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**Memorandum To:** R-5889 External Scoping/Merger Screening Meeting Attendees

**From:** Chris Smitherman, PE
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Ed Lewis for

**Subject:** External Scoping/Merger Screening Meeting for US 29 (Future I-785) Improvements from SR 2565 (Hicone Road) to US 158 / NC 14
WBS No. 48394.1.1, TIP No. R-5889

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division 7 is starting the project development, environmental, and engineering studies for TIP Project R-5889. (See the enclosed Vicinity Map.) The project proposes improvements to existing US 29 to bring it up to interstate standards.

The project is included in NCDOT's 2024-2033 STIP and is divided into two sections. Section A extends between Hicone Road and NC 150; Section B begins at NC 150 and extends to US 158/ NC 14 in Reidsville. Section A is fully funded, while Section B is programmed for planning and environmental study only. Although the project is state-funded, NCDOT is planning to prepare a Categorical Exclusion document.

An External Scoping/Merger Screening Meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to begin early coordination with our agency partners by discussing known information about the project and project area. Attached to this memo are the Project Data Sheets, mapping, and other materials for this meeting; these are also available on the NCDOT Connect-SharePoint site. 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.

Thank you for your assistance in the project development process. If you have any questions or comments concerning the project or the attached information, please contact NCDOT Division Project Manager Chris Smitherman, PE at (336) 487-0075 or by email at csmitherman@ncdot.gov. Please include the Project Number (R-5889) in all correspondence.

Attachments
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