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SOUTHEAST HIGH SPEED RAIL/TRAIL CONCEPT PLANNING PUBLIC WORKSHOP

WAKE FOREST, NC – June 1, 2009 – Wake Forest residents and other interested citizens are invited to offer their input concerning the location of a greenway/trail to be developed along the alignment of the Southeast High Speed Rail Project during an open house on Thursday, June 4. The meeting gets underway at 7 pm and will be held at the Northern Wake Regional Center, 350 E. Holding Ave.

The Southeast High Speed Rail project will be constructed in the alignment of the former Seaboard Coast Line Railroad which extends from just outside Petersburg, VA to Raleigh, NC. The currently inactive railroad enters North Carolina in Warren County east of US 1 and I-85 next to Paschall Road, passes through Norlina (where active freight rail service begins) and then enters Vance County passing through Middleburg, Henderson, and Kittrell. The rail line then crosses the Tar River into Franklin County passing through Franklinton and Youngsville, and enters Wake County traveling through Wake Forest, across the Neuse River and into Raleigh.

Preliminary plans propose a 10-foot wide trail to be developed in conjunction with the development of the railroad as a multi-modal transportation project. The greenway/trail is tentatively set to run parallel to, but outside of, the existing rail right-of-way.

State and local government agencies from North Carolina and Virginia are working with local citizens along the corridor to identify the best location for the greenway/trail. As envisioned, this trail will provide walking and bicycling opportunities for local citizens as well as persons traveling through the area on the East Coast Greenway.

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