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**NCTA TO CONDUCT OPEN HOUSES  
FOR MONROE CONNECTOR/BYPASS PROJECT DESIGNS**

**RALEIGH** —The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) will host open houses in Union County to give the public an opportunity to view the latest project designs for the Monroe Connector/Bypass on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 9-10, 2008.

Meetings are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, Sept. 9, 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Monroe City Hall Council Chambers, 300 W. Crowell Street, Monroe
- Wednesday, Sept. 10, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Wingate Community Center, 315 W. Elm Street, Wingate
- Wednesday, Sept. 10, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Union West Regional Library, 123 Unionville-Indian Trail Road, Indian Trail

NCTA has recently completed the functional design plans for the detailed study alternatives for the Monroe Connector/Bypass. These plans will be used to assess impacts in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). These designs are still considered preliminary and will be refined once a preferred alternative is selected.

At the open houses, the public may view current maps and discuss one-on-one the potential impacts and next steps of the project with members of the project study team. These open houses are not intended to be formal public hearings or citizens informational workshops, and there will be no formal presentations. Informational workshops and formal public hearings will be held following the completion of the Draft EIS early in 2009.

The NCTA is currently studying the feasibility and impacts of the proposed Monroe Connector/Bypass project, which includes improvements in the US 74 corridor from I-485 to US 74 near the Town of Marshville. In November 2007, NCTA recommended 16 alternative alignments for detailed evaluation in a Draft EIS. For further information, please contact Reid Simons at the NCTA at 919-523-1662.

Additional project information can be found at [www.ncturnpike.org/projects/monroe/](http://www.ncturnpike.org/projects/monroe/)

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