

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE
PROPOSED I-77 HIGH OCCUPANCY/TOLL (HOT) LANES
FROM I-277 (BROOKSHIRE FREEWAY) TO WEST CATAWBA AVENUE (EXIT 28)

STIP Project No. I-5405

Mecklenburg County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), in partnership with the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will hold a Citizens Information Workshop for the above project on the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, May 9, 2012 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the Cornelius Town Hall Community Room, located at 21445 Catawba Avenue in Cornelius, NC 28031
- Thursday, May 10, 2012 from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the NCDOT Traffic Management Center, located at 2327 Tipton Dr, Charlotte, NC 28206

The same information will be presented at both meetings. There will not be a formal presentation; citizens may come anytime.

The purpose of the project is to improve mobility and reduce congestion by managing the traffic flow along this critical portion of I-77. This approach will provide transportation options **resulting** in more reliable local trips and overall network efficiency.

The proposed project includes converting the existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-77 to High Occupancy/Toll (HOT) lanes, extending them north to Exit 28, possibly adding a second HOT lane in each direction. All improvements would occur within the existing right of way.

During the workshops, citizens can meet NCDOT and Project Team staff, and view aerial maps of the project area. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit written comments or questions, which will be considered during the design phase.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Virginia Mabry of NCDOT Transportation Program Management at 1595 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1595, by phone at (919) 707-6604, or via email at vmabry@ncdot.gov. Citizens can also contact the consultant project manager, Carl Gibilaro, with ATKINS at 5200 Seventy-Seven Center Drive, Suite 500, Charlotte, NC 28217, via phone at (704) 522-7275, or via email at carl.gibilaro@atkinsglobal.com.

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