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MEMORANDUM TO: Scoping Meeting Attendees

FROM: Beverly G. Robinson, CPM
Team Lead

DATE: November 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Request for Scoping Comments: Improvements to US 321/US421 junction near Vilas to SR 1107 (105 Bypass), Watauga County, STIP Project No. R-2615, WBS No. 44385.1.3

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has begun the project development, environmental and engineering studies for proposed improvements to US 421/US 321 from the US 321 junction near Vilas to SR 1107 (105 Bypass) in Watauga County. The project is included in the NCDOT's *2018-2027 State Transportation Program*; scheduled for right-of-way acquisition in fiscal year (FY) 2022 and construction let in FY 2024.

The purpose of this letter is to initiate project scoping with internal NCDOT units, regulatory and resource agencies, and other interested parties. We invite you to review the attached project information and identify any issues and their scope that should be addressed in the environmental document. **A project scoping meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2018, at 10:00 in NCDOT Century Center Building A, Roadway Design Conference Room.** Please note that space will be limited in the conference room. Call-in attendance or written comments are encouraged.

Attached for your consideration are a project data sheet, a vicinity map, and environmental features maps for the project study area. Please note that the project study area is outlined in red on the environmental features maps.

Please notify us of any additional known information regarding your area of expertise that may concern the project. We would especially appreciate any information you may have that would be helpful in identifying and evaluating important issues or topics that should be considered as the project design is developed.

Your input is important to a successful project outcome. If you have any questions concerning the project, please feel free to contact me at (919)707-6041 or by email at brobinson@ncdot.gov. Please include the STIP Project Number in all correspondence and comments. Thank you for your assistance in this project development process.

attachments

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