

# N.C. 9 from N.C. 108 to U.S. 74 (Polk County) Lane and Shoulder Improvements State Transportation Improvement Program Project R-5840



## Public Meeting

April 23, 2019

### Welcome to the Public Meeting

Welcome and thank you for attending today's meeting! This meeting is being held to share information about the proposed shoulder improvement project and obtain input from the public on the project. Public involvement is an important part of the planning process and the N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) encourages your participation and feedback.

#### How to participate in today's meeting:

- 1 Sign in and collect materials at the sign-in table
- 2 Review project maps and displays and speak with project team members
- 3 Provide input by submitting a comment form tonight or by mail by May 7, 2019

Public input will be used to identify community resources in the project vicinity; evaluate issues and needs to be addressed; develop project alternatives and design concepts; and analyze potential social, environmental, and economic effects. Comments received on or before **May 7, 2019** will be considered in the planning, design and environmental review of the proposed project.

### About the Project

NCDOT proposes lane and shoulder improvements to N.C. 9 from N.C. 108 to U.S. 74 in Polk County. The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow, mobility, and safety for all transportation users along the corridor. The project is state funded and is included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as project R-5840.

The project team is currently conducting planning and environmental studies. Additional project and study information is contained in this handout and provided in the displays and mapping at today's meeting.

***Thank you for participating in today's workshop and providing your feedback!***

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## Planning Process

The proposed project is following a process outlined by the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This law requires state-funded projects to consider the environmental effects of the proposed action(s). An environmental document called a State Minimum Criteria Checklist (SMC) will be prepared for this project.

## Key Steps in the Planning Process

- Fieldwork/Data Gathering
- Local Officials Meetings
- Public Meetings
- Alternatives Development
- Evaluation of Impacts
- Draft and Final State Minimum Criteria Checklist (SMC)

## Field Work

You can expect to see different representatives of the project team visit the project area. In fact, you may already have noticed biologists, environmental scientists, engineers, planners, surveyors, architectural historians, or archaeologists surveying the area. The project team is collecting information on: community facilities, natural resources, cultural and historic resources, air quality, noise, traffic and safety.



## Project Schedule

Environmental and engineering studies are currently underway. The SMC was completed in July 2018. The current schedule for the project is provided below. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

### R-5840 Anticipated Project Timeline

Local Officials' Meeting	April 2019
Public Meeting	We are here!
Completion of Environmental Document	Summer 2018
Right-of-Way Acquisition	2020
Start of Construction	2022

## Questions/Comments

If you have additional comments, concerns, or questions following tonight's meeting, please contact one of the following team members:

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<b>Meeting Type: Public Meeting</b>	<b>Date: April 23, 2019</b>
<b>Location: Polk Central Elementary, 2141 NC-9, Mill Spring, NC 28756</b>	
<b>TIP No.: R-5840</b>	
<b>Project Description: Lane and Shoulder Improvements on N.C. 9 from N.C. 108 to U.S. 74 in Polk County</b>	

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