



WELCOME

PROJECT OVERVIEW

NCDOT is working to develop and refine a DRAFT Project Purpose and Need based on ongoing community and stakeholder input. The initial goals of NCDOT, along with its federal and state partners, are to:

- Add additional capacity and access management improvements. U.S. 70 is a major route to/from the port at Morehead City and the military bases in Havelock and Goldsboro.
- Provide a localized and regional benefit, both in traffic operations, as well as economic development and community cohesion.
- Address local community concerns related to connectivity, access to local community services, and modal choices and accessibility (i.e., walking, biking, bus, car, etc.)

OUTREACH SUMMARY

In an effort to provide meaningful opportunities for the communities in and around James City to participate in the transportation decision-making process, the project team held the following outreach activities:

- Individual Meetings (July 2015)
- Focus Group Meetings (September 2015)
- Public Meetings (October 2015)

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STATION 1



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SAFETY

JAMES CITY

- Drivers don't use stop sign at Citgo gas station.
- Drivers turning and being hit by drivers not using stop sign.
- Accidents likely from non-residents or people unfamiliar with area road network.
- Accidents and increased traffic occur in the evenings.
- It is difficult to cross U.S. 70 at Williams Road.
- Wrecks at Williams Road and U.S. 70.
- More wrecks now that the turn lanes have been removed.
- Hard to get from one side of U.S. 70 to the other.
- Light timing long at Airport Road.
- Heading east on U.S. 70, westbound doesn't respect left turn lanes.
- No right turn on red is ignored.
- Bypass to the west would help.
- Enforcement at lights.
- Blocked sight distance at frontage roads.
- U.S. 70 is fine.
- Dangerous for pedestrians crossing U.S. 70.
- Stop signs on access roads are confusing.
- Move traffic signal to frontage road.
- Eliminate cars storing between frontage roads.

PERRYTOWN

- Safe pedestrian crossing.
- One-way in and one-way out.



SAFETY

PERRYTOWN (continued)

- Brices Creek Road had a walk/bike path, when repaved, the path went away.
- Grantham Road at U.S. 70 is closed now. Cars need to turn right or left and drive long distance to get across U.S. 70.
- Problems getting from U.S. 70 to Old Cherry Point Road at Williams Road.
- Used to be a public road at Old Cherry Point and Williams, now it is a private parking lot.

TABERNA

- Most residents don't use U.S. 70.
- Route behind the airport to the marina area is mainly used to avoid accidents.
- U.S. 70 does not have a safety problem.
- Safety is an issue in front of the Food Lion.
- No safety issues at Taberna Way.
- Increased speed limit on U.S. 70 contributes to a majority of the accidents.
- Push back lights at service roads.

CAROLINA COLOURS

- Thurman Road and U.S. 70, lots of accidents.
- Sight distance across U.S. 70 and Thurman Road.
- Drivers are running red lights.
- Signal phases too long.
- Service roads are terrible.
- More police patrol for red light violations.
- Increase the all red time for the signals.



SAFETY

CAROLINA COLOURS (continued)

- Median guardrail/barrier needed for safety.
- Turning light at Williams Road towards Taberna, long light cycles.
- No pavement markings.
- Williams, Airport, and Thurman Roads are problem areas.
- Speed limit on U.S. 70 too high.
- Log trucks drive too fast.

BUSINESSES

- Intersections difficult for trucks.
- U.S. 70 is difficult to cross (left turns).
- Left turns off service roads.
- Waffle House and Ruby Tuesday's parking lots used as a cut thru.
- Holiday traffic is biggest problem time.
- Safety light to warn of changing signal lights ahead.
- Thru traffic inattentiveness and speeding.
- Accidents at Williams Rd.
- Pedestrian accommodations would reduce accidents.
- Removal of all the crossovers caused problems.
- U.S. 70 is a very dangerous road.
- Lots of accidents on service roads and U.S. 70
- End of service road at Garner Road is dangerous.
- Speed limit too high.
- Safety concerns with elevated structures (ex. Budweiser truck accident).



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STATION 2



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CONGESTION

JAMES CITY

- Williams Road intersection is not well designed.
- Poor location for McDonald's and Express Citgo.
- Relocate businesses at Williams Road intersection.
- Area growth increasing due to new subdivisions and airport.
- Removal of 3-4 left turns on U.S. 70.
- Difficulty turning off U.S. 70 at Grantham Road due to cross traffic.
- You have to get in the left lane miles ahead of where you want to turn due to traffic volume.
- Congestion at Scott Street.
- Brices Creek residents using Williams Road.
- Closed turn lanes on U.S. 70 created bottlenecks.
- Summer traffic back up to mall exit from Williams Road intersection at Friday at 2:00 p.m.
- Businesses should not have to carry the traffic.
- Use road near airport (Madame Moores) to avoid Williams Road.

PERRYTOWN

- Reroute log trucks.
- Provide expanded capacity for easy traffic flow.
- Provide better environment for business growth.
- Kinston traffic adds to congestion.



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CONGESTION

TABERNA

- Congestion is a problem
- Traffic continues to increase because of growth. Taberna has only 1 exit (800 residents). Carolina Colours has at least 2 exits but the neighborhood is not occupied to capacity as of date but is still growing. That will cause more traffic for Taberna.
- No congestion at Taberna Way.
- Light at Taberna Way changes slow and contributes to congestion

CAROLINA COLOURS

- Williams Road and U.S. 70 intersection.
- Service roads and cross streets converge at one point.
- Separate thru traffic.
- Thurman Road will double in traffic when Harris Teeter opens in November 2016.
- Make Old Cherry Point Road a bypass.
- Stop lights cause congestion.



CONGESTION

BUSINESSES

- 70 is causing more traffic on secondary roads.
- Summer months, traffic is backed up 4 lights.
- New developments near Carolina Colors.
- Increased local traffic on 70.
- Service roads congested.
- Congestion at Williams, Airport, and Thurman Roads.
- Employees driving cross 70 from neighborhoods.
- More tractor trailers and logging trucks.
- Cutting out crossovers created problem.
- Holiday and weekend traffic create congestion on U.S. 70.
- NCDOT changes to improve flow funneled traffic to a couple of spots.
- Williams Road can't handle the volume.
- More lights with turns signals needed.

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STATION 3

CONSTRUCTION/ACCESS

JAMES CITY

- Navigating U.S. 70 can be confusing to seniors.
- Evening construction hindering seniors from visiting local businesses.
- Pedestrian bridge in wrong location for business access.
- Old Cherry Point Road good access road.
- Brices Creek needs access to U.S. 70.
- If U.S. 70 is raised, Brices Creek needs additional access point and route to New Bern.
- Removal of turn lanes and cross streets to access neighborhoods.
- Using restaurant parking lots to access the service road or Old Cherry Point Road.
- Traveling 2-3 blocks to access a left turn off U.S. 70 to reach neighborhoods.
- HOV lanes for thru traffic.
- Additional access to neighborhoods other than Williams Road.
- Access to businesses and subdivisions limited.
- Activity buses access during school year.
- Better access to Old Cherry Point Road from U.S. 70.
- Improve access from U.S. 70 to east side and to Old Cherry Point Road.
- Difficulty accessing east side neighborhoods during rush hours.
- Do not close or cut off anymore roads.



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CONSTRUCTION/ACCESS

JAMES CITY (continued)

- Complete construction at night, starting at 9:00pm.
- Improve every intersection (Grantham to Williams).
- Reroute beach traffic.
- Make construction zone less confusing.
- Reduce impacts to local businesses thru the work zone.
- Start in off peak hours.
- Hire locals during construction.
- Move traffic signals to the frontage road
- Eliminate cars stockpiling between frontage roads.

PERRYTOWN

- No construction at peak hours.
- Drivers will avoid construction during peak hours.
- Planning process is too long.
- Need construction immediately.
- County Line Road can provide alternate access.
- Extend 43 around Kinston.

TABERNA

- Leave the west side of U.S. 70 as is.
- Businesses can't survive construction.
- Don't need bike lanes.
- Don't look at constraints, what is the right answer.
Keep all access entrance ways open.
- Build at night.
- Build and bring materials in.
- Push back lights at service roads.



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CONSTRUCTION/ACCESS

TABERNA (continued)

- Third turn lane to be dedicated to on/off exits.
- Build an overpass over 70.
- Improve turning lane in front of Food Lion.
- Repair Old Airport Road.
- Widen U.S. 70
- Consider school zones during construction.

CAROLINA COLOURS

- Maintain access to service roads.
- Temporary improvements in preparation for new Harris Teeter.
- Overhead signage needed.
- Connecting from U.S. 70 service roads to Old Cherry Point Road is hard.
- Locals using Old Cherry Point Road as an access point.
- Build the service roads first.

BUSINESSES

- Access to service roads removed from Old Cherry Point Road.
- A raised U.S.70 would decrease visibility.
- Craven Tire gets customers from local traffic.
- Property values decrease during construction.
- Williams Farm & Gardens receives less thru business due to access from service roads.
- Construction adversely affect businesses.
- Festival time (late summer/early fall) is slow.
- B&J Seafood receives business from thru traffic.

CONSTRUCTION/ACCESS

BUSINESSES (continued)

- Spring is busiest time.
- People will avoid U.S. 70 during construction.
- Duration won't matter, any construction will be crippling.
- Build improvements to serve future population.
- Construction will result in employee cut backs.
- One-way service road a problem for businesses.
- Diverting traffic would impact businesses.
- Elevated U.S. 70, requires taller signs.
- Replace access where NCDOT removed crossovers.
- Remove pedestrian bridge.
- Provide crossover at pedestrian bridge location.
- Add another left turn lane at Taberna entrance.
- Local access more important than free flow for beach traffic.
- No alternate access on the west due to railroad.
- Improvement to Cherry Point Road.
- Build overpasses over 70 for crossroads.
- Too close to the water to build below grade.
- Build off of NC 43.
- Use Old Cherry Point Road as detour route.
- No back access road on the west side of 70.



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ISSUES/CONCERNS

JAMES CITY

- Pedestrian bridge considered a waste of money.
- Williams Road intersection was poorly designed.
- James City has already lost half of its property due to the highway and airport.
- Do not think NCDOT considered future growth when designing U.S. 70.
- ROW impacts.
- Traveling 2-3 blocks to access neighborhoods from exits if elevated 70 or intersections.
- Okay with any design with no resident displacements.
- What impacts will occur to intersections?
- On/off access to James City if a raised highway option.
- Residents' ability to access neighborhoods.
- Access to businesses and subdivisions from U.S. 70.
- James City community always bears the brunt of the impacts.
- Steps/ramps too steep on pedestrian crossing.
- Unfilled past promises in regards to property in James City.
- Elder Street should have never been blocked off.
- Past participation in process not being heard.
- NCDOT does what they want regardless.
- NCDOT only cares about beach traffic, not community.
- Constricted by high dollar property on the east side of U.S. 70.



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ISSUES/CONCERNS

JAMES CITY (continued)

- Constricted by business development and graveyard on the west side of U.S. 70.
- Pedestrian bridge would serve better located approximately one block south.
- U.S. 70 project taken away history of James City
- Cutting employment opportunities.
- Project cost.
- Elevated highway's effects on Taberna and Carolina Colours.
- Paved roads, better street signs, area beautification, parks, street lights, and transit.
- Bigger and better sign at town entrance.
- Absent owners are not tending to the upkeep of properties.
- Restore connectivity between neighborhoods.
- Voting location is too far.
- Does not want to be incorporated due to tax issues.
- EMS can't service community on both sides properly.

BUSINESSES

- Pedestrian bridge is difficult to use.
- Traffic becomes free flowing after Grantham Rd.
- Bypass or raised 70 will not improve local traffic issues.
- Why isn't there a New Bern Bypass?
- Not worried about losing business to thru traffic if bypass was built.
- Business season is during spring time.



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Board 3

ISSUES/CONCERNS

BUSINESSES (continued)

- One-way service road would hurt business.
- Is there alternative routing?
- Is there existing traffic forecasts?
- Service roads are not operating.
- Removing median crossovers.
- All local businesses.
- Bypass would not hurt local businesses.
- Crash rates with and without crossovers.
- Percentage rates of thru traffic vs. local traffic.
- Traffic shifted to service roads during construction.
- Impacts during construction.
- Better enforcement at the Shell station.
- Employees live across the study and New Bern area.
- Most customers drive, but some walk.
- Any change to U.S. 70 will be a disaster.
- Bypasses have led to decline in businesses.
- Consider crossovers at other locations.
- Future Brices Creek development.
- Bypass around James City to Newport.
- No new business to the area due to traffic issues.

TABERNA

- Pedestrian walkway not used.
- People tired of answering same old NCDOT questions.
- NCDOT need to show people something is being done.
- Water run offs, homes are being affected.
- Airport traffic.



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Board 4

ISSUES/CONCERNS

TABERNA (continued)

- Bypass will move traffic out and cut economic growth in New Bern.
- School travel during construction.

CAROLINA COLOURS

- Business owner in James City maintaining access.
- Business owner in James City will lose visibility if 70 is elevated.
- What has worked?
- What has not worked in other communities (Clayton bypass, Kinston, Havelock) along U.S. 70?
- Talk to division about installing flashing light/warning signals.
- Access to businesses along U.S. 70 during construction.
- Don't move problem down to Taberna or Carolina Colours.
- Planning Schedule.
- Wetlands and sewer problems.
- Signage.
- Locals want things to stay the same, retirees want change.

PERRYTOWN

- Hydro and flooding.
- Evacuation during severe weather.
- Separation of James City neighborhood.
- Better access for Perrytown community.
- Deadline of the project.



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ISSUES/CONCERNS

PERRYTOWN (continued)

- Changing of plans after a year down the road.
- NCDOT actually listening to residents.
- Information regarding future development.
- Which improvements will be made?
- Length of pass and future feasibility studies.



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STATION 5



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HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

The Project Team will be working on alternatives to present to you next summer or fall. Stay connected to the project:

Visit our website: Take a look at the project and neighborhood maps, and visit the other project related links.

http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US70_JamesCity/

Visit our My Sidewalk page: Answer the questions, post your comments about the project and read the comments of your neighbors.

http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US70_JamesCity/download/US70ImprovementsJamesCity_NeighborhoodMap.pdf

Visit our Flickr page: Photos have been posted showing various views of the highway and pictures of our community meetings.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ncdot/sets/72157658036886188>

Feel free to contact the Project Team via email or phone should you have questions. Find our contact information in your meeting packet or on the project website.