

**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE PROPOSED N.C. 108 (WEST MILLS STREET) IMPROVEMENTS
FROM ST. LUKE'S PARKWAY TO WALKER STREET (S.R. 1137) IN COLUMBUS
POLK COUNTY**

TIP PROJECT NO. I-4729B

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to improve N.C. 108 (West Mills Street) from St. Luke's Parkway to Walker Street (S.R. 1137) in Columbus. The proposed improvements include widening N.C. 108 to three lanes with curb and gutter, replacing the existing bridge over I-26 on new location, and widening the two roundabouts at each end of the bridge to two lanes. Sidewalks are also proposed along both sides of N.C. 108 and 14-foot wide outside travel lanes are provided to accommodate bicycles. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 22 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Isothermal Community College Polk Center Auditorium located at 1255 West Mills Street in Columbus.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic operations and pedestrian and bicycle access.

The public may drop-in at any time during the meeting hours. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. The opportunity to submit comments will also be provided at the meeting or afterwards via phone, email, or mail by June 22, 2018. Comments received will be taken into consideration as the project develops. Please note that no formal presentation will be made.

Project information and materials can be viewed as they become available online at <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings>.

For more project information, contact Kenneth (Mac) McDowell, NCDOT Division 14 Project Engineer, at 253 Webster Road, Sylva, NC, (828) 586-2141, or kjmcowell@ncdot.gov. You can submit comments to I4729B@threeoaksengineering.com.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Caitlyn Ridge, P.E., Environmental Analysis Unit Public Involvement Officer at ceridge1@ncdot.gov or (919) 707-6091 as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas que hablan español y no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.