

What We Heard

1,000+ participants

26,000+ individual data points

1,800+ written comments

The Eastern Lincoln Mobility Study has included extensive community engagement through meetings, workshops, and an online survey. This multi-layered engagement strategy taps into the local knowledge of stakeholders, local officials, and the public. What we heard during these activities is critical to understanding growth and the demands that growth is placing on the study area's critical corridors and important intersections. In addition to the engagement activities, the study is taking a deep dive into existing and projected traffic conditions, identifying and evaluating transportation solutions of all sizes and complexity, and recommending an action plan.

What We Heard

- ❖ Many residents are concerned about the amount of growth in the study area and how infrastructure can keep up.
- ❖ Traffic and safety were the two most dominant themes. Traffic along NC 16 Business and NC 73 was frequently noted. The most frequently identified safety concerns were the u-turns on the bypass and the intersection of NC 16 Business, N Pilot Knob Rd, and Hagers Ferry Rd.
- ❖ People recognize our roads and intersections cannot handle traffic during the busiest times of the week.
- ❖ More connectivity would be helpful.
- ❖ Many comments noted the need to ensure the transportation network has a positive influence on economic development and quality of life.
- ❖ People want to use the bypass but limited connectivity and the current u-turn configuration limits the practicality. They also agreed that traffic on NC 16 would be improved if more people could use the bypass.
- ❖ People indicated they would walk or bike more if it was safer and/or easier.
- ❖ Participants desired a mix of smaller and larger projects.

See the summaries in your workshop packet for more information!

May 30, 2019

Kickoff Meeting

The Kickoff Meeting allowed the public to learn more about the project team, study area, and study process. Attendees completed worksheets designed to better understand expectations for the study, which topics should be emphasized, and who should join the conversation. A facilitated large-group discussion also was held. Feedback collected at the Kickoff Meeting helped shape the format of the Community Workshop.



July 23, 2019

Community Workshop

This interactive workshop included boards and exhibits with background information and several activity stations to collect input. The workshop focused on eight transportation considerations based on an initial list presented at the Kickoff Meeting. Participants ranked the considerations and responded to statements about each topic. A mapping station with a large-scale plot was a centerpiece of the workshop.



July 23, 2019 to September 2, 2019

Online Survey

The survey offered an additional opportunity for the public and stakeholders to offer input transportation issues and preferences in eastern Lincoln County. The survey was designed to ask similar questions to those asked at the July 23, 2019 Community Workshop. It included five interactive screens to educate the public about the project and collect feedback.

