

NC DOT has a prioritization process for transportation improvements called Strategic Transportation Investment (STI). The state is divided into 14 Divisions, we are a part of Division 4. This process directs the Division levels of NC DOT to assign points to local transportation projects rating the needs and feasibility of the requested project. These points are combined with a data driven score to receive a final score for each project on the Regional and Division levels. These projects are then ranked against other projects and funded according to funding availability.

Thursday June 26, 2014 the NC DOT Division 4 kicked off its 30-day public comment period for the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) point distribution results. This open forum meeting was held at the Agriculture Center in Wilson, North Carolina. The Division DOT Representatives were present to explain the process and to answer any question relative to the process. The comment period will remain open until Friday July 25, 2014. Comment can be made online at www.ncdot.gov.

Instruction to make comments:

- Go to the www.ncdot.gov website
- Click the link for "Strategic Transportation Investments" midway the page
- Click the link "Public Workshops/Meetings" to the upper left side of the page
- Scroll down to the "meeting information" section
- Locate the Division 4 section, to the left of the page
- Scroll down to the "STI Comment Card" link
- Complete the comment section and "Save", note where you saved the comment card
- Attach the "saved" comment card to an email addressed to strategicplanning@ncdot.gov

Public comment are an important part of this process. These comments will be collected by the NC DOT Staff and become a part of the records for this review period.

A sound transportation network of highways and roads is a vital part to maintaining an economically viable community.