



MEMORANDUM

Project Number: STIP Project U-5307
(US 1 Improvements, Wake County)

Details: Summary of the U-5307 Public Hearing
June 21, 2023

OVERVIEW

The U-5307 project proposes to upgrade approximately 10 miles of U.S. 1 from I-540 in Raleigh to Purnell Road/Harris Road in Wake Forest to a controlled-access freeway. As part of the project development process, a Public Hearing was held for the U-5307 on June 21, 2023, at Living Word Family Church on Star Road in Wake Forest. **The purpose of the Hearing was to receive comments on the project environmental document, the Environmental Assessment (EA), and the NCDOT Recommended Alternative.**

Two rounds of notifications announcing the Public Hearing were completed. The initial announcement of the Hearing was in local newspapers and on the radio on May 22, 2023. The second announcement was via postcard to addresses in the project vicinity and reached nearly 6,000 citizens.

Updated project information and Public Hearing materials were also made available on the project website, <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/capital-boulevard-upgrade/>. Comments were received using the NCDOT Public Engagement Platform webpage for this project <https://publicinput.com/capital-boulevard-upgrade>.

LOCAL OFFICIALS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Local officials were invited to a meeting prior to the Public Meeting and given the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed project, give input on desired improvements, and share any concerns related to the project or surrounding area. Local officials were given a brief presentation by the project team followed by an open Q&A session. Four (4) local officials attended this presentation.

OPEN HOUSE

Following the Local Officials Informational Meeting, an open house style meeting was held from 4:00 to 6:30 PM where the public was able to view maps and discuss the proposed project with project team representatives. A total of 137 citizens attended the open house.



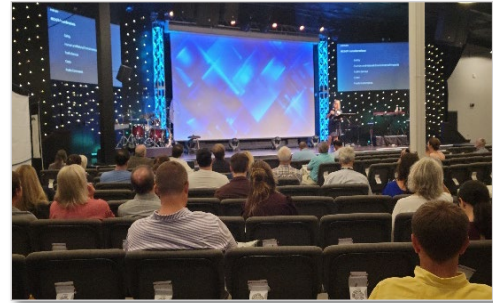
Attendees were encouraged to review the project maps of the NCDOT Recommended Alternatives and discuss questions or concerns they have with the Project Team. Additional representatives from NCDOT Noise and Air Quality and Right-of-Way groups were present to discuss the project with attendees.



PUBLIC HEARING

Beginning at 7:00 PM, NCDOT gave a presentation on the U-5307 project and outlined the Environmental Assessment and the NCDOT Recommended Alternative. Topics included:

- ❖ Purpose of the Public Hearing
- ❖ Project Overview
- ❖ Project Alternatives
- ❖ Project Cost and Impacts
- ❖ Right-of-Way Process
- ❖ Next Steps



Following the presentation, the public was offered the opportunity to speak and provide feedback where four (4) citizens provided verbal comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

An official comment period was open from May 22, 2023, through July 7, 2023. Just over 100 comments were received during this time frame. Approximately 2,600 website hits were registered in the two months following publication in late May 2023.

Below is a general overview of the comments received at the Public Hearing and during the comment period.

General Comment Totals by Category	Comment Total
Bike/Ped and Transit	10
Funding and Project Timeline	10
General Support or Opposition	8
Public Hearing	4
ROW Impacts	4
Private Development and Environmental Impacts	3
General Service Road Impacts	3
Special Use Lanes	2
Travel Times	1
Emissions/Carbon Footprint	1
Total	46

Location Specific Comment Totals	Comment Total
US 1 Overall	9
I-540 Interchange	1
Gresham Lake Road	16
Durant Road/Perry Creek Road Interchange	10
Burlington Mills Road Interchange	8
Ponderosa Service Road	2
Star Road	1
Falls of Neuse Road/S Main Street Interchange	1
NC 98 Bypass Interchange	3
NC 98 Business Interchange	2
Stadium Drive/Jenkins Road Overpass	2
Purnell Road/Harris Road Interchange	4
Total	59



MUNICIPAL COMMENTS

The City of Raleigh, Town of Wake Forest, GoTriangle (regional transit), and the Regional Transportation Alliance also submitted comments during the public comment period. These comments were similar to the comments received following Public Meeting No. 2 in December 2021 and covered a range of topics, including: service/connector roadways and their typical sections, bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, greenways, transit accommodations, property access, crossings over U.S. 1 and crossings over the Neuse River.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Following the Public Hearing, NCDOT developed responses to all comments received. These responses are available on the project website, <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/capital-boulevard-upgrade/>. Additional coordination is ongoing with local and agency partners as we work towards the preferred alternative this fall.