

**NOTICE OF A COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED
WIDENING OF SR 2188 (CHARLES STREET) FROM
SR 2181 (SUNSET DRIVE) TO SR 2100 (FRANKLIN STREET) IN MONROE**

TIP Project No. U-2547

Union County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Pre-Hearing Open House and a Combined Public Hearing on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at the National Guard Armory – Assembly Hall located at 700 Charles Street, Monroe.

NCDOT representatives will be available at the Pre-Hearing Open House between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. 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, 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.

NCDOT proposes to widen SR 2188 (Charles Street) to a three-lane roadway. The project limits extend from SR 2181 (Sunset Drive) to SR 2100 (Franklin Street). In addition, sidewalks are proposed to be constructed on both sides of the project. There are two alternatives currently proposed. The first alternative proposes widening to three lanes with roundabouts at Sunset Drive, Greene Street, and Houston Street/Everette Avenue. The second alternative proposes widening to three lanes with the addition of a traffic signal and right turn lanes at Sunset Drive. The purpose of the project is to improve the connection between Sunset Drive and Franklin Street. The secondary purpose is to provide pedestrians a safe route along Charles Street from the nearby Monroe Middle School and the J. Ray Shute Recreation Center. 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 project and a copy of the environmental document – State Environmental Assessment (SEA) - are available for public review at the Monroe City Hall located at 300 W. Crowell Street, Monroe, and at the NCDOT Resident Engineer's Office located at 1501 Charlotte Avenue, Monroe. The map may also be viewed online at www.mumpo.org.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Mr. Jamille Robbins, Human Environment Unit at 1583 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1583, phone (919) 715-1534, or email jrobbins@dot.state.nc.us. Additional material may be submitted until November 30, 2007.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.