

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
FOR US 52 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS FROM I-40 BYPASS TO NC 65**

TIP Project No. U-2826B

Forsyth County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Pre-Hearing Open House 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and a Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 10, 2008 in the Auditorium of the Kennedy Learning Center, 1000 North Highland Avenue, Winston-Salem.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the Pre-Hearing Open House 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 location, design, funding, and right of way and relocation requirements and procedures. 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. Additional comments may be submitted by April 10, 2008.

NCDOT is proposing to reduce the number of crashes and improve mobility along this section of US 52. The combinations of the following proposed improvements are under consideration:

- Using the current shoulders as travel lanes from I-40 Business/US 421 to Martin Luther King Jr. Drive (one additional lane in each direction),
- Closing Ramps along US 52 at Stadium Drive, Third Street and Fifth Street,
- Additions to the existing Intelligent Transportation System (traffic cameras, traffic signals, signage, and more).

A map displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the environmental document –Environmental Assessment (EA) – are available for public review at the Winston-Salem City Hall South, 100 East First Street, Room 307, Winston-Salem, and at the NCDOT Division Office located at 375 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem. The map may also be viewed online at <http://www.dot.cityofws.org>

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Kimberly Hinton, Human Environment Unit at 1583 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1583, by phone (919) 715-1595, by fax (919) 715-1501, or by email khinton@dot.state.nc.us.

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.