



NC Department of Transportation

RAIL DIVISION

CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP #2 FOR TIP No. P-3414N

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Proposed Construction of Additional Track Along the North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) / Norfolk Southern Railway (NS) from Haydock (South of Concord) to Junker (Northeast of Charlotte) Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Counties

Welcome! The agenda for this evening's workshop is informal. Mapping and aerial photographs of the project area are on display. Representatives from the NCDOT Rail Division, their consultants, and NCRR are here to discuss your concerns, receive comments and answer questions.

Proposed Improvements The NCDOT Rail Division proposes to construct an additional railroad track adjacent to the existing railroad track along the NCRR / Norfolk Southern (NS) between "Haydock" (south of NC 49 near Concord) and "Junker" (at Orr Road in northeast Charlotte). Construction of the 12.2-mile section of second main track will be on the east side of the existing track from Haydock to north of Pharr Mill Road and on the west side from north of Pharr Mill Road to Junker.

In addition to the second main track, other improvements include:

- Possible grade-separated crossing improvements near Pharr Mill Rd., Caldwell Rd., and Orr Rd./Newell Hickory Grove Rd. area.
- Possible at-grade crossing and intersection improvements at Robinson Church Rd.
- Possible new service road southeast of the railroad between Caldwell Rd. and I-485 to close selected private crossings.
- Evaluate closing the at-grade crossings at Pharr Mill Rd., Shamrock Rd., Hickory Ridge Rd., Millbrook Rd., Newell Hickory Grove Rd., and Orr Rd.

- Evaluate realignment of curves in four separate locations to increase design speeds.
- Construct a new bridge at Coddle Creek for mainline tracks and retain the existing bridge.
- Upgrade the existing Rocky River bridge.

Why Are Improvements Needed?

The proposed project is one of three double track projects along the rail corridor between Thomasville and Charlotte, the busiest corridor in North Carolina. The project corridor is also part of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor (SEHSR), which when complete, will provide high speed passenger rail service between Washington DC and Charlotte. The proposed project would increase the overall corridor capacity and improve passenger train schedule reliability by allowing freight and passenger trains to quickly and efficiently maneuver around each other. It would also improve safety along the corridor.

What happens Next? Detailed planning, engineering, and environmental studies are underway. NCDOT is evaluating options to improve railroad operations and safety while reducing the project's effects on nearby communities and the environment. The following depicts the time schedule for this project:

- **Spring 2010:** *Environmental Assessment*
- **Summer 2010:** *Public Hearing*
- **Fall 2010:** *Final Environmental Document*
- **Fall 2010:** *Begin Right of Way Acquisition*
- **Early 2012:** *Begin Construction*

In addition to participating in the workshop, the study team is available for **informal meetings with neighborhood groups and civic organizations**. If you would like to receive future newsletters or meeting notices, **add your name to the mailing list** at the workshop or contact the study team.

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