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Project Purpose  
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### Why Is This Project Needed?

The goal of this project is to replace the existing trumpet interchange with a fully directional freeway-to-freeway interchange, tying I-485 to I-85.

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## I-485/I-85 Interchange Modification

*Transportation Improvement Program Project No. R-2123CE*

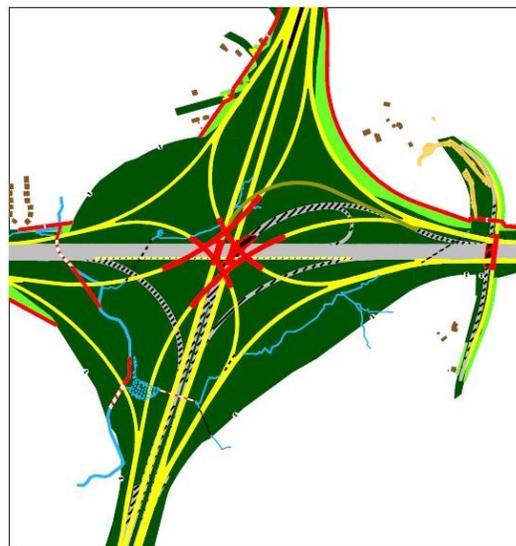
The North Carolina Department of Transportation has proposed to modify the existing I-485/I-85 trumpet interchange. In February 2009, a Citizens' Informational Workshop was held to present the two preliminary interchange design alternatives.

The project study team has selected the Four-Level interchange alternative as preferred with a realignment of the Mallard Creek Road bridge over I-85 to the north. A Categorical Exclusion (CE) document is being prepared to assess the impacts to the human and natural environment. Primary concerns include noise impacts to neighboring properties, stream and wetland impacts, and impacts to an endangered plant species.

Once the CE is complete, fall 2009, an Interchange Modification Report (IMR) is required. The IMR is required to show that the selected design (Four-Level interchange) will operate at acceptable levels of service. Once the CE and IMR are complete, the NCDOT can begin final design, right-of-way acquisition, and apply for necessary environmental permits. Subsequently, construction would occur.

### Design Public Meeting

You are invited to attend a Design Public Meeting on **Thursday, October 15, 2009**. The meeting will be open house format, so you may come and go any time **between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.** Computer animated visualization of the ramp modification and a brief continuous-loop PowerPoint will be presented. There will be no formal presentation. Maps of both the interchange modification (TIP R-2123CE) and the adjacent proposed section of I-485 from NC 115 to I-85 (TIP R-2248E) also will be available for viewing.



**Project Website:** <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/CharlotteOuterLoop/>



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INTERCHANGE



## You're Invited!!

**What:** Design Public Meeting for I-485/I-85 Interchange Modification

**When:** Thursday, October 15, 2009  
between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mallard Creek High School Cafeteria  
3825 Johnston-Oehler Road  
Charlotte, NC 28269

Children are welcome.

A "Kid's Table" with coloring books and crayons will be available.