

**NC Department of Transportation
Public Hearing for the Proposed NC 87
Road Improvements from US-74/76 in Columbus County
to the Elizabethtown Bypass
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What Happened: NCDOT representatives were available at a pre-hearing open house to answer questions and receive comments on the proposed location, right of way acquisition, relocation requirements/procedures and funding source for the proposed NC 87 road improvements from US 74-76 in Columbus County to the Elizabethtown bypass.

Interested Parties: property owners along this stretch of highway

The following information comes from the NCDOT handout.

The NCDOT project calls for widening the existing two-lane roadway to a four-lane roadway with a 46-foot median and with a 23-foot raised median in Riegelwood. The proposed project is approximately 30 miles long. Interchanges are proposed at existing NC 87/NC 11 and NC 87/ US 74-76 along the existing NC 87 from the Elizabethtown bypass to US 74-76 along the existing NC 87 route. Alternative B would widen existing NC 87 from the Elizabethtown Bypass to NC 11, rerouting NC 87 along NC 11 and continuing east to the existing US 74-76/NC 87 intersection.

The purpose of the proposed project is to improve mobility and reduce travel time along the NC 87 corridor between Elizabethtown and US 74-76. 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 projects and a copy of the State Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) are available for public review at the NC DOT District Office,
1194 Prison Camp Road
Whiteville, 28472

The maps are available for viewing online at
http://www.ncdot.gov/doh/preconstruct/highway/roadway/hearingmaps_by_county/county/Columbus.html

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