



U.S. 70 Improvements James City

State Transportation Improvement Project U-5713

U.S. 70 Improvements – James City

Public Meeting

December 5, 2016 - Carolina Colours Pavilion
December 6, 2016 - Brinson Elementary School

Welcome

Welcome to the Public Meeting for the U.S. 70 improvements in James City. This Open House meeting is informal and open to the public. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will present a status update on the U.S. 70 – James City Improvement Project. The goals for tonight's meeting are to discuss project information and concept-level designs, and to receive your comments on the project.

Tonight's meeting will cover the following topics:

- 1. Project Overview**
- 2. Concept-Level Designs**
- 3. Project Visualizations & Renderings**

NCDOT Staff and Project Team Members are available to talk with you, answer questions, and address any concerns.

After reviewing the information, please enjoy a meal and join one of the discussion tables so that your concerns and comments can be heard.

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING. YOUR CONTINUED
PARTICIPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.**



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Project Description

This project involves 2.5 miles of U.S. 70 in James City, between Garner Road (S.R. 1121) and the Neuse River Bridge. The project is intended to improve traffic flow and access to local community services, as well as enhance economic development in the James City area of Craven County.

Project Overview

U.S. 70 is a major route to/from the port at Morehead City and the military bases in Havelock and Goldsboro. 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.
- 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 opportunity for the communities in and around James City, the following outreach efforts have been conducted.

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

What We Have Been Doing

After the public meetings in October 2015, we began conducting environmental and engineering studies and gathering data needed to further analyze and develop the proposed project. Field studies have been completed to identify locations of wetlands and streams, as well as any potentially historic properties or buildings. Preliminary hydraulic investigations were conducted to assess the existing pipes and culverts within the project study area. Traffic volume forecasts are being completed to determine the current and future average annual daily traffic (AADT) for the project corridor.

Using what we heard from our meetings with residents, business owners along the project corridor, local government agencies and other interested parties last year, the Project Team has identified various issues and concerns related to the U.S. 70 corridor in James City. The Team has also developed some “concept-level” designs. The designs will be further evaluated as the project progresses through the planning and design phase.



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HOW TO STAY INVOLVED

The Project Team will refine the alternatives presented at tonight's meeting and will present the revised preliminary designs to you at another round of public meetings later next year. Stay connected to the project:

Visit our website:

The project information will be updated frequently. 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 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>

Next Steps:

After completion of this round of public meetings, the project team will:

- Refine design alternatives to be carried forward based on comments received at the December 2016 public outreach meetings
- Complete the Environmental Assessment (EA) document – Fall 2018
- Hold a Design Public Hearing – Early 2019
- Select a Preferred Alternative – Spring 2019
- Complete the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) document – Spring 2020
- Begin Right-of-Way Acquisition and Construction (Design-Build) process – 2021



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Feel free to contact the Project Team via email or phone should you have questions.

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TITLE VI PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT FORM

Completing this form is **completely** voluntary. You are not required to provide the information requested in order to participate in this meeting.

Meeting Type: Public Meeting	Date: December 5, 2016
Location: Carolina Colours Pavilion - 3300 Waterscape Way, New Bern	Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Location: Brinson Memorial Elementary School – 319 Neuse Forest Avenue, New Bern	Date: December 6, 2016
	Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
STIP No.: U-5713	
Project Description: Improvements to portion of U.S. 70 between SR 1121 (Garner Rd.) and the Neuse River Bridge in James City	

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Zip Code: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Street Name: (i.e. Main Street) _____	Age: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 18 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 18-29 <input type="checkbox"/> 65 and older <input type="checkbox"/> 30-44
Total Household Income: <input type="checkbox"/> Less than \$12,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$47,000 – \$69,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$12,000 – \$19,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$70,000 – \$93,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$20,000 – \$30,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$94,000 – \$117,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$31,000 – \$46,999 <input type="checkbox"/> \$118,000 or greater	Have a Disability: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Race/Ethnicity: <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____	National Origin: (if born outside the U.S.) <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican <input type="checkbox"/> Central American: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> South American: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): _____

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Thank you for your participation!

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COMMENTS

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone/ E-mail address: _____

Would you like to be added to our project mailing list?

YES

NO

The purpose of tonight's Public Meeting is to provide you with the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas regarding the U.S. 70 improvements. Please complete this comment sheet and return it today to the comment table, or via mail or email by **January 5, 2017**.

1. Was the project information and design concepts presented in a way that was clear and easy to understand? If not, what information was confusing? Do you have any suggestions on how we can make the information clearer?

2. Was there a particular design concept that you preferred over the others?

A1

A2

A3

C1

C2

C3

If not, were there certain aspects of any design concept that you liked? What are they?

3. Did the design concepts address the congestion, safety and connectivity concerns that you shared at our previous meetings?
