



GASTON E-W CONNECTOR (Garden Parkway)

November 18, 2008

Description

New location roadway from I-85 west of Gastonia in Gaston County to I-485 at NC 160 in Mecklenburg County.

Purpose

- Improve mobility, access, and connectivity in southern Gaston County between southern Gaston County and Mecklenburg County.
- Improve traffic flow on the sections of I-85, US 29-74, and US 321 in the project study area.
- Improve high-speed, safe, reliable regional travel service along the I-85 corridor.

Length

21.5 miles

Free Alternate Route

Existing I-85 or US 29-74 through Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties

Typical Section

Four to six-lane facility with a new crossing over Catawba & South Fork Rivers

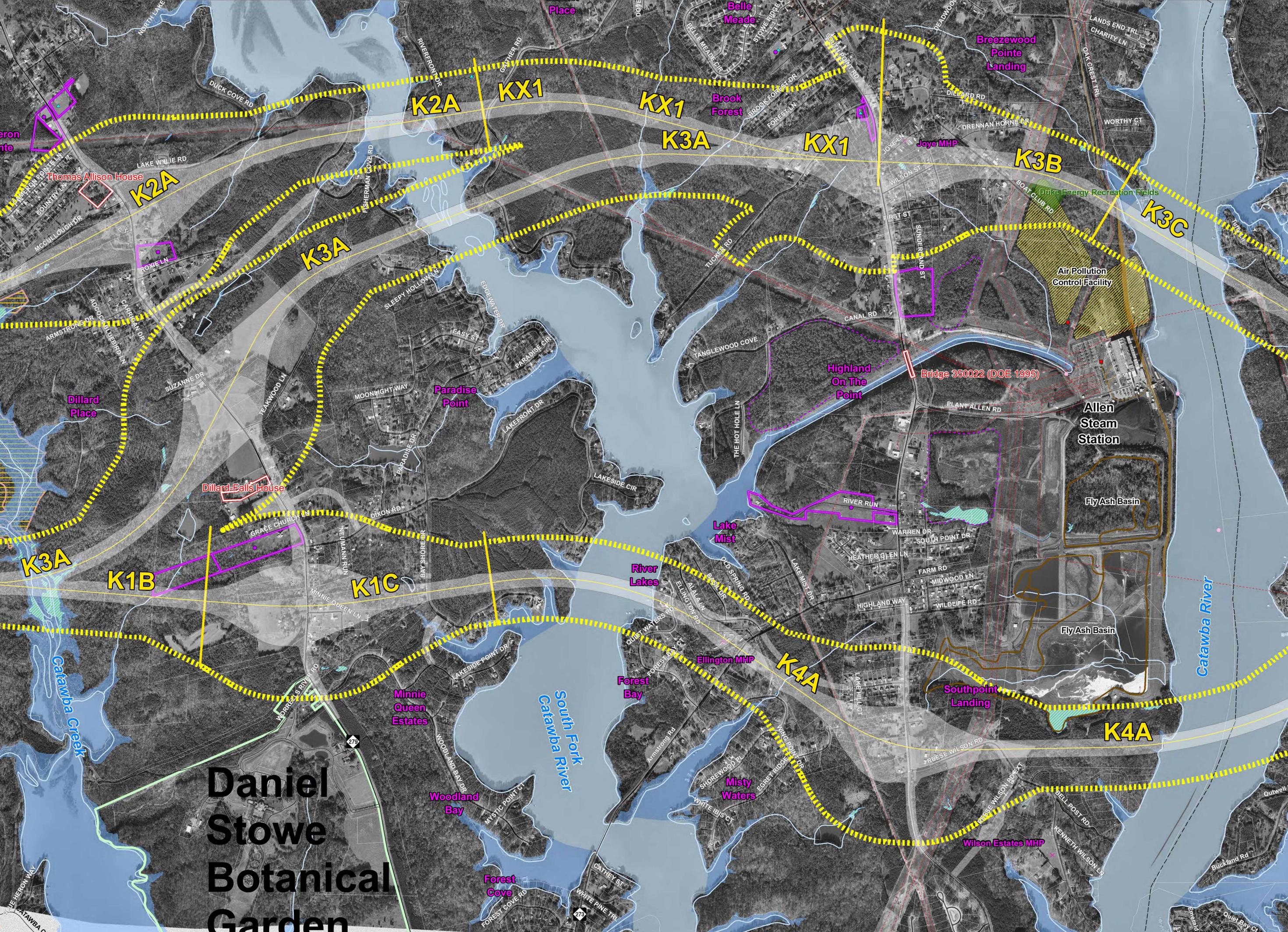
Timeline

Financial feasibility study	October 2006
Draft Environmental Impact Statement	January 2009
Citizens Informational Workshops / Public Hearings	March 2009
Final Environmental Impact Statement	May 2010
Issue Record of Decision	October 2010
Award construction contract	December 2010
Project opening	2015

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**Daniel
Stowe
Botanical
Garden**

Thomas Allison House

Dillard Place

Dillard Falls House

Paradise Point

Lake Mist

River Lakes

Forest Bay

Minnie Queen Estates

Woodland Bay

Forest Cove

Misty Waters

Ellington MHP

Brook Forest

Joye MHP

Highland On The Point

Air Pollution Control Facility

Allen Steam Station

Fly Ash Basin

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Southpoint Landing

Wilson Estates MHP

Breezewood Pointe Landing

Drake Energy Recreation Fields

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