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*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

**OPEN HOUSES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD MAY 18-21 FOR
MONROE CONNECTOR/BYPASS**

RALEIGH — The North Carolina Turnpike Authority will hold four Pre-Hearing Open Houses and two Corridor Design Public Hearings May 18-21 for the proposed Monroe Connector/Bypass in Mecklenburg and Union counties.

Pre-Hearing Open Houses are scheduled for:

- Monday, May 18, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at South Piedmont Community College, 4209 Old Charlotte Hwy., Monroe;
- Tuesday, May 19, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Matthews Community Center, 100 W. McDowell St., Matthews;
- Wednesday, May 20, from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at N.C. Cooperative Extension – Union County Center, 3230-D Presson Road, Monroe; and
- Thursday, May 21, from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Wingate University – Cuddy Arena, 230 N. Camden St., Wingate.

Public hearings will begin at 7 p.m. and are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, May 19, at Matthews Community Center, 100 W. McDowell St., Matthews; and
- Thursday, May 21, at Wingate University – Austin Auditorium, 230 Cedar St., Wingate.

Turnpike Authority representatives will be available at the Pre-Hearing Open Houses to answer questions and receive comments concerning the Monroe Connector/Bypass. The open houses are informal and citizens are invited to drop in at anytime during the meeting. The public hearings are formal meeting and are open for statements, questions and/or comments. Anyone wishing to speak at the formal hearing can register at the Pre-Hearing Open Houses, immediately prior to the formal hearing or by calling Pat Puryear at (919) 571-3000 or by sending an email to monroe@ncturnpike.org. Additional spoken comments may be received after those who registered have finished their comments.

Comments can also be submitted to Jennifer Harris, Turnpike Authority, at 1578 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1578, phone (919) 571-3000, or email, monroe@ncturnpike.org. Citizens may also call the Project Hotline (800-475-6402). Comments should be submitted by June 15, 2009. Please note this deadline has been extended.

For additional information, please visit the project website at www.ncturnpike.org/projects/monroe.

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