

NOTICE OF A CORRIDOR PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR THE US 221 - PROPOSED RUTHERFORDTON BYPASS  
FROM US 74 BYPASS TO SR 1366 (ROPER LOOP ROAD)

TIP Project No. R-2233B

Rutherford County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Pre-Hearing Open House and Public Hearing on Monday, January 26, 2009 at Rutherfordton-Spindale High School located at 641 US 221 Hwy North, Rutherfordton, 28139.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the Pre-Hearing Open House between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments relative to 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.

A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed corridor location, design, right of way, relocation requirements/procedures, and the state-federal relationship. The hearing will be open to those present for statements, questions and comments. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a transcript will be prepared. There are currently four (4) alternatives under consideration. Public input will be used in selecting the most favorable alternative.

The project calls for the construction of the US 221 Bypass of Rutherfordton. The proposed bypass will provide for a four-lane, median divided roadway. Portions of the bypass will be constructed on new location. The total length of the project ranges from 8 to 10 miles, depending on the alternative chosen. The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce congestion, improve safety, and improve travel time for traffic using the US 221 corridor in the vicinity of Rutherfordton. Additional right of way and the relocation of homes and businesses will be required for this project.

A map displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the environmental document, State Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS), are available for public review at the NCDOT County Maintenance Yard, 909 Ledbetter Road, Spindale, 28160; the Spindale Town Hall, 103 Rezeley Street, Spindale, 28160; the Rutherfordton Town Manager's Office, 129 North Main Street, Rutherfordton, 28139; and the Isothermal Rural Planning Organization, 111 West Court Street, Rutherfordton, 28139. The maps are available for viewing online at [www.regionc.org](http://www.regionc.org).

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Kimberly Hinton, Human Environment Unit at 1583 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1583, phone:(919) 715-1595, or email: [khinton@ncdot.gov](mailto:khinton@ncdot.gov). Additional material may be submitted until February 20, 2009.

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