



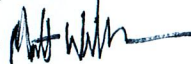
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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Lenoir, Jones, and Craven Counties Property Owners

**FROM:** Matt Wilkerson, Archaeology Team Leader   
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Environmental Analysis Unit

**SUBJECT:** Intensive Archaeological Survey and Testing for TIP# R-2553  
US 70 Kinston Bypass

This memorandum is to inform you that prior to completion of the final environmental documentation, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will be conducting archaeological surveys for portions of Alternative 1SB of the Kinston Bypass. This work is needed to comply with state and federal regulations and is being completed by AECOM.

To conduct the archaeological survey, AECOM was supplied with preliminary mapping from the NCDOT. State law authorizes the NCDOT to conduct environmental studies on private property in order to comply with state and federal laws and regulations. Archaeological work often involves excavating small test holes and/or units to examine soils. In some cases when an archaeological site is discovered, it is necessary to extend the archaeological work outside of the proposed locations to define the edges of the site. AECOM will also be employing techniques that do not require excavation in portions of the project limits as part of the work.

Personnel from AECOM will be careful to respect the wishes of private property owners regarding the condition of their land and will endeavor to leave the property in good condition and backfill any excavation units they dig. If you have any specific questions regarding this proposed work, please contact me at (919) 707-6089 or Paul J. Mohler, NCDOT Archaeologist, at (919) 707-6080. Additional project information related to R-2553 can be found at: <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/kinston-bypass/Pages/default.aspx>.

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