

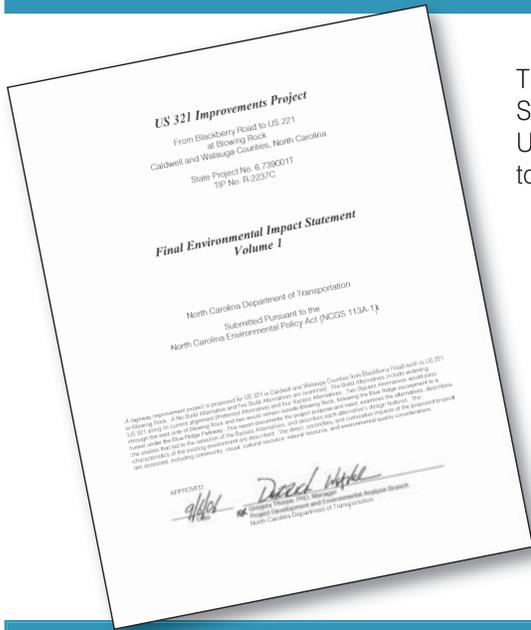


UPDATE

US 321 Improvements Environmental Impact Statement
Watauga and Caldwell Counties, North Carolina
North Carolina Department of Transportation
TIP No. R-2237C

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT RELEASED



The North Carolina Department of Transportation has released the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the US 321 Improvements Project. The Preferred Alternative would widen existing US 321 from Blackberry Road through the Town of Blowing Rock to US 221 from two lanes to four lanes.

On Project Web Site/CD-ROM Version Available

The Final Environmental Impact Statement is posted at the following website: <http://www.ncdot.org/projects/BlowingRock321/>. A CD-ROM version also is available. Please send requests for the CD-ROM to:

Ms. Missy Dickens, PE
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1548 Mail Service Center
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Seven Public Review Locations

Paper copies of the Final Environmental Impact Statement may be reviewed at the following public review locations:

- **Appalachian State University**
Carol Grotnes Belk Library
Boone, North Carolina 28608
- **Blowing Rock Public Library**
1022 Main Street
Blowing Rock, North Carolina 28605
- **Caldwell County Public Library**
120 Hospital Avenue
Lenoir, North Carolina 28645
- **Guilford County Public Library**
219 North Church Street
Greensboro, North Carolina 27401
- **Mecklenburg County Public Library**
310 North Tryon Street
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202
- **Wake County Public Library**
1930 Clark Avenue
Cameron Village Shopping Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27605
- **Watauga County Public Library**
140 Queen Street
Boone, North Carolina 28607

Next Steps and Opportunity to Submit Comments

The final step in the US 321 Improvements Study will be the preparation and release of a Record of Decision. The Record of Decision will identify the alternatives considered and the alternative selected for implementation, present the basis for the decision, and address written comments by the public and environmental resource and regulatory agencies received after the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement.

Comments should be received by the NCDOT before November 27, 2006. Comments may be sent to Missy Dickens at the above address.



US 321 at Sunset Drive
Preferred Alternative with the following amenities: Underground utilities, rock walls, landscaping, and sidewalks



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