



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# EAST END CONNECTOR UPDATE

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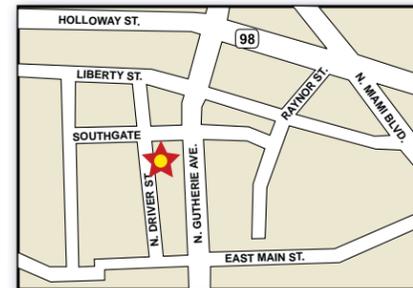


## Pre-Hearing Open House and Design Public Hearing

**WHERE** Holton Career and Resource Center  
 401 N. Driver Street, Durham, NC 27703

**WHEN** March 25, 2010

**TIME** Pre-Hearing Open House: 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
 Design Public Hearing: 7:00 PM



### CONTACT US



Those wishing to speak at the public hearing can register during the pre-hearing open house; by calling the Project's Toll-Free Hotline (1-800-734-7062); or by calling Mr. Drew Joyner at: (919) 431-6700. The East End Connector Project Hotline is: **1-800-734-7062**

Written comments and questions are welcomed and may be mailed or e-mailed to:

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### Project Schedule

**September 2006**

*Citizens Informational Workshop #1*  
 Presented  
*Project Information*

**January 2007**

*Citizens Informational Workshop #2*  
 Presented  
*Alternatives Evaluation*

**June 2007**

*Selected Preferred Alternative*

**December 2007**

*Citizens Informational Workshop #3*  
 Presented  
*Preferred Alternative*

**December 2009**

*Completed Environmental Assessment*

**March 2010**

*Public Hearing*  
 Present Detailed Design

**Fall 2010**

*Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) Complete*



THE EAST END CONNECTOR  
 "Connecting Durham"

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform citizens of the completion of an Environmental Assessment (EA) report and of the upcoming Public Hearing for the proposed East End Connector.

### Environmental Assessment Complete

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is proposing to construct the East End Connector in Durham. The proposed project would provide a direct connection between the Durham Freeway (NC 147) and US 70 (Miami Boulevard). In addition, roadway improvements would be provided along US 70 from Pleasant Drive to north of Holloway Street (NC 98).

An Environmental Assessment (EA) report for the proposed project was approved by NCDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in December, 2009. The EA includes documentation of the purpose and need for the project, alternatives considered, existing conditions in the human and natural environments, effects of the project on the environment, public involvement and regulatory agency coordination. Copies of the EA are available for public review at the following locations:

- The City of Durham, 101 City Hall Plaza (4<sup>th</sup> floor), Durham
- NCDOT Highway Division 5 Office, 2612 N. Duke Street, Durham

The EA and design public hearing map are available online at the project website as follows: [www.ncdot.org/projects/eastendconnector](http://www.ncdot.org/projects/eastendconnector)

### Pre-Hearing Open House and Design Public Hearing

The NCDOT will host a Pre-Hearing Open House and a Design Public Hearing on March 25, 2010. The Pre-Hearing Open House is an informational, informal, drop-in meeting allowing interested citizens an opportunity to discuss the project with NCDOT representatives. The Open House will be followed by a Design Public Hearing during which a formal project presentation will be provided. The presentation will include a summary of the EA conclusions and will provide discussion on NCDOT's project development process moving forward. Citizens will be given the opportunity to speak following the formal presentation. Study area maps showing the preferred alternative roadway alignment will be displayed. Copies of the EA will be available for review.

**March 25, 2010**

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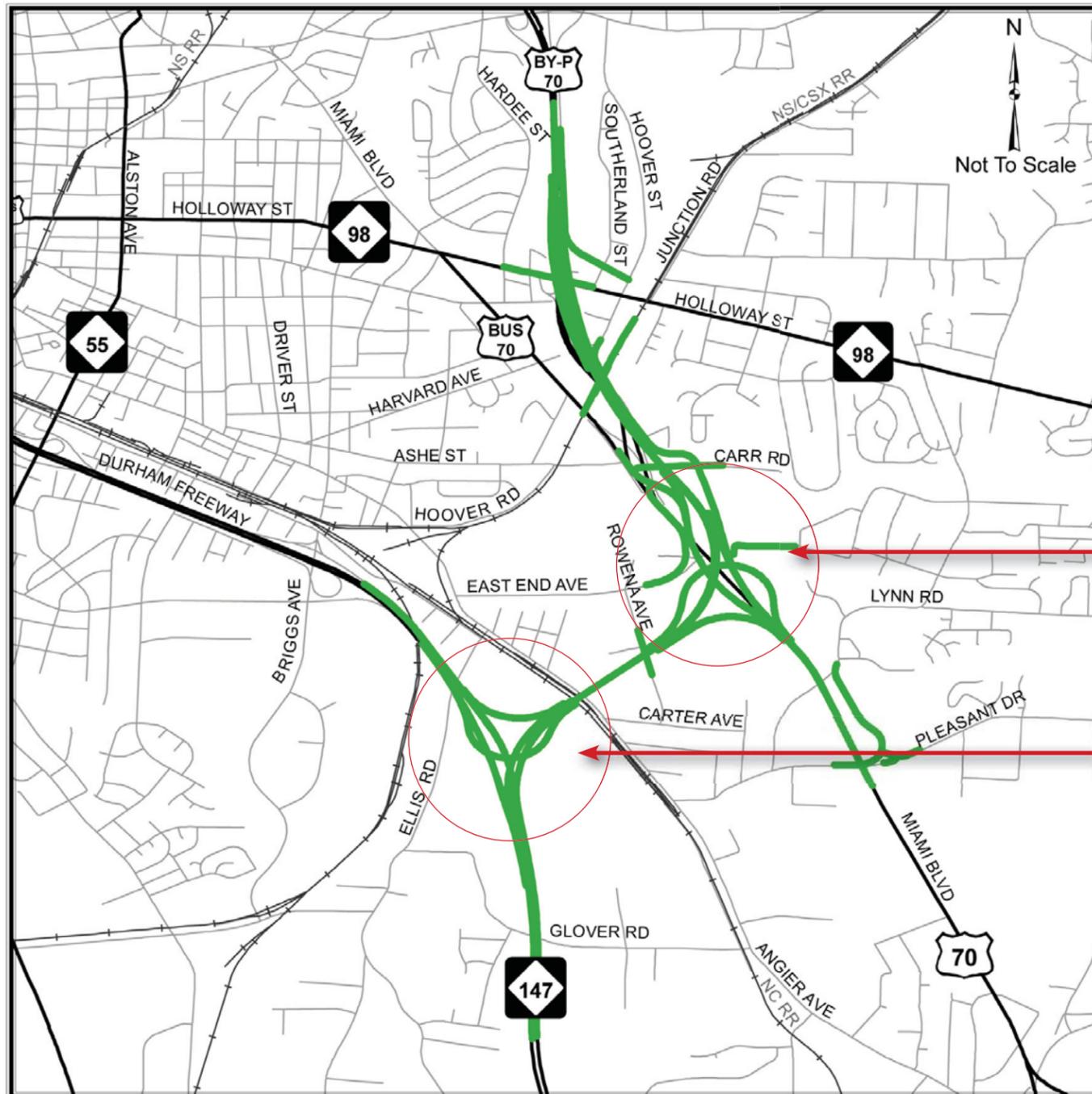
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The purpose of these meetings is to provide an opportunity for the public to offer comments on the proposed alignment for the project and information presented in the EA.

## Next Steps

All comments received at the hearing and subsequent comment period ending April 5, 2010 will be recorded as part of the public record for the project. After review of the input provided by the public, local government, and regulatory agencies, NCDOT intends to prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) report in late 2010. Previously, right-of-way acquisition was scheduled for 2010 with construction beginning in 2013. However, NCDOT is reevaluating this schedule and will announce a new schedule in summer 2010.

## Proposed Location of East End Connector



East End Connector looking southwest along US 70.



East End Connector looking northeast along NC 147.