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I-77 North High Occupancy Toll Lanes: Local Officials Meeting and Citizen's Informational Workshops

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The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is starting the environmental assessment for the proposed construction of High Occupancy Toll (HOT) Lanes along I-77. The HOT lanes are part of a proposed public-private partnership project between Uptown Charlotte and southern Iredell County. Please see the attached map **(see "2. HOT map.pdf")** for more information about the HOT lanes project proposed by NCDOT.

NCDOT is inviting local elected officials to attend a meeting on Wednesday, August 1 from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Cornelius Town Hall located at 21445 Catawba Avenue in Cornelius.

NCDOT is inviting the public to attend workshops scheduled for

- Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at the Cornelius Town Hall, 21445 Catawba Avenue, Cornelius (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.)
- Thursday, August 2, 2012 at Ivory Baker Recreation Center, 1920 Stroud Park Court, Charlotte. (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.)

NCDOT will not make formal presentations at these workshops, but will make the same information available at both workshops.

During August, NCDOT will also accept written comments or questions about the HOT lanes project (which they refer to as State Project #I-3311C and State Project #I-4750).

There are environmental and operational issues that will affect the construction of the HOT lanes in the vicinity of Uptown Charlotte. CDOT staff will provide a summary of those to Council's Transportation and Planning Committee at their meeting on July 26.

Planning For 2012 North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference in Charlotte Under Way

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Charlotte is this year's host city for the annual North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM) conference, which will be held October 21-23. This memo is intended to update the Mayor and City Council on the current status of staff's planning efforts.

Planning efforts are well underway. In early spring, a team of City employees convened to coordinate services in the various areas of responsibility assigned to the host city. These areas include attendee transportation, entertainment, hospitality, security/EMS, volunteer coordination, a golf tournament, and a special host city event.

The host city event, to be held on Monday, October 22, will be at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. When the conference was held in Charlotte in 2008, the Hall of Fame was under construction, and many attendees expressed interested in seeing the finished facility. The event will give attendees the opportunity to experience the facility, and learn about the sport's deep roots in North Carolina's towns.

The host city is also traditionally asked to arrange a mobile tour of a notable public program or project for attendees. Charlotte hoped to feature a program that could be replicated by a city or town with fewer resources. To that end, Charlotte will offer a tour showcasing projects funded by the City's small grants programs: neighborhood matching, façade, security, energy efficiency.

Finally, a number of City departments/programs will be on display in the conference exhibit hall. These displays will allow the City to model its programs for municipalities across the state.

Staff will continue to work in the coming weeks, and will provide more up to date information to Council as the conference date approaches.