

## **NCDOT to Hold Public Meetings Regarding I-85 Widening in Gaston County**

### **STIP Project I-5719/U-5800**

**GASTON COUNTY** – The public is invited to a meeting with the N.C. Department of Transportation this month to discuss a proposed widening of I-85 and improvements to the N.C. 7 (N. Main Street) and U.S. 29/74 (Wilkinson Boulevard) in Belmont.

The proposed project, State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. **I-5719, would widen I-85 between U.S. 321 in Gastonia and N.C. 273 in Belmont.** Improvements to the intersection of N. Main Street (N.C. 7) and Wilkinson Boulevard (U.S. 29/74) are also proposed as State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. U-5800. The purpose of the projects is to reduce congestion and improve mobility.

Project details, including maps of the proposals, can be found on the [NCDOT public meetings web page](#).

Two meetings will be held **5-7 p.m. August 23<sup>rd</sup> at Gaston College Kimbrell Campus Auditorium in Belmont and 5-7 p.m. August 24<sup>th</sup> at Gastonia Conference Center in Gastonia.** Interested residents can drop in any time to learn more about the proposal, have questions answered and talk with NCDOT representatives. There will not be a formal presentation.

People may also submit comments by phone, email or mail by **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

For more information, contact **NCDOT Division 12 Project Engineer Nora McCann at 919-707-6043; [namccann@ncdot.gov](mailto:namccann@ncdot.gov); or 1582 Mail Service Center in Raleigh.**

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact **Simone Robinson, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center in Raleigh; 919-707-6062; or [strobenson1@ncdot.gov](mailto:strobenson1@ncdot.gov)** as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Those who do not speak English, or have a limited availability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

