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Memorandum To: Merger Screening Meeting Attendees

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Subject: Merger Screening Meeting
Proposed widening of US 25A (Sweeten Creek Road) from Hendersonville Road (US 25) to SR 3081 (Rock Hill Road), Buncombe County, WBS No. 34859.1.FR3, Federal Aid No. STP-025A95), STIP No. U-2801A

The Project Development and Environmental Analysis Unit is starting the project development, environmental and engineering studies for the proposed US 25A (Sweeten Creek Road) widening (approximately 5.4 miles). The widening of Sweeten Creek Rd. is included in the 2016-2025 NCDOT STIP. Right of way acquisition is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2020 and construction is scheduled for Fiscal Year 2022.

At this time, it is anticipated that an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared for this project. The project will likely require the following permits: USACE Section 404 permit and NCDEQ Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

A Merger Screening Meeting has been scheduled on September 21 at 9:00 AM and will be held in the Structure Design Conference Room at the NCDOT Century Center (Building A). The general purpose of this meeting is to initiate coordination with our agency partners by discussing known information about the project and project area and reach agreement on whether the project will follow the NEPA / Section 404 Merger process. There are Scoping Information Sheets, maps, and other materials for this meeting in the project file located on the Project Store and the PDEA Merger website. Please review this material and be prepared to discuss any additional known information regarding your resource and/or area of expertise as it may concern the project. We would especially appreciate any information you might have that would be helpful in identifying and evaluating important issues or topics that should be considered.

If you have any questions about the project or have trouble accessing the project data, please contact me at (919) 707-6010 or by email at aalsharawneh@ncdot.gov. Please include the STIP Project Number in all correspondence and comments.

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