

**NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED
SR 1978 (HOPSON ROAD) GRADE SEPARATION, THE NORTH CAROLINA
RAILROAD/ NORFOLK SOUTHERN TRACK REALIGNMENT, AND THE
CHURCH STREET RAIL CROSSING CLOSURE AND STREET EXTENSION**

TIP Project No. Y-4117B / U-4716

Durham County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold the above Citizens Informational Workshop on Thursday, October 30, 2008, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Comfort Suites Hotel RTP/RDU – in the Tarheel Room, located at 5219 Page Road, Durham, 27703.

Maps depicting the proposed project will be on display and NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. Please note: there will not be a formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to convert the existing rail crossing of SR 1978 (Hopson Road) and the North Carolina Railroad/Norfolk Southern (NCR/NS) track into a grade separated crossing. A grade separation means using a bridge to separate intersecting roads and/or railroads. The proposed grade separation is part of an effort to reduce the number of redundant and/or unsafe rail-highway at-grade crossings statewide. In addition, the NCR/NS track will be realigned to provide better railroad operations. Also included as part of the proposed project is the Church Street rail crossing closure and street extension.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Marc Hamel, Environmental & Planning Branch, Rail Division at 1553 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1553, phone (919) 733-7245 ext 270, or email mhamel@ncdot.gov.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Hamel as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.