

R-2553 Kinston Bypass - Summary of Citizens Informational Workshops #3 held May 15 and 17, 2012

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is considering construction of a four-lane, median divided freeway with full control of access in Lenoir, Jones and Craven counties in North Carolina. The proposed action is listed in the NCDOT 2012-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program as Project Number R-2553. The project extends from US 70 near LaGrange (in Lenoir County) to US 70 near Dover (on the Jones and Craven County line) around the City of Kinston.

NCDOT mailed 14,517 newsletters informing the public of Citizen Informational Workshop #3 in order to present to the public the alternatives selected for detailed study, answer questions, receive any additional public comments, and to review the next steps of the project with the public. In addition to mailing newsletters, NCDOT also ran advertisements in local newspapers and radio stations about the workshops and distributed a total of 265 flyers to business and churches along US 70 and US 70 Bypass promoting the workshops. The workshops were added to the Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce's events calendar and a digital copy of the flyer was distributed to the Kinston-Chamber of Commerce's listserv of businesses via email.

NCDOT maintains a project website which provides materials to be presented at public workshops as well as other additional project updates to the public. NCDOT activated a toll-free project information hotline to allow the public to call for project information or project updates. The project hotline also allowed for the Spanish-speaking public to contact the project team.

The workshops were held May 15 and 17, 2012 at the Kinston Public Services Complex and Kinston High School, respectively. Public comments were collected in writing at the workshops and were accepted by Email and postal mail until June 18, 2012.

The following sections represent a summary of the responses received:

Means by which the public found out about the workshop:	
14	Newsletter
23	Flyer
10	Newspaper
6	Friend/Family
4	Other (listed via email)
Number of workshop attendees who signed in at the registration table:	
Day #1 (May 15 2012)	103
Day #2 (May 17 2012)	82
Comments received as a result of workshops:	
Day #1 (May 15 2012)	23
Day #2 (May 17 2012)	20
via Mail	9
via Website	2
Total	54

-Summary of Comments Received Categorized by Type of Comment (attached).

Note: Segment and overall corridor graphics are attached for reference.

Below is a summary of **project or alternative preference** provided by some who completed a comment sheet. *Please note, detailed information was not provided to the public for alternative comparison.*

Project or Alternative Preference	Number of Responses
Do Nothing	3
New Bypass in General	1
Southern Alternatives in General	2
Northern Alternatives in General	18
Upgrade Existing US 70	13
Alternatives 2/5	12
11/12	1
35/36	1
51/52	2
53	1
56	1

Below is a summary of **project or alternative opposition** provided by some who completed a comment sheet. *Please note detailed information was not provided to the public for alternative comparison.*

Project or Alternative Opposition	Number of Responses
Do Nothing	1
Project In General	3
Bypass Alternatives in General	1
Alternatives Impacting Wyse Fork Battlefield	2
Southern Alternatives in General	2
2	2
5	5
35	5
36	5
53	2
56	4

Below is a summary of general concerns identified by those who completed a comment sheet.

Specific Concern Identified	Number of Responses
No comments/concerns at this time	5
Cost	10
Impacts to personal property, farmland, or neighborhood	20
Impacts to natural resources	6
Impacts to historic resources	6
Impacts to businesses along US 70/economy	12
Impacts to GTP if C.F. Harvey Parkway is used	1
Existing safety conditions	1
Build Alternative Design Standards	1
Coordination of various projects within study area	1
Project in general	4
Project schedule	3

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STIP Project No. R-2553**

Citizens Informational
Workshop #3
Attendee Locations

Night 1: May 15, 2012

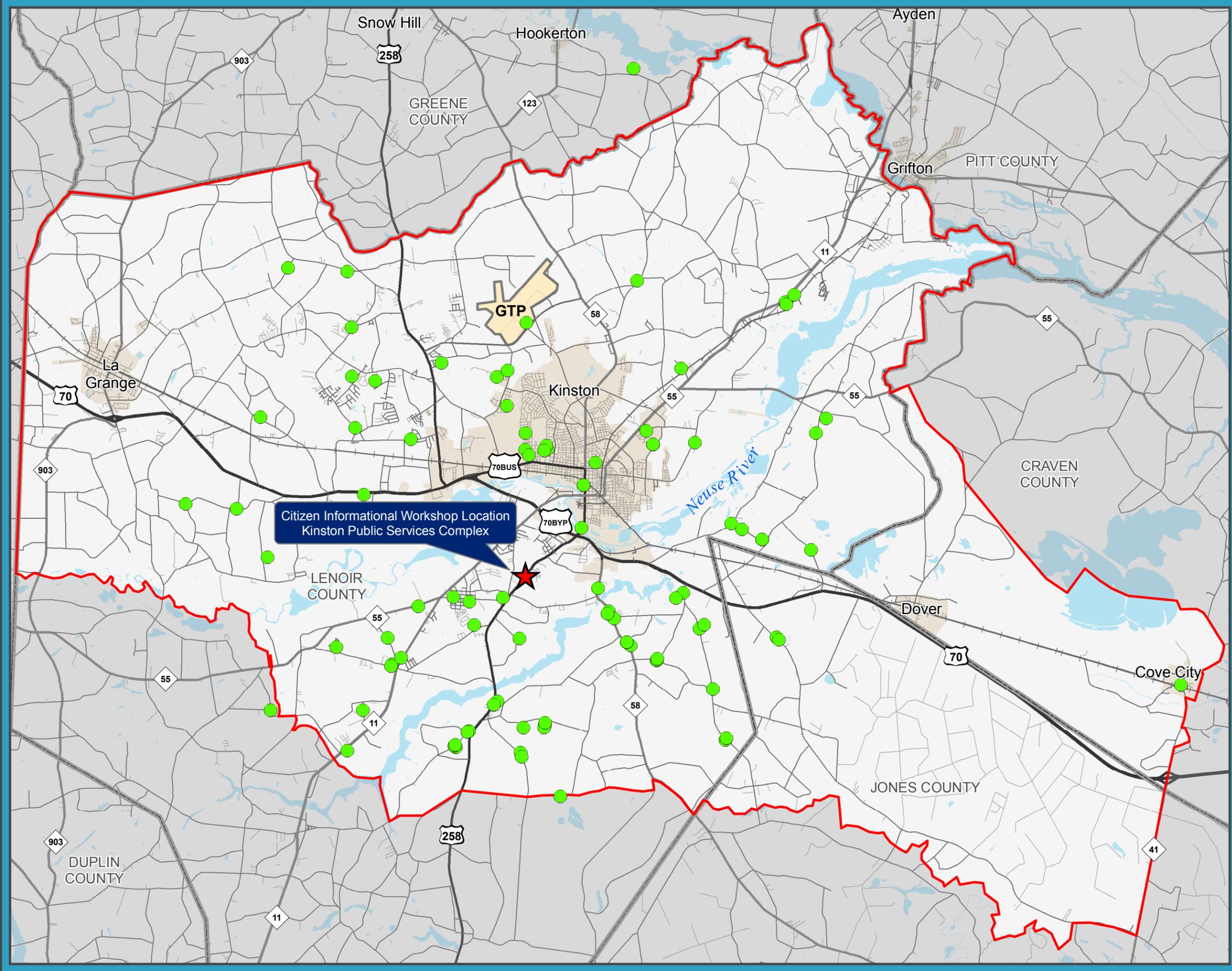
Legend

-  CIW #3 Attendee Home Location
-  Study Area
-  Railroad
-  Global TransPark (GTP)
-  County
-  US Highway
-  NC Highway
-  State Road
-  Local Road
-  Waterbody
-  Municipal Area

103 Attendee Home Locations
**Not shown are attendees that live in Charlotte, NC, Trinity, NC, Morrisville, NC, Raleigh, NC, Wilson, NC, New Bern, NC (2), Richlands, NC, and Trenton, NC*



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 Sources: CGIA, NCDOT, NCDENR, Craven County, NCDCM, NCEM, Lenoir County, Pitt County, Kinston Planning Department, NCOneMap, NCWRC, NCSHPO, EPA, USFWS, USDA, NRCS, DWQ, ESRI and URS.



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Night 2: May 17, 2012

Legend

-  CIW #3 Attendee Home Location
-  Study Area
-  Railroad
-  Global TransPark (GTP)
-  County
-  US Highway
-  NC Highway
-  State Road
-  Local Road
-  Waterbody
-  Municipal Area

67 Attendee Home Locations
**Not shown are attendees that live in Havelock, NC, New Bern, NC, and Winterville, NC*



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