaced once the insurance claim is settled. Changing the center of Fayetteville Road challenges the location BB signage.

NCDOT planning shrinks BB property. Whoever created the drawing erroneously identified or ignored businesses in our center. If NCDOT planning goal is to improve traffic flow along Fayetteville Road, what does BB get? Less space and land, less traffic, poorer drainage, no signage, and stress to our tenants and customers.

We are forced yet again to grant access to our property. As a family we know that we have been fair and granted city and state access for right away prior. We feel that NCDOT is not fair to continue to take up our property without fair changes to our side of Fayetteville Road. We are willing to negotiate for improvements that will improve our property and allow our local businesses to survive as well.

#### Suggestions

1. A stop light and turn lane for our center as customers cars and truck enter or exit center ( pressure sensitive).
2. Provide signage for centers businesses.
3. Safety barriers placed in from of units that will be closest to the road.
4. Parking lot repaved and new lighting provided.
5. MBC properly maintained as well as right way that the city was suppose to be maintaining the MBC and pavement over right a way.
6. Adequate drainage of our parking lot into storm sewer and canal as should have been already provided and updated as more businesses have been added to the north of our center.

7. Change the map you posted on your site please. Whomever made the map does not have the correct businesses even back when the survey was completed.

We were instructed by mail to not talk with the company at anytime any direct questions are to be made in future and you are the appropriate people we assume. The turn around does not appear to be of any help to those of us located in the oldest businesses located on Fayetteville Rd. It would seem it is a way to get us to be forced out of business. Please consider how to be fair to us as well.

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Sincerely John and Marcia Bryan  
Sent from ProtonMail Mobile

Response to Comment 25:

Thank you for your comment. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined. Signage and other considerations will be addressed in the right of way acquisition phase in accordance with the Uniform Act.

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**26. John and Marcia Bryan**

Comment 26 (letter):

NCDOT Divison Design & Construction Unit John  
Gallthier  
Division Design & Construction Unit  
PO Box 1150  
Fayetteville, NC 28302

Dear Mr John Gauthier,

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Concerns:

1. The proposed plan limits the access/entrances and egress/exits to our center. The extension of the concrete divider and green space in the proposed plan prohibits vehicles turning left from the southbound lane into our property. All vehicles exiting the property must turn right. The plan causes a flow congestion for traffic entering and exiting in a timely manner during lunch time and at the end of business day for people returning home for the evening in rush hour.

We believe it will cause difficulty for anyone attempting to enter and exit our businesses during prime business hours and feel that on coming traffic will not all adequate chance to enter and exit our center with your current plan.

2. The current plan will limit our ability to continue development of the two other units. We have 212 parking spaces that allows for sustainable growth and we also have over an acre of land. We have the potential for food service. We want the local traffic to be encouraged to shop and eat locally. With increase traffic in and out of our center the current project design has the potential to harm prevent customers the time to come to dine or purchase food from center.

Will customers and new businesses still come to other businesses if the center has long wait lines in and out of Bryan Buildings?

3. Without the left turn lane in and out of businesses will customers and businesses owners still drive the extra distance to return to this section of Fayetteville Rd from Roberts Ave to 22 Street?

Eliminating the left turns into and out of our center and having to continue to Boomerang Drive is suppose to shorten the wait time according to the computer modeling. The project can be seen on You Tube - go to "Fayetteville Rd Widening in Lumberton, NC" we watched it many times . We have our doubts.

We notice that is states that they eliminating left turn lanes from the center lanes. They are preventing those turns in our section. On Boomerang Drive allow businesses to have left turns. Of course the cars that pass quickly in and out their lots the more money they make?

As this section of Boomerang Drive becomes more congested down stream, how will you prevenl the back ups between Roberts Ave and the 24th St roundabout? Left turns at the Roberts Ave should not be a big deal from Fayetteville Rd North onto Roberts Ave since traffic is going to be now directed to the Boomerang Drive. Eliminating the need for the expense of this project for the roundabout.

The proposed plan has two stop lights are being paid for by the NCDOT for Boomerang Drive traffic. The copy cat plan from Huntersville NC is interesting. But it begs the question who benefits? How can some business owners be given more access to customers, and others less access?

Bryan Buildings and other properties from Meadow Branch Canal to 24th Street are just asking for left turn lanes to be allowed. Let's forget the boulevard with grass and only two lanes. Please keep the two lanes on each side of road with left turn s.

In the proposed plan, Bryan Buildings will have the longest travel time to any business for a southbound traveler shown on the map from Farrington Street to East 22nd Street. Yet the video does not show how it is really going to occur at our center at all, especially if the time a day is rush hour.

4. How are these changes going to allow for semitrailers to turn into and out of businesses to provide services in the future anywhere a long this stretch of Fayetteville Rd to the roundabout? Will this harm business access and cause businesses to close or move? Again who benefits?

5. Suggest that instead of only one lane on the business side of traveling from roundabout to Roberts Ave use two lanes to allow for turn lanes into businesses from center lane by getting rid of wasted grass area. Make concrete dividers like those seen in use on US 301 and Owen Drive in Fayetteville. These turns need to be made so semitrailers and automobiles can enter by making left turns. Center lane would not allow for unlimited driving to prevent collisions. Post times that turns are allowed. Or better yet make the center lane an arrow marked area like Boomerang Drive has in the video.

6. If NCDOT insist on this project changing our section of low volume travel; Only one lane southbound is needed on Meadow Branch Cemetery side of street where businesses are not allowed. The current plan makes it narrower yet still allow for semitrailers. These vehicles are how goods are delivered. Please don't kill the warehouse supply area . The Speed Barn, Carolina Surf and Turf, Smith's Cleaners, (and future businesses that will provide food service at Bryan Buildings) need these trucks. So does Phillips Auto Body, Robotex, AirGas, City Electric, Frank's Furniture and other businesses need to have semitrailers. Again - don't kill local business owners and cause job loss to our community. Do you believe these changes will cause businesses to close on this part of Fayetteville Rd?

7. So make the roundabout two lanes so semitrailers can access this area of town. This not just a residential area. Buses and mail delivery is important to this roundabout as well. Why close off Cedar Street? The traffic load toward town will have more pressure with loss of a street.

8. How are emergency and police going to get by the lane design with only one lane on one side? How are the emergency vehicles and trucks going to be able to pass traffic if only one lane? Crime will increase to this area because of decrease responders time when called for to other parts of north Lumberton. How many times do the firefighters truck come down Fayetteville Rd pass this area a day?

9. What happens to the current project plan when the out parcel sell and added pressure from those businesses slow down the wonderful Boomerang Drive concept ? It will back up traffic back down Fayetteville toward the south. Your prior is 1101 improving anything to our section of plan really. It seems more likely to make it harder for growth and development to the local businesses in our center and on down this part of town to roundabout area.

10. The Gateway to Downtown Lumberton makes it harder for all businesses along Fayetteville Road from Roberts Avenue to 24th Street to survive by directing traffic to other businesses and giving them an unfair advantage.

11. Your limiting how those working along this section Fayetteville Rd businesses have are forced to travel further to travel to and from work. Ten times longer travel time and cost more fuel to those individuals to work.

12. Better yet spend some money on timing the stop lights to only change when activated for when it is needed.

Thank you for your time and considering of our concerns in your plans.

Land and building owners of Bryan Buildings LLC

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Lumberton, NC 28358

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733-5072 cell Marcia Bryan

Response to Comment 26:

*Thank you for your comment.*

The roundabout is designed to accommodate a WB-50 semitrailer (approximately 55 feet in length).

Traffic signal improvements through signal timing along the corridor is proposed as part of this project.

Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be explored in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined.

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***Note:** Comments numbered 27 through 36 are petitions submitted by respondents with vested interest in the Bryan Buildings. These petitions are inserted into this comment summary as written and submitted – no spelling or format changes have been made. Multiple choice answers and additional written comments submitted by respondents are denoted with a yellow highlight, unanswered questions are not denoted with the yellow highlight.*

## **27. Summer Bauman**

### Comment 27 (petition):

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2. Do you believe you will be allowed by on coming traffic with the new changes to have adequate chance to enter and exit our center? **Yes or No**
3. Help us continue development of the two other units. We have 210 parking spaces. Sustainable Growth is possible. We want to provide different types of food service

businesses. Shop and Eat Locally is what we encourage everyone to do. We are the local business owners. With increase traffic in and out of our center will this design prevent customers the time to come to dine or purchase food from our center or other restaurants on this section of Fayetteville Rd preventing business growth? **Yes No Don't know**

4. Will you still come to other businesses if the center has long wait lines in and out of Bryan Buildings center? **Yes No**

5. Without the left turn lane in and out of businesses will you still drive the extra distance to come to this section of Fayetteville Rd from Roberts Ave to 22 Street? **Yes No**

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**Yes No Don't know**

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**Agree Disagree Don't Know**

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Response to Comment 27:

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## **28. Young**

Comment 28 (petition):

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2. Do you believe you will be allowed by on coming traffic with the new changes to have adequate chance to enter and exit our center? **Yes or No**

3. Help us continue development of the two other units. We have 210 parking spaces. Sustainable Growth is possible. We want to provide different types of food service businesses. Shop and Eat Locally is what we encourage everyone to do. We are the local business owners. With increase traffic in and out of our center will this design prevent customers the time to come to dine or purchase food from our center or other restaurants on this section of Fayetteville Rd preventing business growth? **Yes No Don't know**

4. Will you still come to other businesses if the center has long wait lines in and out of Bryan Buildings center? **Yes No**

5. Without the left turn lane in and out of businesses will you still drive the extra distance to come to this section of Fayetteville Rd from Roberts Ave to 22 Street? **Yes No**

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**Yes No Don't know**

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**The only way this won't close is if they add an access lane in and another access lane out of our shopping center.**

Response to Comment 28:

Thank you for your comment. Access to businesses along Fayetteville Road south of N. Roberts Ave will be disclosed in greater detail with the design team as the design is refined

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## 29. Illegible

### Comment 29 (petition):

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2. Do you believe you will be allowed by on coming traffic with the new changes to have adequate chance to enter and exit our center? **Yes or No**
3. Help us continue development of the two other units. We have 210 parking spaces. Sustainable Growth is possible. We want to provide different types of food service businesses. Shop and Eat Locally is what we encourage everyone to do. We arc the local business owners. With increase traffic in and out of our center will this design prevent customers the time to come to dine or purchase food from our center or other restaurants on this section of Fayetteville Rd preventing business growth? **Yes No Don't know**
4. Will you still come to other businesses if the center has long wait lines in and out of Bryan Buildings center? **Yes No**

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**30. Illegible 910-785-5753**

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*Response to Comment 34:*

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**35. Illegible**

Comment 35 (petition):

Dear Customers and Business owners,

We are seeking honest concerns as to how the Project Record for proposed widening of Fayetteville Road SR I 997 or STIP Project No U 5797 for Robeson County. As business owners we are seeking your input as to how the project will effect your shopping to any of the businesses located in 13ryan Buildings Center.

Please return comments and ideas by Nov 5th to our center at any business that is open and we will mail them to the project engineer group that is prepared to read and review how the customers feel this will change their shopping at Bryan Buildings.

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Concerns:

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2. Do you believe you will be allowed by on coming traffic with the new changes to have adequate chance to enter and exit our center? **Yes or No**
3. Help us continue development of the two other units. We have 210 parking spaces. Sustainable Growth is possible. We want to provide different types of food service businesses. Shop and Eat Locally is what we encourage everyone to do. We are the local business owners. With increase traffic in and out of our center will this design prevent customers the time to come to dine or purchase food from our center or other restaurants on this section of Fayetteville Rd preventing business growth? **Yes No Don't know**
4. Will you still come to other businesses if the center has long wait lines in and out of Bryan Buildings center? **Yes No**
5. Without the left turn lane in and out of businesses will you still drive the extra distance to come to this section of Fayetteville Rd from Roberts Ave to 22 Street? **Yes No**

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8. How are these changes going to allow for semitrailers to turn into and out of businesses to provide services in the future anywhere a long this stretch of Fayetteville Rd to the roundabout? Will this harm business access and cause businesses to close or move?

**Yes No Don't know**

9. Suggest that instead of only one lane on the business side of traveling from roundabout to Roberts Ave use two lanes to allow for turn lanes into businesses from center lane by getting rid of wasted grass area. Make concrete dividers like those seen in use on US 301 and Owen Drive in Fayetteville. These turns need to be made so semitrailers and automobiles can enter by making left turns. Center lane would not allow for unlimited driving to prevent collisions. Post times that turns are allowed. Or better yet make the center lane an arrow marked area like Boomerang Drive has in the video.

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### **36. Wanda Walters**

#### Comment 36 (petition):

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**37. Marcia Bryan**

Comment 37 (email):

Mr. Freeman,

How are semitrailers going to turn into AirGas and Phillips Autobody Shop? Brenda Phillips has the same issue with semitrailers and she has long travel trails that come into her lot for repair. If she can not make the turns in and out it will hurt her business and AirGas uses the same turn into to get their trucks for supplies.

Also I have had comments that similar changes in Fayetteville, NC where left turn lanes are limited access it has really hurt business where access is limited. Especially restaurants but time will tell if you do limit us along this side of Fayetteville Rd.

Why is it the Boomerang Dr may still have center lane with turn in and out with center lane? Once that develops out the out lot you can't tell me that it is not going to back of traffic. The back up will be on our side of Fayetteville Rd. How do you plan to deal with that in future? The roundabout is not really what I am concerned about it is the lack of left turns in our side of the road from roundabout.

I drove the road to town and can see what the city wants to do this but then again that doesn't mean it is fair to our business owners from Frank's Furniture up to Captain D's. Don't think the cemetery is going to mind that we can still turn left.

Still goes back to how do you expect people to merge to two lanes right at our exit.

Sent from my iPad

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