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PUBLIC FORUM SCHEDULED ON DRAFT OF HIGHWAY 150 CORRIDOR PLAN

Catawba County has scheduled a public forum to receive input on what residents living around and using the Highway 150 corridor would like to see happening in that corridor in the future.

The forum on a draft of the proposed Highway 150 Corridor Plan will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire and Rescue Base at 4011 Slanting Bridge Road, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Interested persons are invited to drop in at their convenience during those hours, to learn more about the proposed draft of the plan and speak with County Planning staff to give any additional input on the future of the 150 Corridor. This meeting follows an initial public meeting held on November 21, 2013, to seek public input before development of the plan began.

“Feedback received by the County’s Planning staff during other planning processes led to the development of a Highway 150 Corridor Plan,” said Susan Ballbach, Senior Planner. “We have heard comments from many citizens that they do not want to see the Highway 150 corridor in Catawba County become as congested as similar highway corridors in other counties. We are creating this plan to put strategies in place now that will allow us to manage the future growth of the corridor so we can avoid that congestion. Staff has taken input heard at the public meeting in November 2013 and used it in the development of a draft of the final Highway 150 Corridor Plan.”

The boundary of the corridor extends approximately one-half to one-mile north of Highway 150, following the Seaboard Coast Railroad right of way, running along Mt. Pleasant Road, along property lines to Highway 16 Business, and then to the new Highway 16. To the south, the corridor extends approximately one-half mile and follows the edges of Lake Norman and property lines. The corridor runs from the Catawba River to the Lincoln County line.

“At the May 8 meeting, we will have maps on display that show current land use in the corridor as well as current zoning, zoning overlays, future land use and any recommendations for the future on transportation, public utilities and facilities, and natural and cultural resources,” Ballbach added. “We will have information available on what will be recommended in the final draft plan and invite those who attend to give us their input on the draft.”

Input from the forum will be used to develop a final draft of the Highway 150 Corridor Plan, which is expected to come before the Catawba County Planning Board in late May 2014. If the Planning Board recommends approval of the plan, it would then be sent on to the Catawba County Board of Commissioners for their consideration at the Board’s June 16, 2014, regular meeting.

For more information on the public forum regarding a proposed Highway 150 Corridor Plan, you may contact the Catawba County Department of Planning, Parks and Development at 828-465-8380.

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