

NOTICE OF CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP(S) FOR THE PROPOSED
REACTIVATION OF THE PIEDMONT AND NORTHERN RAILROAD (P&NR) IN
THE VICINITY OF MOUNT HOLLY, GASTONIA, AND BELMONT, AND
IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CEDAR YARD IN UPTOWN CHARLOTTE

WBS No. 42505

Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold two Citizens Informational Workshops for the above-mentioned rail reactivation and rail improvement project. These workshops will be identical and are being held at the following times and locations:

- **Tuesday, February 10, 2009: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., City of Gastonia - Adult Recreation Center, 519 W. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, 28053**
- **Monday, February 16, 2009: 5:00 – 7:00 pm., Catawba Heights Elementary School - Multi-Purpose Room, 101 Ivey Street, Belmont, 28012**
- **A third workshop is being planned for the Charlotte area in March**

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the rail project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will be provided. Interested citizens may attend either workshop at any time during the above mentioned hours. Please note: there will be no formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to reactivate rail service along the existing P&NR track lines between Mount Holly and Gastonia, and plans to make improvements to the Belmont Spur track in anticipation that service will be reactivated there in the future. Improvements to the Cedar Yard in Uptown Charlotte for possible future use are also included in the study.

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NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Hamel as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.