NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO N.C. 108 FROM U.S. 176 IN TRYON TO HOSPITAL DRIVE IN COLUMBUS POLK COUNTY

TIP PROJECT NO. R-5838

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed project to make improvements to N.C. 108 between U.S. 176 in Tryon and Hospital Drive in Columbus in Polk County. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Tryon Depot Plaza located at 22 Depot Street in Tryon.

The purpose of this project is to increase safety and alleviate congestion by adding turn lanes at select locations and to improve bicycle accommodations. The purpose of the public meeting is to present and gather input on the proposed preliminary design.

The public may attend at any time during the above mentioned 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 via phone, email, or mail by May 8, 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 <u>http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings</u>.

For additional information, contact Jonathan Woodard, P.E., NCDOT Division 14, Project Engineer at 253 Webster Road, Sylva, NC 28779, (828) 631-5481, or <u>iwoodard@ncdot.gov</u>.

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 at <u>ceridge1@ncdot.gov</u> 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.