

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP 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

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Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has held two Citizens Informational Workshops for the above-mentioned rail reactivation and rail improvement project. A third workshop for the project will be identical and is being held between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00PM on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at the Phillip O. Berry Recreation Center-Meeting Room, located at 440 Tuckaseegee Road, Charlotte, 28208.

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.