



PROPOSED RELOCATION OF OLD BEATTY FORD ROAD (SR 1221)

State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. W-5516

Upcoming Public Hearing

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a public hearing in June regarding a proposed safety project to relocate Old Beatty Ford Road (SR 1221) from its intersection with Bostian Road (SR 1210 / 1221) to Lentz Road (SR 1337) in Rowan County.

The hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 24 at the Kannapolis Moose Family Center, located at 990 Old Beatty Ford Road in China Grove from 4 p.m. to 7p.m. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the meeting hours, as there will be no formal presentation.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and listen to comments regarding the project. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit comments and questions in writing.

Maps displaying the location of the project and a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available for public review at:

Town of China Grove, 402 N. Main St. – Suite 204, Salisbury;
Town of Landis, 312 S. Main St., Landis;
Rowan County Planning & Development, 402 N. Main St. – Suite 204, Salisbury; and the
NCDOT District Office, 4770 S. Main St., Salisbury.

Copies of the EA and maps are also available on the project website:

<http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/publicmeetings/>

Project Description

The project will construct a two-lane road on new location with a new grade separation over I-85. The bridge carrying existing Old Beatty Ford Road over I-85 will be removed as part of this project.

The 3.1-mile project will require additional right-of-way acquisition. The purpose of this project is to improve safety on Old Beatty Ford Road and the I-85 bridge by reducing the frequency of crashes that have resulted in fatal and non-fatal injuries.

A secondary purpose is to improve the deficient bridge over I-85. It will improve the pavement width, shoulders, and roadway curves. These treatments have been proven to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes when applied to similar roadways experiencing similar crash patterns.

NCDOT evaluated two alternatives. Alternative 1 generally follows existing Old Beatty Ford Road and flattens a number of curves resulting in a straighter roadway. Alternative 2 (Recommended) begins near the intersection with Bostian Road, extends on new location to Lentz Road, follows Lentz Road to Old Beatty Ford Road, and includes cul-de-sacs on existing Old Beatty Ford Road on each side of I-85.

NCDOT recommends Alternative 2 because it has the lowest cost, relocates fewer residences and businesses, affects the least number of properties, and diverts most of the design year traffic from the existing roadway to a new location with fewer access points.

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

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English or have a limited ability to read, speak, or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.



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