

NOTICE OF A COMBINED CORRIDOR / DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
PROPOSED TRIANGLE PARKWAY FROM NC 540 TO I-40

STIP Project No. U-4763B

Wake and Durham Counties

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) will hold a Pre-Hearing Open House and a Combined Corridor / Design Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at the Sigma Xi auditorium located at 3106 East NC 54, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Representatives from both NCTA and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will be available at the Pre-Hearing Open House between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments relative to the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments or questions will also be provided. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours.

A formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. The presentation will consist of an explanation of the proposed corridor location, design features, the state - federal relationship, and right of way and relocation requirements and procedures. The hearing will be open to those present for statements, questions and comments. The presentation and comments will be recorded and a transcript will be prepared.

The NCTA proposes to construct a six-lane, median-divided freeway facility on new location, known locally as the Triangle Parkway. The NCTA proposes to construct the Triangle Parkway as a tolled facility. The northbound and southbound lanes will be divided by a 46 foot grass median. Triangle Parkway is located in southern Durham County and western Wake County, predominately within Research Triangle Park. Triangle Parkway is proposed as a fully-access controlled roadway to extend approximately 3.4 miles in length from NC 540 to I-40. New interchanges are proposed at Davis Drive and Hopson Road. The project includes approximately 1.7 miles of widening in the median of northbound NC 147 from I-40 to T.W. Alexander Drive. As part of the Triangle Parkway project, the NCTA is also proposing to construct a two-lane bridge over the Triangle Parkway to re-connect Kit Creek Road between Davis Drive and Church Street. This project component is referred to as the Kit Creek Road Connector. In addition, the outside lane of eastbound NC 540 from NC 55 to the Triangle parkway will be widened by one-lane and the two-lane flyover interchange ramp from eastbound NC 540 to northbound Triangle Parkway will be widened to three-lanes in the future when traffic demand requires these improvements.

The purpose of the project is to improve commuter mobility, accessibility, and connectivity to Research Triangle Park employment center; and reduce congestion on existing north-south routes that serve the Triangle Region, primarily NC 55 and NC 54. Additional right of way and the relocation of homes will be required for this project.

A map displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the environmental document – Environmental Assessment (EA) - are available for public review at the following locations:

- NCTA Office located at 5400 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 400, Raleigh, NC 27612
- NCDOT Highway Division 5 Office located at 2612 N. Duke Street, Durham, NC 27704
- Research Triangle Foundation Office located at 12 Davis Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709
- Morrisville Town Hall located at 100 Town Hall Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560

Copies of the EA will also be available for viewing at the following locations:

- Morrisville Planning Department located at 260 Town Hall Drive, Morrisville, NC 27560
- West Regional Library located at 4000 Louis Stephens Drive, Cary, NC 27519

The Environmental Assessment and the combined Corridor/Design Public Hearing Map may also be viewed online at http://www.ncturnpike.org/projects/Triangle_Parkway/

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Jennifer Harris, NCTA, at 1578 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC, 27699-1578, phone (919) 571-3000, or email triangleparkway@ncturnpike.org. Additional material may be submitted until April 8, 2008.

NCTA will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Harris by Tuesday, March 18, 2008 so that arrangements can be made.