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Mr. Mike Kozlosky
Executive Director
Wilmington Urban Area MPO
929 N. Front Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Dear Mr. Kozlosky,

SUBJECT: Federal Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Federal DEIS) for Proposed Independence Boulevard Extension, NCDOT Project No. U-4434, New Hanover County, North Carolina

NCDOT has completed a Federal DEIS. The documentation can be accessed at the following link:

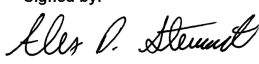
[Independence Boulevard Extension Federal DEIS](#)

Distribution of the Federal DEIS is being made on behalf of the Federal Highway Administration in accordance with 23 CFR 771. The statement was prepared in compliance with the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act and is being submitted to the State Clearinghouse, area wide planning agencies and the county and city involved. The document is being distributed for review to other agencies as appropriate.

You are requested to furnish us comments on each alternative, with respect to the environmental considerations over which your agency has jurisdiction by law or expertise. Your preference of an alternative and reasons are invited.

Any comments concerning the Federal DEIS should be forwarded to Alex Stewart, P.E. at adstewart2@ncdot.gov. Your comments should be received by January 16, 2026. To send in comments, [PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK](#) or include "U-4434 Federal DEIS Comments – deadline 01/16/2026" in the subject line.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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