

MEETING SUMMARY (APRIL 5, 2005)

On April 5, 2005, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization's staff in conjunction with the Town of Indian Trail, Town of Stallings, Union County, and Town of Weddington, hosted a public meeting to receive citizen comments on the proposed realignment of Chestnut Lane as shown on the [Mecklenburg-Union Thoroughfare Plan](#). The meeting was held at Antioch Elementary School from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Over 4,000 notices were mailed to citizens within the [study area boundary](#) and approximately seventy individuals attended the meeting.

The meeting proceeded as follows:

Welcome –

- Staff formally introduced
- Meeting Protocol
- Purpose of the meeting
 - Chestnut Lane as shown on the Mecklenburg-Union Thoroughfare Plan is proposed to be realigned at a point along Chestnut Lane near Red Barn Trail and extend diagonally southwest until intersecting Weddington-Matthews Road and Forest Lawn Drive. The intersection is proposed to be reconfigured to create a four-way crossroad.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive public input on the proposed realignment as shown on the Thoroughfare Plan. If desired, develop alternate alignment options for the intent of determining the most appropriate future roadway network for the area.

Presentation of Issues & Challenges Concerning the Proposed Realignment –

- Current intersection at Weddington-Matthews Road and Forest Lawn Drive, (turning radii and “Y” intersection configuration)
- Proposed Chestnut Lane realignment
- Existing curves on Weddington-Matthews Road
- Potential development
- Traffic and congestion
- Property affected by the proposed realignment of Chestnut Lane

Question & Answer Period –

- Participants were given the opportunity to ask questions and express concerns

Breakout Groups –

- Citizens were divided into eight groups to participate in a hands on exercise. Each group was provided a [project area map](#), markers and given instructions to draw alternate alignment options that they felt would make good connections. Group participants worked together with minimal help from staff to develop alignment alternatives.

Suggested Alignments Presentations –

- Groups returned to the main assembly area to review alignments developed during the breakout sessions.
- Staff presented group maps and members for each group participated in the discussion.

Wrap-Up & Next Steps –

- Alignment suggestions will be evaluated by staff to determine which are feasible or not feasible. Staff will present all information at second public meeting.
- Staff noted that a study would need to be conducted prior to the next meeting for the purpose of determining traffic flow.
- The [meeting schedule](#) was reviewed.
- The meeting was brought to a close.