

Kickoff For East Lincoln Mobility Study

Thursday



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The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners approved an Eastern Lincoln **Mobility** Study on May 6th to examine existing and project travel conditions in the fast-growing eastern portion of the County. A kickoff meeting related to that study is scheduled for this Thursday evening (May 30th) at the East Lincoln Community Center. The meeting has also been scheduled as a County Commissioners Special Meeting.



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The study will review existing and projected traffic congestion, identify and evaluate transportation design alternatives, and recommend an action plan for implementation. The process will take into consideration projects that have been approved and are in various stages of design and implementation.

"The Eastern Lincoln **Mobility** Study has the opportunity to truly impact the future of this area of Lincoln County. We look forward to working with elected officials, staff, and the community to identify priorities and set forth a plan of action," said Jonathan Whitehurst, Senior Planner at Kimley-Horn and Project Manager.

"While we're officially kicking off the Eastern Lincoln **Mobility** Study May 30th, work on the study is well underway. Traffic counts were collected the week of May 13th to ensure we captured school traffic, and we've begun to compile crash data and build the traffic model. We'll use the kickoff meeting to describe the study area and explain the methodology that will be used to understand existing—and future—conditions," said Jonathan Guy, Vice President at Kimley-Horn.

County Planning Director Andrew Bryant said he is excited about the study: "This study will be the first of its kind for Lincoln County with the goal of identifying and prioritizing long and short term transportation projects for the area. The County is looking forward to the opportunity to work closely with the project team which includes staff from Kimley-Horn, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization and key stakeholders within the community. Input into this process from all parties will help to shape how the County can best prepare and react to growth."

The project kickoff meeting will be the first of up to four meetings to review progress with staff and elected officials. The first meeting will include a project overview, review of the study corridors and intersections, and discussions centered on goals, objectives, issues, and needs.

A Community Workshop has been scheduled for July 23rd, also 7 - 8:30 PM, at the East Lincoln Community Center. The first of two community workshops, it will be an interactive open house. Participants can drop-in any time to learn more about the project and provide input on issues and needs. An online survey will also be made available.

For additional information call 980-429-6268.



