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This newsletter is the sixth in a series published by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) to inform the public about the Greenville Southwest Bypass Study. Since the last newsletter, additional alternatives have been added to the study and the alternatives selected for detailed study have changed. This newsletter provides information on the status of the project, upcoming opportunities for public involvement, and who you can contact with questions and comments.

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NCDOT to Host Citizens Informational Workshop

On April 12, 2005, NCDOT will host a Citizens Informational Workshop at South Central High School (570 W. Forlines Road) in Winterville. The purpose of this informal workshop is to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the roadway alternatives selected for detailed study for the Greenville Southwest Bypass.

This workshop is a "drop-in" format with no formal presentations. Please feel free to visit during the hours of 4p.m. to 7p.m. to view the corridor maps showing

the locations of the detailed study corridors and to learn more about anticipated project impacts. NCDOT staff and study team members will

be present to hear your ideas and concerns and answer any questions.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in the workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Colista Freeman at 919-733-3141 or by email at csfreeman@dot.state.nc.us as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.



When & Where:

April 12, 2005, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
South Central High School Cafeteria

Three Alternatives Selected for Detailed Study

On February 17, 2005, local, state, and federal agencies met to review and discuss the alternatives under consideration for the Greenville Southwest Bypass. As a result of this meeting, Alternatives 1, 1A, 1B, 4, 5, 1-EXT, 1A-EXT, and the Upgrade Existing Alternative were removed from detailed study. The three alternatives selected for detailed study are Alternatives 1B-EXT, 4-EXT, and 5-EXT.

Some History....

In February 2001, five alternatives were selected for detailed study. The alternatives included the

Upgrade Existing Alternative, Corridors 1, 1A, 1B, and 4.

In December 2003, the Renston Rural Historic District was added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Renston Historic District is shown on the map on Page 2 of this newsletter. An alternative was developed to minimize impacts to the district. This alternative was named Alternative 5.

During the development of alternatives, design year traffic volumes were studied at the NC 102/NC 11 intersection in the Town of Ayden. Traffic studies showed the existing intersection would be over

capacity and would not operate at an acceptable level of service for the design year. An interchange at NC 102/NC 11 was considered; however, the Town of Ayden voiced concerns over impacts the interchange would cause.

An alternative alignment that extends the Bypass south of the NC 102/NC 11 intersection was developed. This alignment is known as the Southern Extension. The Southern Extension (-EXT) connects to the alternatives already under study and the new avoidance alternative creating Alternatives 1-EXT, 1A-EXT, 1B-EXT, 4-EXT, and 5-EXT.

What Happens Next?

What Happens Next? During the next year, environmental professionals will conduct field studies on each of the alternatives selected for detailed study. A map showing the location of the alternatives is shown on the previous page.

What will be studied? Study team members will evaluate the following characteristics of your community: population and growth, visual characteristics, farmland, air quality, noise, land use planning, community facilities and services, and will further study the network of transportation facilities. In addition, cultural resource evaluations will be conducted to determine if there will be impacts to historic archaeological sites or historic architectural resources. The final

evaluation is an assessment of the natural environment. Studies include an assessment of biotic resources, physical resources (soils, water, and agricultural districts), water quality, wetlands, and rare and protected species.

Property owners are asked to please allow these individuals access to the land contained in the study corridors. Field studies will be conducted for wetlands, streams, natural communities, protected species, noise, archaeology, historic resources, and hazardous materials. Your cooperation with these studies will aid in completing the evaluation of environmental impacts associated with the study corridors.

Project Schedule

Establish Purpose & Need
February 2001

Hold Public Meeting
October 2001

Select Alternatives for Study
February 2005

Complete Draft Environmental Document
Spring 2006

Hold Public Hearing
Summer 2006

Select Preferred Alternative
Summer 2006

Complete Final Environmental Document
Spring 2007

Design Public Hearing
Fall 2007

Purchase Right of Way
Spring 2009

Construction
After 2009

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Project Website

Please visit the NCDOT project website for current project information. There you will find information on the environmental study process, a project schedule, and a Frequently Asked Questions section. The project website contains project maps, copies of this newsletter and previous newsletters, up-to-date information about the progress of the project and upcoming workshops and hearings. On the website you can sign up for the project mailing list or send us your comments by email.



For More Information:

- On the Web: www.ncdot.org/projects/greenville
- By Telephone: 1-800-554-7849
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Citizens Informational Workshop

A Citizens Informational Workshop will be held on **April 12, 2005** in the South Central High School Cafeteria.

Workshop

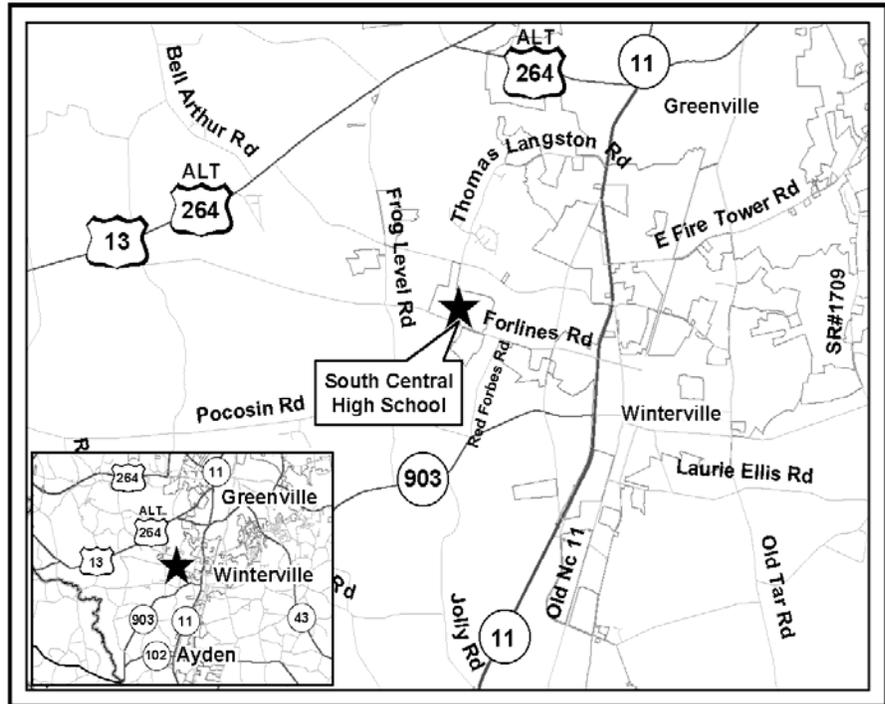
Where: South Central High School
Address: 570 W. Forlines Road
Date: **Tuesday, April 12, 2005**
Time: 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Can't make it to the workshop?
Call us with comments or questions:

TOLL-FREE HOTLINE

1-800-554-7849

(8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays)



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