

Local Officials Meeting

Gaston East-West Connector "Garden Parkway"



State Transportation Improvement Program
Project No. U-3321

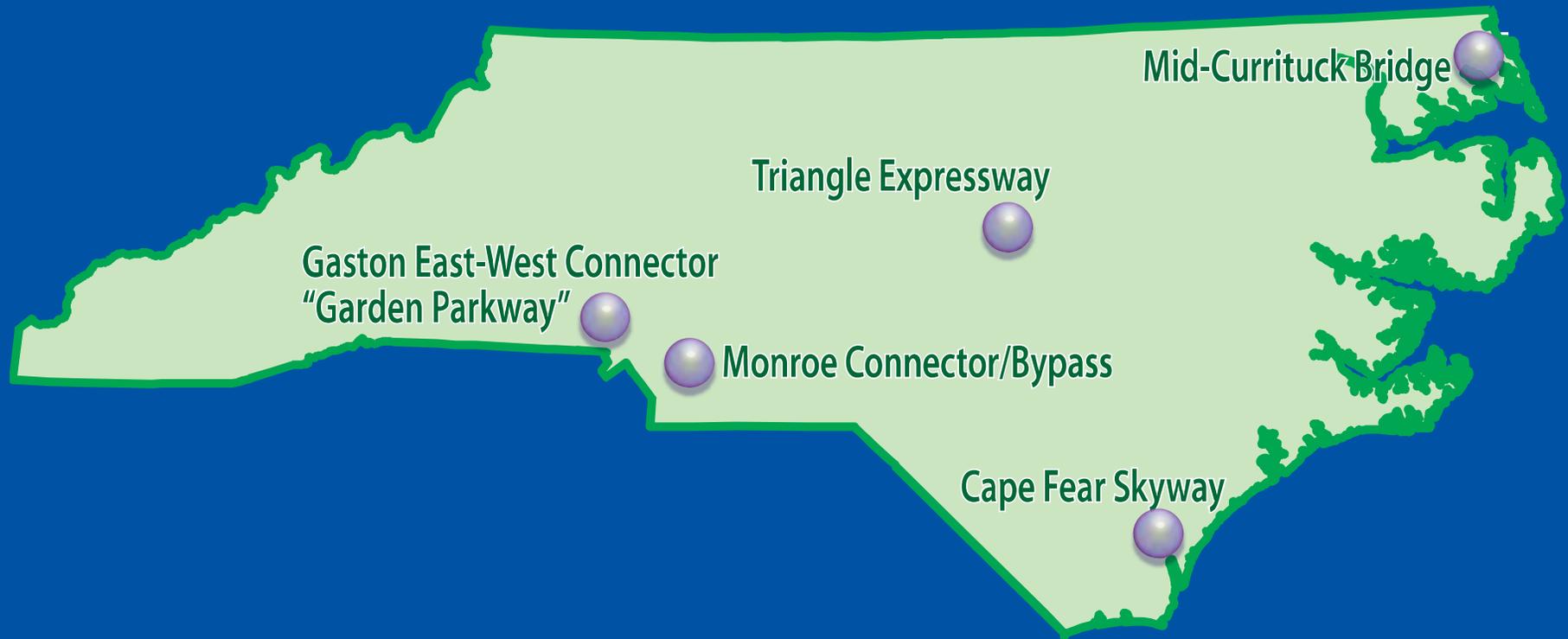
Agenda

- ◆ **The North Carolina Turnpike Authority**
- ◆ **NCTA Projects**
- ◆ **2008 Legislative Support**
- ◆ **The Garden Parkway Project**

North Carolina Turnpike Authority

- ◆ Created in 2002 to use alternative financing to pay for roads
- ◆ Authorized to plan, develop, construct, operate, and maintain up to 9 toll facilities – 5 approved projects

Candidate Toll Projects



2008 Legislative Support

- ◆ **Project “Gap” Funding (39 yrs annually)**
 - ◆ **Triangle Expressway (2008 - \$25m)**
 - ◆ **Monroe Connector/Bypass (2009 - \$24M)**
 - ◆ **Mid-Currituck Bridge (2009 - \$15m)**
 - ◆ **Garden Parkway (2010 - \$35m)**
- ◆ **Toll Violation Legislation**

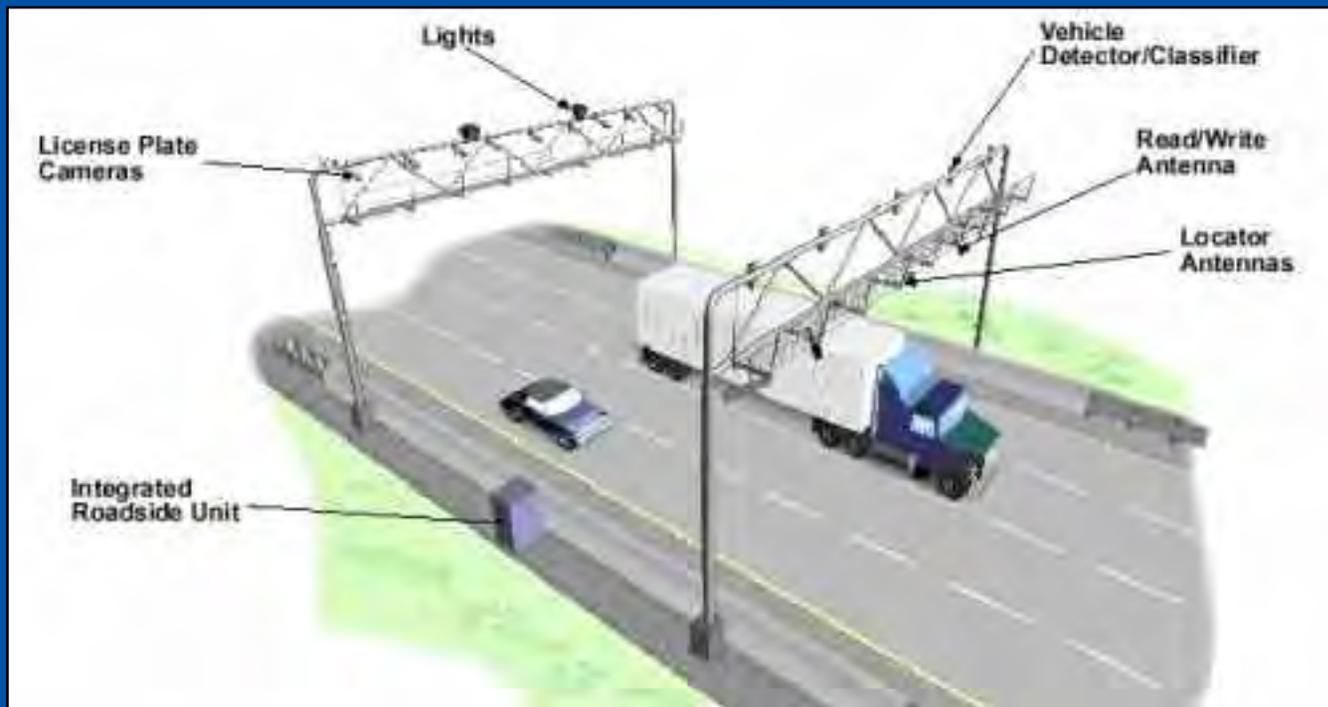
Toll Road Finance – Garden Parkway

US 321 to I-485/NC 160

	<u>\$ Millions</u>
Project Cost	\$ 765.4
Senior Bonds	\$ 416.9
TIFIA	\$ 339.4
Annual Gap	\$ 35.0
Plan of Finance begins	Oct. 2009

Toll Road Operations

Open Road Tolling



Toll Road-

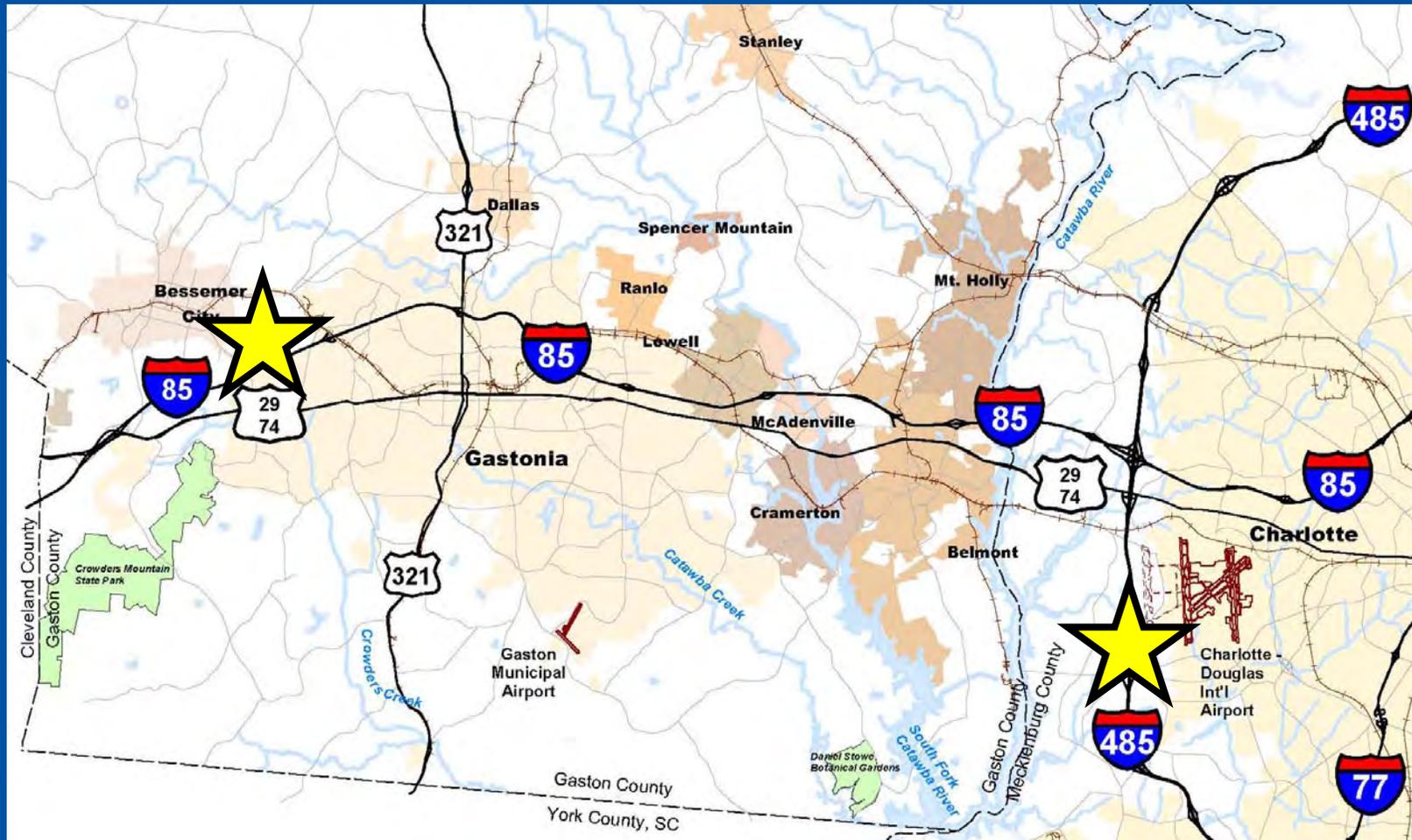
How much will tolls cost?

Tolls are based on:

- ◆ Cost of project
- ◆ Type of toll collection
- ◆ Travel distance
- ◆ Vehicle type
- ◆ Other factors

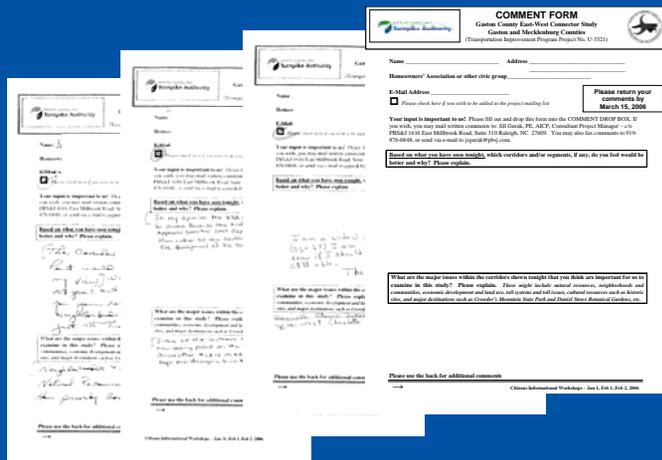
Typically range from 10 to 20 cents per mile

Garden Parkway Vicinity



Past Workshops

January/February 2006



COMMENT FORM
Gaston County East-West Connector Study
Gaston and Merklebury Counties
(Transportation Improvement Program Project No. 13322)

Name: _____ Address: _____
Organization? Association or other club/group: _____

Postal Address: _____ Please return your comments by March 25, 2006.

Please check here if you wish to be added to the project mailing list.

Your input is important to us! Please fill out and drop this form into the COMMENT DROP BOX, if you wish, you may mail return comments to: Bill Gresh, PE, AEP, Consultant Project Manager - c/o PWD&E 101 East Millbrook Road, Suite 210 Raleigh, NC 27608. You may also fax comments to 919-979-9100, or send the mail to 919/979-9100.

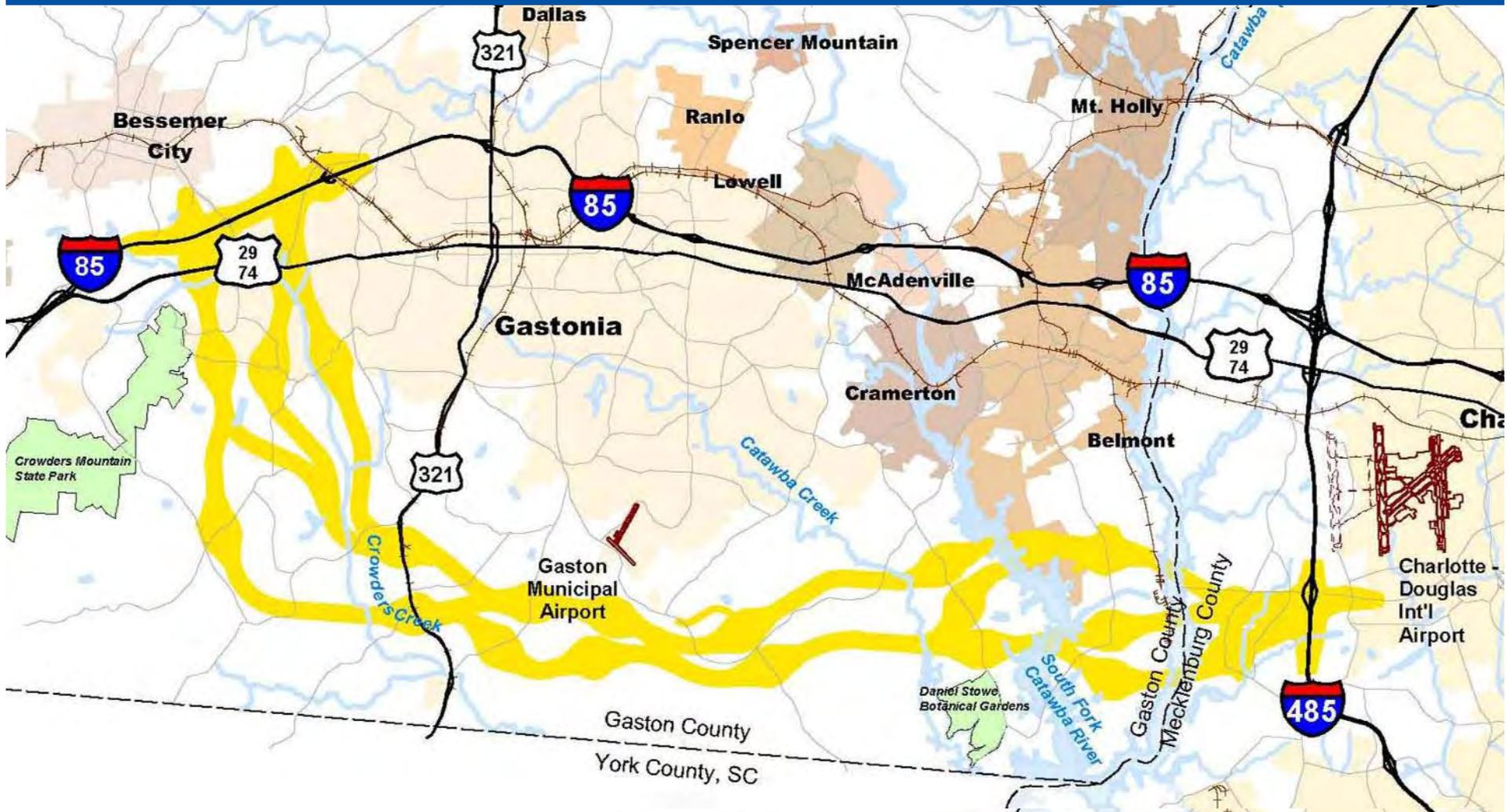
Based on what you know or think, which corridor and/or segments, if any, do you find would be better and why? Please explain.

What are the major issues within the corridors above tonight that you think are important for us to consider in this study? Please explain. These might include natural resources, neighborhood and community, economic development, cultural, historic and traditional, cultural resources and all other issues that you think are important to you. Please explain.

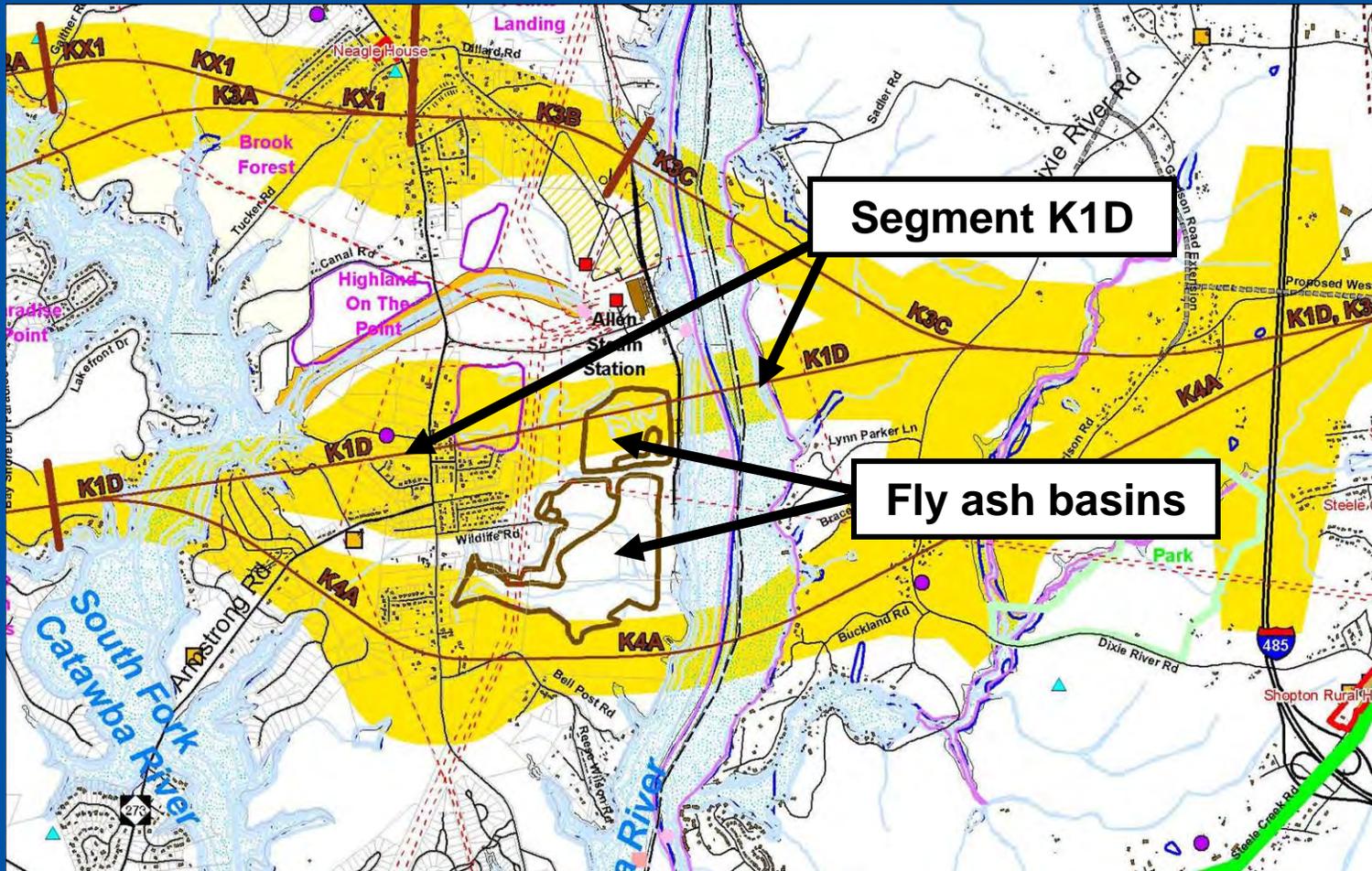
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Gaston Informational Workshop - Jan 1, Feb 1, Feb 3, 2006





Allen Steam Station





12 Detailed Study Alternatives now under consideration

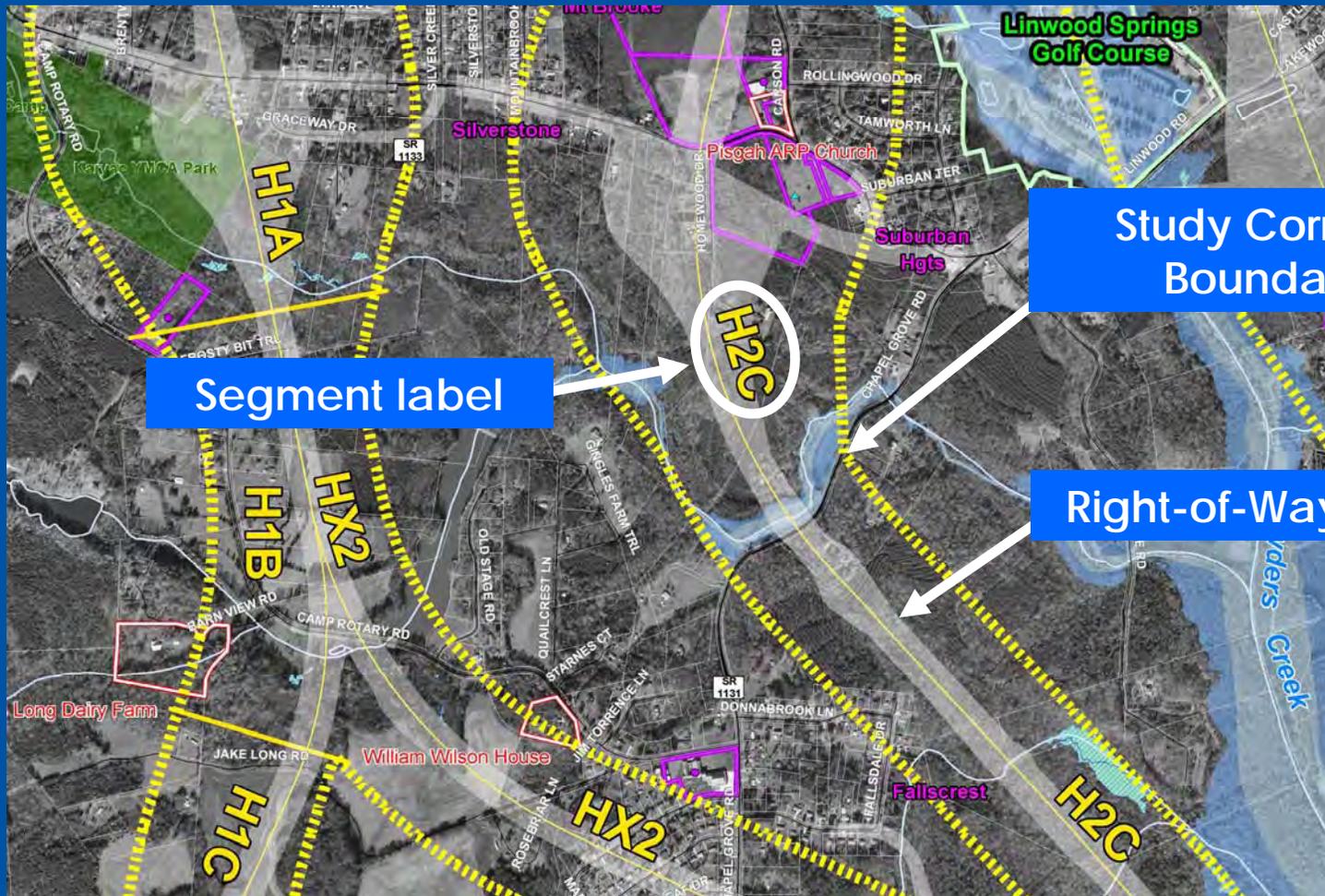
Recent Accomplishments

- ◆ Traffic Forecasting and Analysis
- ◆ Preliminary Designs and Hydraulic Studies
- ◆ Agreement from environmental agencies on bridging and alignment decisions
- ◆ Natural Resources Technical Memorandum
- ◆ Phase II Historic Architecture Report
- ◆ Concurrence from SHPO on Historic Resources and Effects

Recent Accomplishments Cont'd

- ◆ Traffic Noise Tech Memo
- ◆ Air Quality Tech Memo
- ◆ Indirect and Cumulative Effects Assessment
- ◆ Community Impact Assessment
- ◆ Updated Purpose and Need Statement
- ◆ Addendum to the Alternatives Development and Analysis Report

Present Activities- Preliminary Roadway Designs

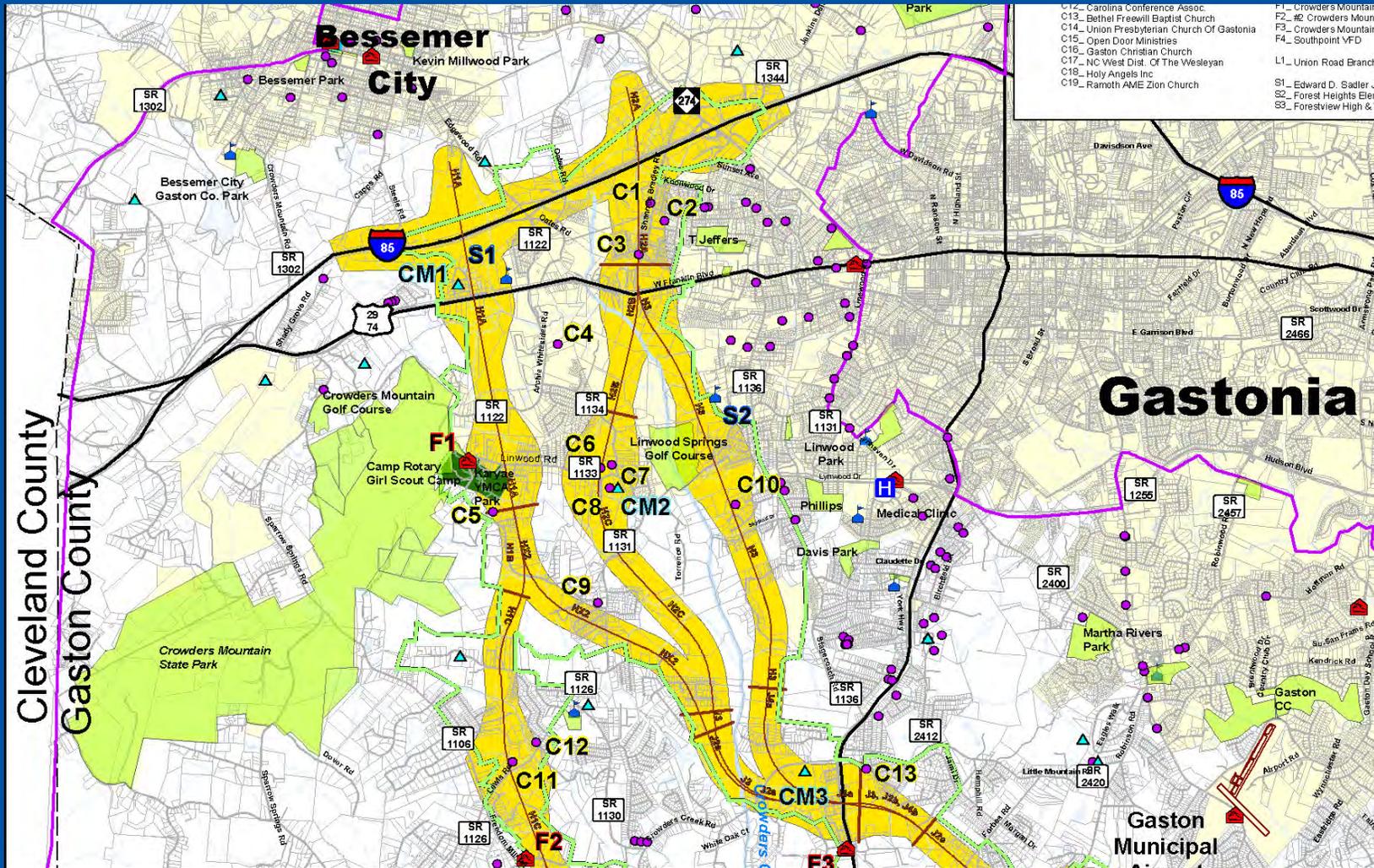


Study Corridor
Boundary

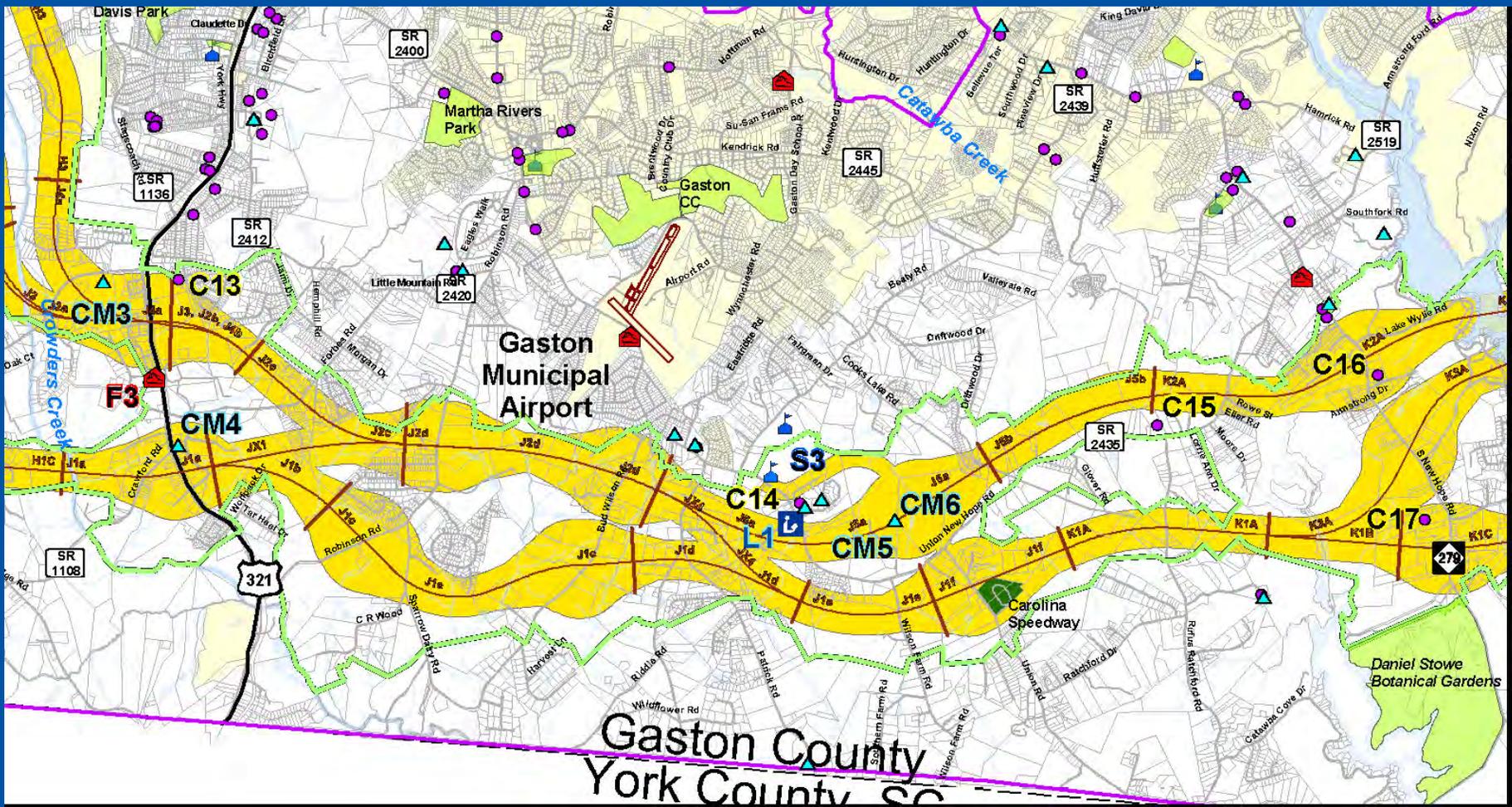
Segment label

Right-of-Way Limits

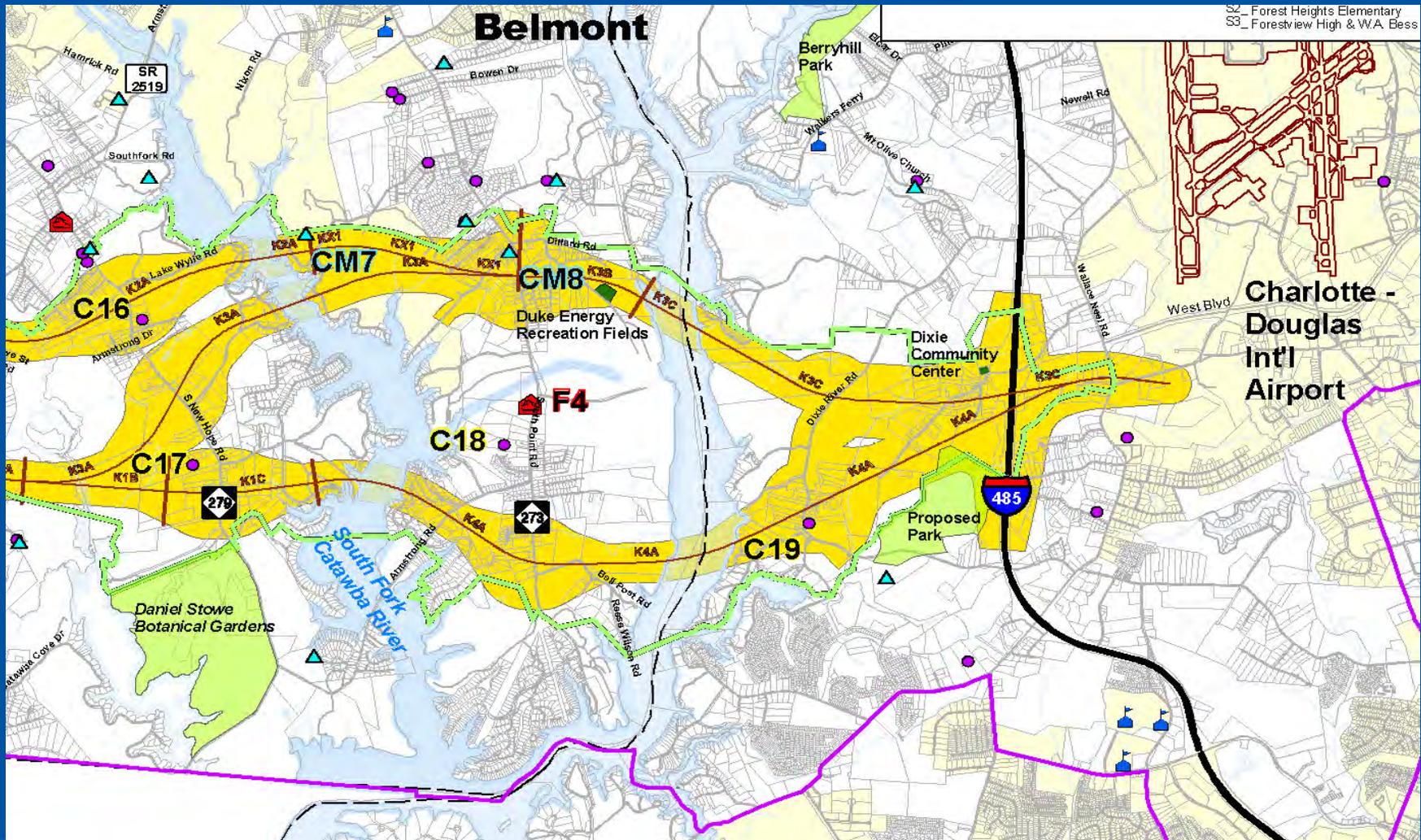
I-85 to US 321



US 321 to NC 279



NC 279 to I-485



Moving Forward...

- ◆ Draft EIS – January 2009
- ◆ Announcement of Preferred Alternative
- ◆ Public Workshops & Comment Opportunities
- ◆ Confirmation of Preferred Alternative
- ◆ Record of Decision - Fall 2010
- ◆ Facility Open to Traffic - 2015*

* This project may be constructed in phases, depending in funding

Workshop Goals

◆ Discuss:

- Study activities and schedule
- Alternatives to be included in DEIS
- Statement of Purpose & Need and Alternatives Screening findings
- Input on US 29/74 Interchange
- Answer other questions and receive public comment

This Series of Workshops

- ◆ Wednesday, August 6th 4:30 – 7:30 PM
Olympic High School – Charlotte
- ◆ Thursday, August 7th 4:30 – 7:30 PM
South Point High School – Belmont
- ◆ Monday, August 11th 4:30 – 7:30 PM
Gastonia Adult Recreation Ctr. -
Gastonia

This Series of Workshops



Drop off your
comments



Stick a note
on the map

COMMENT FORM

 NORTH CAROLINA Turnpike Authority
Gaston East/West Connector
Gaston and Macklenburg Counties
(ETIP Project No. 12-3371)

Contact Information (Please Print)
Name _____ Address _____
E-Mail Address _____
Homeowners' Association or other civic group _____

Your input is important to us! Please use the space below and on back to include your comments or questions. You can access this form on the CONNECTOR DROP BOX. Do you can send written comments by: Jill Drake, NCTA, ASIP, Consultant Project Manager - 601 PHELPS, 1618 East Millbrook Road, Suite 310, Raleigh, NC 27609. You can also fax comments to 919-678-6648 or send an e-mail to Gaston@nctaturnpike.org.

1. Do you have any questions or comments on the project's purpose and need?
2. Do you have any questions or comments on any of the Detailed Study Alternatives, or the decision to eliminate Corridor Segment K10?
3. Do you have any questions or comments regarding changing tolls to help fund the road's construction and to pay for ongoing operations and upkeep of the road?
4. The NCTA is considering not including a project interchange at US 29-74 due to the presence of wetlands and floodplains and the proximity to I-85. Do you think this interchange is important to keep as part of the project?

Please use the back for additional comments →

Options Interchange Workshop
 July 28, 2008, Forenews HS
 July 29, 2008, South Point HS
 July 30, 2008, Olympus HS



Talk with a team member



Mail your
comments

The North Carolina Toll Road Experience



NORTH CAROLINA

Turnpike Authority

Questions?



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