



## PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM NO. 18.

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 21, 2011

**REQUESTED BY:** Kyle M. Breuer, Director, Planning & Community Development Department

**SHORT TITLE:** Public Hearing for the U.S. Highway 17/N.C. 210 Corridor Study

**BACKGROUND:** The Wilmington Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and the North Carolina Board of Transportation commissioned the study of the US 17 and NC 210 Corridors within Pender County to identify near term strategies to address safety and mobility deficiencies on US 17 and NC 210 in Hampstead. The objective was to identify practical strategies that are consistent with the vision for Hampstead, that reduce the rate of injuries and fatalities in traffic crashes, reduce travel delay, and improve travel for pedestrians and bicyclists. The study report describes a preferred access plan for US 17 from Washington Acres Road to Sloop Point Loop Road (a distance of 5.66 miles) and for NC 210 from US 17 to Island Creek Road (a distance of 3.72 miles).

Once public comment has been received on the draft study, planning staff and the Wilmington Metropolitan Planning Organization will make any necessary changes and bring the report back for the Board's consideration at the December 12, 2011 Board of County Commissioners meeting.

**SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED:** To hold a public hearing and consider comments for the US 17/NC 210 Corridor Study.