



News Release

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Headline: **McKee Road Informational Meeting Planned**

MATTHEWS, NC – The Town of Matthews will hold a drop-in informational meeting on the McKee Road Project, from 6 to 8 p.m. on September 18 at the Matthews Community Center, located at 100 E. McDowell St. Engineering staff will be available to explain the project and answer questions.

The McKee Road Project is a joint project between the Town of Matthews and the North Carolina Department of Transportation to extend McKee Road from the intersection of Pleasant Plains Road to Independence Blvd. The project is divided into several phases. Discussions regarding the extension of McKee Road first began 20 years ago with actual details of the roadway project being finalized approximately five years ago.

The first phase of the project runs from Pleasant Plains Road to John Street. Future phases will run from John Street to Campus Ridge Road and then finally from Campus Ridge Road to Independence Boulevard.

Construction on the first phase of the McKee Road Project is expected to begin in late 2009. The roadway will allow motorists to have a quick, more direct route to I-485, and accommodate the residential growth in the area. Construction is estimated to cost \$3.5 million, plus any right-of-way costs.

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