

NCDOT TO HOLD PRE-HEARING OPEN HOUSES AND CORRIDOR PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE CAPE FEAR CROSSING PROJECT

TIP Project No. U-4738

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold two (2) Pre-Hearing Open Houses and Corridor Public Hearings regarding the proposed Cape Fear Crossing Project. The open houses and public hearings will be held on April 29, and 30. Please note that the same information will be presented at both meetings.

The Cape Fear Crossing is an approximately 9.5-mile proposed road and high-level bridge over the Cape Fear River that would help improve traffic flow and enhance freight movements from U.S. 17 and I-140 in Brunswick County to U.S. 421 near the Port of Wilmington in southern New Hanover County.

NCDOT, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), has approved the Cape Fear Crossing Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The DEIS contains a summary of the purpose and need of the project and the impacts associated with the various route locations under consideration. With the DEIS now available to the public, the formal review period has begun. The open houses and hearings provide an opportunity for the public to make formal comments that will be included in the project record. These comments will be considered in the selection of the Preferred Alternative for the project.

The two (2) open houses and hearings are scheduled at the following times and locations:

- **Monday, April 29, 2019**
John T. Hoggard High School Cafeteria
4305 Shipyard Boulevard, Wilmington, NC
Open House: 5 - 6:30 p.m., Hearing: 7 p.m.
Note: This hearing presentation will be streamed live via Facebook. See project website for details.

- **Tuesday, April 30, 2019**
North Brunswick High School Gym
114 Scorpion Drive, Leland, NC
Open House: 5 - 6:30 p.m., Hearing: 7 p.m.
Note: This hearing presentation will be streamed live via Facebook. See project website for details.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the open houses to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The opportunity to provide verbal comments and/or submit written comments and questions will be provided. The public may attend at any time during the above hours.

The formal presentations will consist of an explanation of the location of the six (6) detailed study alternatives, right of way and relocation requirements and procedures. The public will have the opportunity to comment. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a written transcript will be prepared.

Copies of the DEIS and maps showing the six (6) detailed study alternatives are available for review at the following locations, through May 16th:

- NCDOT—Division 3 Office, 5501 Barbados Boulevard, Castle Hayne
- Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Office, 305 Chestnut Street, Wilmington
- Leland Town Hall, 102 Town Hall Drive, Leland

Copies of the DEIS are also available for review at the following locations, through May 16th:

- State Library of North Carolina, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh
- New Hanover County Public Library, Main Campus, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington
- Northeast Regional Library, 1241 Military Cutoff Road, Wilmington
- Leland Library, 487 Village Road NE, Leland
- New Hanover County Public Library, Myrtle Grove, 5155 S. College Road, Wilmington

- Brunswick County Library, 109 W Moore Street, Southport

The DEIS and maps are also be available for review on the project website at www.ncdot.gov/projects/cape-fear-crossing.

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, will be issuing a public notice describing the ongoing process in choosing the LEDPA (Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative) for the subject project, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. That public notice will be available at this website: www.saw.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryPermitProgram.aspx.

For additional information, please contact Jamille Robbins, NCDOT Public Involvement, Community Studies & Visualization Group Leader, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1598. You may also contact the project team through our toll-free hotline at 1-800-233-6315, or via email at capefear@ncdot.gov. In addition, comments may be submitted electronically using the project's website or NCDOT's online engagement portal: www.publicinput.com/CapeFear-Crossing. Comments may be submitted through May 16, 2019.

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 Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Interpretive services will be provided at each meeting.

Persons who 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.

Aquellas personas que no hablan inglés o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.