

**Join us for Citizens Informational Workshops**  
**GASTON EAST-WEST CONNECTOR**  
**“Garden Parkway”**

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOUTHERN GASTON COUNTY AREA FROM I-85 TO I-485/NC 160

STIP Project No. U-3321

Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold three Citizens Informational Workshops to discuss the proposed Gaston East-West Connector (also known as the Garden Parkway) project.

**Workshop #1:**  
**Wednesday, August 6, 2008**  
**4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Olympic High School**  
**4301 Sandy Porter Road**  
**Charlotte**

**Workshop #2:**  
**Thursday, August 7, 2008**  
**4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**South Point High School**  
**906 South Point Road**  
**Belmont**

**Workshop #3:**  
**Monday, August 11, 2008**  
**4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Gastonia Adult Recreation Center**  
**519 West Franklin Boulevard**  
**Gastonia**

Representatives of the project study team will present information, answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The informal setting is designed to promote discussion on issues such as the purpose and need for the project, study alternatives, stakeholder issues and concerns, and future steps in the project development process. The same information will be presented at all workshops. There will not be a formal presentation – participants are encouraged to drop in at any time between 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Interested persons may also submit written comments or questions to the address below.

NCTA proposes to improve east-west travel through Gaston County by constructing a new facility between I-85 west of Gastonia and I-485/NC 160 near the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport in western Mecklenburg County. Several alternative corridor locations for this new facility are part of the study. As part of the project, NCTA will study the feasibility and impacts of developing the proposed project as a toll road.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Jennifer Harris, NCTA, at 1578 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1578, phone (919) 571-3000, or email, [gaston@ncturnpike.org](mailto:gaston@ncturnpike.org). A study area map and other project-related information can be viewed on the project website at [www.ncturnpike.org/projects/gaston](http://www.ncturnpike.org/projects/gaston).

NCTA will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in the workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Harris by Monday, July 28, 2008 so that arrangements can be made.