Public Hearing Notice

This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than September 16, 2013 by the county of Wilson. The public hearing will be held on September 9, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Wilson County commissioners meeting in the Wilson County Office Building located at 2201 Miller Road, Wilson, NC 27894. Wilson County will provide auxiliary aids and services under the ADA for disabled persons who wish to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Marvin Sharpe, Transportation Planner, as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

The programs included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application are:

- 1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of elderly and disabled citizens.
- 2. Employment Transportation Assistance Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons with employment related transportation needs.
- 3. Rural General Public (RGP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons living in non-urban areas of the county.

The period of performance for Rural Operating Assistance Program funds is <u>July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014</u>. The FY2014 ROAP individual program totals are:

| PROGRAM | TOTAL |
|---------|-----------|
| EDTAP | \$80,587 |
| EMPL | \$22,817 |
| RGP | \$70,271 |
| TOTAL | \$173,675 |

This application may be inspected at the <u>Wilson County Transportation Office</u> located at <u>2201 Miller Road South, Wilson, NC 27894</u> from <u>8:00am – 4:00pm, August 28 – September 6, 2013.</u> Written comments should be directed to <u>Marvin Sharpe, Transportation Planner, PO Box 1728, Wilson, NC 27893, before <u>September 6, 2013</u>.</u>

Note: The public hearing notices must be published at least once, not less than seven (7) days and not more than fourteen (14) days before the scheduled public hearing. This notice must be published in Spanish if the county has 1000 or more persons that speak Spanish at home, and have limited English proficiency. A list is provided in Appendix B of the ROAP State Management Plan. An original copy of the published Public Hearing Notice must be attached to a signed Affidavit of Publication. Both the Public Hearing Notice and the Affidavit of Publication must be submitted with the Rural Operating Assistance Program application.