

**R-2553 Kinston Bypass - Summary of Public Meeting #4 held on August 26th and 28th 2014.**

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 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 18,034 newsletters informing the public of Public Meeting #4 in order to update the public on the alternatives currently being studied, to 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 250 bilingual 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 meetings 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. NCDOT also provided information for the public with Limited English Proficiency (LEP), which included translation into Spanish of the newsletter, flyer, handout, comment sheet, and vital workshop display boards. Coordination with community leaders and organizers that regularly work with Spanish-speaking populations also took place and Spanish materials were distributed to organizations and left at locations with known Spanish-speaking populations. The project hotline allowed for the Spanish-speaking public to contact the project team. NCDOT also provided a Spanish translator at all workshops.

The meetings were held August 26th and 28th at the Kennedy Children's Home Gymnasium and Southwood Memorial Christian Church, respectively. Public comments were collected in writing at the meetings and were accepted by Email and postal mail until September 12, 2014.

The following sections represent a summary of the responses received:

<b>Means by which the public found out about the meeting:</b>	
<b>17</b>	Newsletter
<b>16</b>	Flyer
<b>12</b>	Newspaper
<b>3</b>	Friend/Family
<b>0</b>	Other (listed via email)
<b>Number of meeting attendees who signed in at the registration table:</b>	
<b>Day #1 (August 26, 2014)</b>	113
<b>Day #2 (August 28, 2014)</b>	181
<b>Comments received as a result of meetings:</b>	
<b>at the Public Meetings</b>	35
<b>via Mail</b>	10
<b>via Website</b>	0
<b>Total</b>	45

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

Note: The map of the Detailed Study Alternatives that was distributed at the meeting is attached for reference.

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

<b>Project or Alternative Preference</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
Do Nothing	1
New Bypass in General	0
Either of the Upgrade Existing Alternatives (1 or 1SB)	4
Upgrade Existing US 70 (Alt 1)	1
Upgrade Existing US 70 Shallow Southern Bypass (Alt 1SB)	15
Any of the Southern Alternatives besides 1 or 1SB	0
Alternatives 11	0
Alternatives 12	1
Alternatives 31	0
Alternatives 32	0
Alternatives 65	1

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

<b>Project or Alternative Opposition</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
Do Nothing	0
New Bypass in General	0
Either of the Upgrade Existing Alternatives (1 or 1SB)	3
Upgrade Existing US 70 (Alt 1)	0
Upgrade Existing US 70 Shallow Southern Bypass (Alt 1SB)	1
Any of the Southern Alternatives besides 1 or 1SB	0
Alternatives 11	1
Alternatives 12	1
Alternatives 31	0
Alternatives 32	0
Alternatives 35	0

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

<b>Specific Concern Identified</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
Alternatives 36	1
Impacts to businesses along US 70/economy	6
Prefer shortest route/Less cost	5
Project in general	1
Concerns for natural features	3
Concern for community features (fire stations, churches, etc.)	8
Concerns for Cultural Resources	3
Concerns for Lenoir Community College	8
Impacts to residences	8
Concerns with impacts to farmlands	3

# Kinston Bypass STIP Project No. R-2553

## Citizens Informational Workshop #4 Attendee Locations

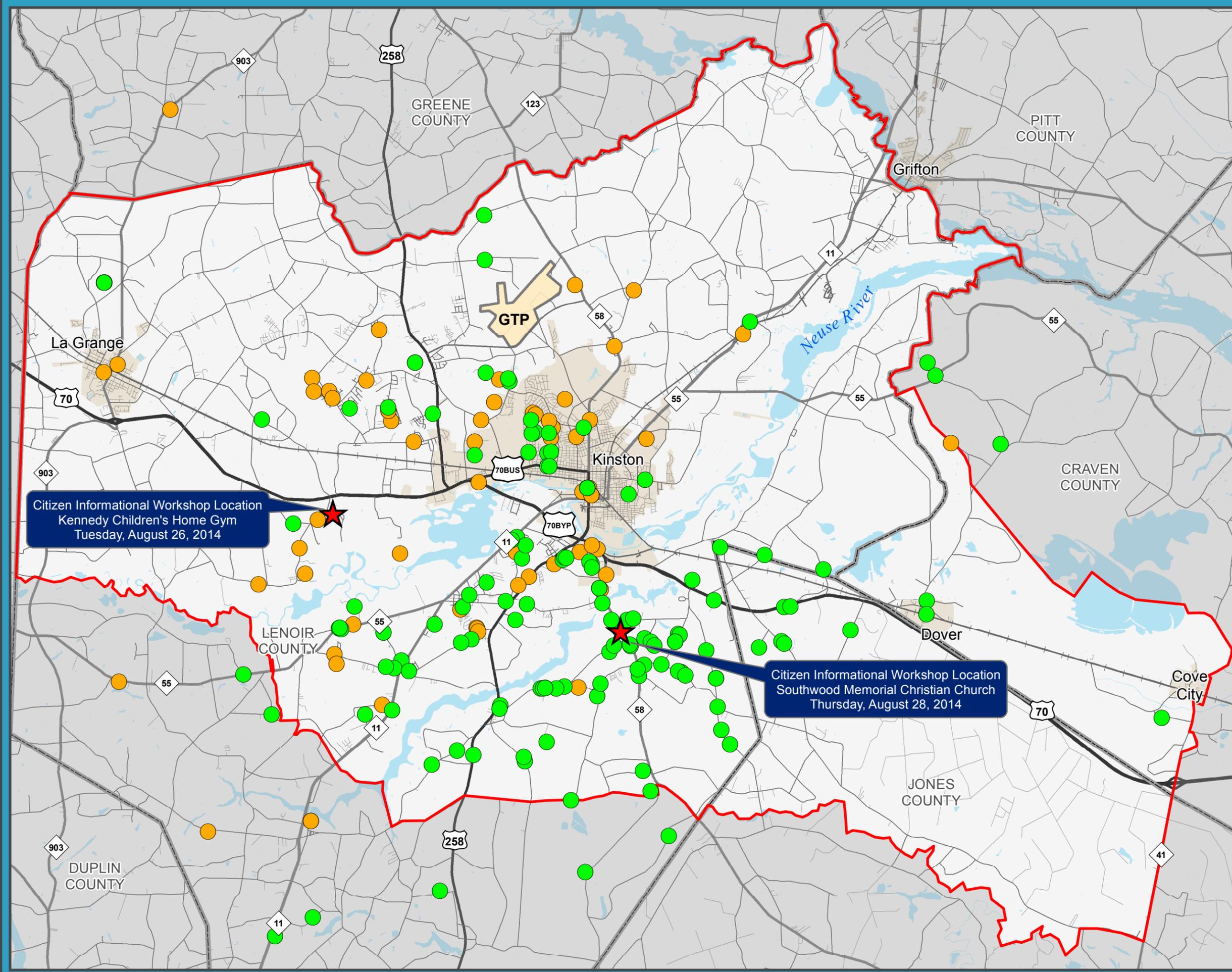
### Legend

-  Citizen Information Workshop Location
-  Night 1: Attendee Home Location
-  Night 2: Attendee Home Location
-  Study Area
-  Railroad
-  Global TransPark (GTP)
-  County
-  US Highway
-  NC Highway
-  State Road
-  Local Road
-  Waterbody
-  Municipal Area

246 Attendee Home Locations  
 -100 Attendees on Night 1  
 -146 Attendees on Night 2  
 \*Not shown are 26 attendees that live outside of the map viewing area.



This map is for reference only.  
 Sources: CGIA, NCDOT, NCDENR, Craven County, NCDOT, NCEM, Lenoir County, Pitt County, Kinston Planning Department, NCOneMap, NCWRC, NCSHPO, EPA, USFWS, USDA, NRCS, DWQ, ESRI and URS.



Citizen Informational Workshop Location  
 Kennedy Children's Home Gym  
 Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Citizen Informational Workshop Location  
 Southwood Memorial Christian Church  
 Thursday, August 28, 2014