

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS DEC. 9, 10, & 11 FOR THE PROPOSED
MONROE CONNECTOR/BYPASS PROJECT WHICH WILL PROVIDE A CONTROLLED ACCESS TOLL
ROAD FROM I-485 IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY TO U.S. 74 NEAR MARSHVILLE

TIP Projects R-2559 & R-3329

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold public hearings in December regarding the proposed Monroe Connector/Bypass project in Mecklenburg and Union Counties. The project proposes to construct a new location roadway from I-485 to U.S. 74 near the Town of Marshville.

The purpose of the project is to improve mobility and capacity within the project study area by providing a facility for the U.S. 74 corridor from near I-485 in Mecklenburg County to between the towns of Wingate and Marshville in Union County that allows for high-speed regional travel consistent with the designations of the North Carolina Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) program and the North Carolina Intrastate System, while maintaining access to properties along existing U.S. 74.

The hearings are scheduled at the following times and places:

- **Monday, Dec. 9:**
Union County Agricultural Center, 3230-D Presson Road, Monroe
Pre-Hearing Open House: 4 – 6:30 p.m.
Formal Presentation: 7 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 10:**
South Piedmont Community College – Bldg. A, 4209 Old Charlotte Hwy., Monroe
Pre-Hearing Open House: 4 – 6:30 p.m.
Formal Presentation: 7 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 11:**
Next Level Church, 4317 Stevens Mill Road, Matthews
Open House: 4 – 7 p.m.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the project during the open-house portion of the hearings. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the open-house hours. The same information and maps will be available at all meetings. The public is urged to share their ideas, thoughts and suggestions with department staff. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided and is encouraged. Comments will be accepted through **January 6, 2014**.

The formal presentations will include an update of recent project activities and studies, an explanation of the location and design of the preferred alternative, information about the state-federal relationship, the required right of way and relocation requirements and future activities and procedures that will be part of the project.

Copies of the recently released Draft Supplemental Final Environmental Impact Statement (DSFEIS) are available for public review at the following locations: 1) NCDOT Division 10 office, 716 West Main Street, Albemarle; 2) the Monroe Planning Department, 300 West Crowell Street; 3) the Indian Trail Planning Department, 130 Blythe Drive; 4) the Monroe Library, 316 East Windsor Street; 5) the Edwards Memorial Library, 414 Hasty Street, Marshville; 6) at the CRTPO/Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department, 600 East Fourth Street (8th Floor), Charlotte; 7) at the Stallings Planning Department, 315 Stallings Road; 8) Matthews Branch Library, 230 Matthews Station Street; and 9) Union West Library, 123 Unionville-Indian Trail Road, Indian Trail.

Information about plans for Monroe Connector/Bypass project is also available online at: <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/monroeconnector/>.

For additional information, you may either call the project's toll-free number at:

1-800-475-6402 or contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT-Human Environment Section at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6085 or by email: publicinvolvement1@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made. For persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, interpretive services will be available at the meeting upon request. For more information, please call 1-800-481-6494 prior to the meeting.