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(CORRECTION: Please note corrected meeting address for the Country Club and Buena Vista neighborhoods.)

**NCDOT TO HOLD NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS MARCH 4-6
FOR BUSINESS 40 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN WINSTON-SALEM**

RALEIGH — The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold neighborhood meetings in Winston-Salem for a Business 40 improvement project March 4-6. Similar meetings will be scheduled over the next few weeks in neighborhoods throughout the city.

Each meeting will follow the same format, which includes a project description, an overview of the outreach process and the results of recent door-to-door surveys in the downtown area. The meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m., unless otherwise noted. For the week of March 4, meetings will be held for:

- Goler and Crystal Towers on Tuesday, March 4, at the Winston-Salem Urban League, 201 W. Fifth St.;
- Country Club and Buena Vista on Tuesday, March 4, in the R.J. Reynolds High School cafeteria, 301 N. Hawthorne Road; and
- Boston Thurmond, Drayton Pines, Kimberly Gateway Commons, Old Cherry, Providence Square and Reynolda Park on Thursday, March 6, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Paisley Middle School, 1400 Grant Ave.

Citizens are invited to attend and talk with NCDOT representatives as well as review general project information, including maps and displays. The meeting will begin with a formal project overview followed by a time for public comment. Comments and suggestions received will be considered as project plans are developed.

NCDOT proposes to improve a section of Business 40 in downtown Winston-Salem from just west of Fourth Street to east of Church Street. The project will include pavement rehabilitation, removing or replacing up to 11 bridges and improving entrance and exit ramps and shoulders, along with other work to upgrade the highway to modern design standards. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin in 2013.

Information is available on the project Web site www.business40nc.com, by calling the Business 40 Project Office at (336) 722-0565 or via e-mail at business40@business40nc.com. Citizens may also visit the project office at 234 S. Broad St. in Winston-Salem, during normal business hours.

NCDOT will provide American Sign Language and Spanish language interpreters. Childcare will be provided by the project consultant, Neighborhood Solutions Inc. Citizens needing other auxiliary aids and

services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for persons who wish to participate in this meeting should call the project office as soon as possible to make arrangements.

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