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TO: CRTPO Delegates & Alternates
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
CRTPO Secretary
DATE: April 10, 2015

**SUBJECT: April 2015 Meeting
Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Wednesday, April 15, 6:00 PM**

The April 2015 meeting of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is scheduled for Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM, and will be held in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 E. Fourth St., Charlotte.

A light meal will be provided.

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Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

April 15, 2015

Room 267-Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center

6:00 PM Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** Sarah McAulay
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** Sarah McAulay
3. **Citizen Comment Period** Sarah McAulay
4. **Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder** Sarah McAulay
5. **Approval of Minutes** Sarah McAulay
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the March 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

ATTACHMENT: Draft March 2015 minutes.
6. **FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the FY 2016 UPWP as presented.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: At its April 2, 2015 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the FY 2016 UPWP.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum and three additional attachments detailing proposed allocations (Attachment I), local projects (Attachment II) and projects to be carried over from FY 2015 (Attachment III).
7. **MPO Planning Area Expansion** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve an expansion of the CRTPO planning area to include the entirety of Iredell County.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: At its April 2, 2015 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the planning area expansion.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum; Iredell County Board of Commissioners resolution; map.
8. **Mt. Holly Road Thoroughfare Plan Amendment** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the start of a public involvement process.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: At its April 2, 2015 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the start of a public involvement process.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum; amendment request letter; maps.

9. Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Review Neil Burke
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND:

- *The draft STIP was released by NCDOT on December 4, 2014.*
- *The release has triggered a variety of activities, including internal review and assessments, financial analysis, etc.*
- *An overview of TIP-related activities since the March MPO meeting will be provided.*

10. Prioritization 4.0 Work Group Update Neil Burke
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND:

- *The Prioritization 4.0 (P4.0) Work Group is charged with updating North Carolina's transportation project prioritization process.*
- *An update will be provided on decisions made and discussion topics at recent P4.0 Work Group meetings.*
- *A review of the proposed schedule for P4.0 will be provided.*

11. Community Viz Model Development Curtis Bridges
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND:

- *Detailed and current socio-economic data are direct inputs to the Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model, and will be crucial to the preparation of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.*
- *The CRTPO is transitioning its socio-economic data allocation process to one that uses the Community Viz model developed during the CONNECT process.*
- *Using Community Viz will result in a more efficient allocation process and will allow the CRTPO to build on the work of CONNECT.*

12. Memorandum of Understanding 18 Month Evaluation Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum.

13. Upcoming Agenda Items Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Review of items that will appear on future agendas.

14. Adjourn

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267
March 18, 2015 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending:

Vi Lyles (Charlotte), Woody Washam (Cornelius), Brian Jenest (Davidson), Sarah McAulay (Huntersville), Gary Savoie (Indian Trail), Ken Robertson (Iredell County), Norma Carpenter (Marshville), Dumont Clarke (Mecklenburg County), Frederick Becker (Mineral Springs), Dottie Nash (Monroe), Eddie Dinger (Mooresville), Michael Johnson (Statesville), Elbert Richardson (Troutman), Barbara Harrison (Weddington), Ned Curran (NCBOT), Leamon Brice (MTC)

1. Call to Order

MPO Chairwoman Sarah McAulay called the March 2015 CRTPO meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairwoman McAulay asked if there were items to be added to the agenda or changed. Dottie Nash requested that agenda item #7, I-485 South, be deferred.

Motion:

Ms. Nash made a motion to adopt the agenda with agenda item item #7 being deferred to a special meeting to be held on April 7 at 6:00 PM. Woody Washam seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to adopt the agenda was approved. There was one dissenting vote cast by Mayor Frederick Becker of Mineral Springs.

3. Citizen Comment Period

Two people addressed the MPO.

1. Edwina Leighton discussed the impact of the proposed I-485/Weddington Road interchange on her family's property.
2. Steven Leighton, representing Chase, LLC, discussed the proposed I-485/Weddington Road interchange.

4. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder

Michael Johnson asked to be recused from voting on the agenda item #11b due to potential conflicts. Mr. Cook then read the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder to the MPO.

5. Approval of Minutes

Summary:

Chairwoman McAulay requested action on the February 2015 minutes.

Motion:

Mayor Becker made a motion to approve the February 2015 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Nash seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the February 2015 minutes were unanimously approved.

6. Miscellaneous TIP Amendments

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook reviewed the five projects presented for amendments. All were Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) projects. Three amendment requests were made by NCDOT (C-5537, C-5542, C-5543) and two were requested by the City of Charlotte for projects it was responsible for administering (C-5540 and C-5541).

Motion:

Ms. Nash made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Barbara Harrison seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. I-485 South

This item was deferred to a special meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 7.

8. Draft Bonus Allocation & STP-DA Project Lists

Presenter:

Bill Coxe, Town of Huntersville

Summary:

Mr. Coxe provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to present for MPO approval the Bonus Allocation Subcommittee and TCC-recommended project lists for Bonus Allocation and STP-DA funding. In addition to the presentation of the project lists, the presentation also discussed this action's role in the overall schedule to adopt the draft TIP later this year. Mr. Coxe noted that MPO action was crucial to the TIP development process remaining on schedule. The presentation concluded with the recommended actions being stated:

- Endorse projects list for allocation of Surface Transportation Program- Direct Attributable (STP-DA) funds (TCC recommendation)
- Endorse projects lists for allocation of Bonus Allocation funds (TCC recommendation on Division and Regional tiers; Bonus Allocation Subcommittee recommendation on Statewide tier)
- Approve alternative projects list to use in the event a primary project is unable to advance

MPO member discussion followed the presentation. Mayor Becker asked about the concept of direct connect projects and funneling traffic to the HOT lanes. Mr. Coxe replied that they benefit the users by providing easy access to the lanes, and particularly benefit transit vehicles. Michael Johnson asked about negative compensation events. Mr. Coxe provided an overview of negative compensation events, noting that there can be compensation events that work in NCDOT's favor if a publicly supported project benefits the HOT lanes project. Mr. Johnson also discussed the I-77/I-40 project and its importance to mobility in the region, as well as its link to the I-77/Broad St. interchange project. He noted that the I-77/Broad St. project is the most advanced project on the Statewide tier list and best able to meet the five-year implementation timeline as mandated by the Strategic Transportation Investments legislation.

Vi Lyles mentioned the need for an annual review process to ensure that projects remained on schedule and would be implemented in a timely manner. Ned Curran stated that he felt the process should be at least semi-annual. Mr. Coxe stated that it was staff's intent to review the projects quarterly.

Motion #1:

Vi Lyles made a motion to amend the Statewide tier Bonus Allocation list as presented by the Bonus Allocation Subcommittee to move the Lakeview Road direct connect project to the primary list of projects and to move the I-77/Sunset Road and I-77/Broad St. interchange projects to the secondary list of projects. Dottie Nash seconded the motion.

Upon being put to a vote, the following jurisdictions voted in support of the motion: Charlotte; Cornelius; Davidson; Indian Trail; Marshville; Mecklenburg County; Monroe; Weddington; Wesley Chapel; NC Board of Transportation-Division 10. The following jurisdictions in opposition to the motion: Huntersville; Iredell County; Mineral Springs; Mooresville; Statesville; Troutman; Metropolitan Transit Commission. A total of 44 votes were cast in favor of the motion and 11 were cast in opposition, thus the motion carried.

Motion #2:

Vil Lyles made a motion to approve Regional Impact and Division Needs tier project lists as recommended by the TCC. Dottie Nash seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion #3:

Vi Lyles made a motion to approve the STP-DA project list as recommended by the TCC. Dottie Nash seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion #4:

Vi Lyles made a motion, which was seconded by Dottie Nash, to incorporate the following points into the MPO's action on the Bonus Allocation and STP-DA decisions:

- a. The CRTPO endorses the incorporation of aligned Bonus Allocation Statewide tier projects into the I-77 P3 HOT lanes project and directs the TCC to begin negotiations with NCDOT and I-77 Mobility Partners for inclusion of these projects into the construction of the current I-77 P3 HOT Lanes project.
- b. The CRTPO supports the Regional Impact, Division Needs and the Statewide tier projects within reasonable assumptions of funding availability and the ability to demonstrate conformity with the NC State Implementation Plan.
- c. The CRTPO adopts a semi-annual process supported by the TCC to review the status of the Bonus Allocation and STP-DA projects for compliance with the NC Strategic Transportation Investments legislation and this resolution, including full pursuit of all funding options for the completion of all projects by tier.
- d. The CRTPO adopts the following principles that any Bonus Allocation project receiving funding from any other source will be funded first from that alternate source, and any available bonus allocation funds released from any project for whatever reason be directed to the primary and secondary tiers in the priority order as adopted.
- e. The CRTPO recognizes the NC State Legislature and the NCDOT for their guidance and participation in and with the NC Strategic Investments legislation.

Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Stand Up 4 Transportation Day

Presenter:

Krystal Green, CATS

Summary:

Ms. Green stated that April 9 has been designated as Stand Up 4 Transportation Day, and is intended to bring attention to the need for a long-term, sustainable and reliable federal transportation funding bill. She stated that CATS is organizing an event at Trade & Tryon streets that day and encouraged all to attend. She requested that the MPO endorse the event.

Motion:

Leamon Brice made a motion to endorse Stand Up 4 Transportation Day. Mr. Washam seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

10. CONNECT Update

Presenter:

Michelle Nance, Centralina Council of Governments

Summary:

Ms. Nance provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to update the MPO on CONNECT's status. The preferred growth scenario was reviewed, along with the top regional priorities that resulted from the process. The tools that have been developed to assist with the implementation of the regional priorities were discussed. Ms. Nance noted that the CRTPO staff has established an ad hoc committee to determine how to integrate CONNECT outcomes into the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

11. Unified Planning Work Program

a. FY 2015 UPWP Amendments

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to present proposed changes to the FY 15 UPWP for approval. Mr. Cook reviewed the proposed changes. Most significant was the need to shift funds to the Air Quality task code due to a deficit, and to add funding to the TIP task code. Efforts related to the draft TIP's preparation and staff participation in the Prioritization 4.0 process resulted in more expenditures in that task code than originally anticipated. Also noted were project delays and requests to shift funds from FY 15 to FY 16 in order to permit those projects to advance.

Motion:

Dumont Clarke made a motion to adopt the amendments to the FY 2015 UPWP as presented. Barbara Harrison seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

b. FY 2016 UPWP Approval-Transit Planning Section

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to present the transit planning portion of the FY 2016 UPWP to the MPO for approval. Mr. Cook reviewed the proposed allocations, noting that they had been prepared in coordination with CDOT and CATS. He stated that the TCC had unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the transit planning portion of the UPWP.

Motion:

Dumont Clarke made a motion to adopt the transit planning portion of the FY 2016 UPWP as presented. Michael Johnson seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously. (Mr. Johnson had earlier recused himself from action on this matter.)

c. FY 2016 UPWP Development Update

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to update the MPO on the status of the UPWP's development. The proposed allocations at this stage of the process were reviewed, as well as several task codes in which additional staff discussions were needed. The proposed local projects were reviewed along with the UPWP Review Subcommittee's funding recommendations. Mr. Cook stated that the UPWP would be presented for adoption at the April meeting.

12. Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Review

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The purpose of his presentation was to summarize a series of scope modifications and schedule accelerations that were discussed during a one-on-one meeting between NCDOT and CRTPO staff held on February 19. Mr. Burke reviewed a tentative schedule to adopt the TIP, indicating that the MPO will be requested to consider releasing a draft conformity determination report, DRAFT TIP and MTP amendments for public comment at the June 17 meeting.

13. Prioritization 4.0 Work Group Update

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke presented an update on recommendations made by the Prioritization 4.0 Work Group at recent meetings. He reviewed a proposed schedule of P4.0 tasks for CRTPO that will begin in August of 2015.

14. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook mentioned that the main issues to be brought before the MPO for action would be related to final action on the FY 16 UPWP and possibly regarding the planning area's expansion to include all of Iredell County.

15. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.



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DATE: April 9, 2015
SUBJECT: **FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program**

ACTION REQUESTED

Adopt the FY 2016 UPWP as presented.

TCC RECOMMENDATION

The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the FY 2016 UPWP.

BACKGROUND

- The requested action affects the allocation of Planning (PL) and Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable (STP-DA) funds. The MPO approved the Section 5303 (transit planning) portion of the FY 2016 UPWP at the March 2015 meeting.
- The action will also include the allocation of previously unobligated PL funds to support local transportation planning projects.
- All funding levels shown specify federal funds only; the required 20% local match is not reflected in the attachments.

PROPOSED ALLOCATIONS

- Allocations listed on the attached pages combine funds to be used to implement the metropolitan planning process by MPO staff housed in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department, as well as by staff of the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT). CDOT staff supports MPO activities in areas such as travel demand modeling and air quality matters.
- The proposed allocations are attached and identified as Attachment I.

LOCAL PROJECTS

- Local projects are those administered by member jurisdictions.
- As noted above, funding support for the local projects comes from previously unobligated PL funds. The anticipated amount available in FY 2016 is \$604,534, of which, \$575,075 is being allocated to local projects.
- A list of proposed local projects is attached and identified as Attachment II.

CARRYOVER PROJECTS

- Three local projects originally funded for implementation in FY 2015 will now be implemented in FY 2016. The FY 2015 funds allocated to the projects will be transferred to FY 2016.
- The total value of the three projects is \$262,575.
- A list of the carryover projects is attached and identified as Attachment III.

FUNDING SUMMARY

Source	Amount
Planning & STP-DA	1,836,200
Unobligated balance (to be programmed)	575,075
Carryover	262,575
Total	\$2,673,850

Proposed FY 2016 UPWP Funding Allocations

Task Code	Task Code Description	Proposed Allocation	Example Tasks
II Continuing Transportation Planning			
II-1	Traffic Volume Counts	100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support traffic counts collected by the Charlotte DOT • Support the implementation of an MPO-based traffic count program
II-10	GIS Analysis & Mapping	50,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of maps • GIS analysis
III Travel Demand Model			
III-1	Collection of Base Year Data	27,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collection of socio-economic data to support travel demand modeling which in turn supports development of the TIP and Metropolitan Transportation Plan
III-3	Travel Model Updates	63,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and updating of the regional travel demand model
III-4	Travel Surveys	32,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data purchases such as AirSage (real-time, cellular-signal data to identify travel patterns and transportation trends)
III-6	Forecast of Future Travel Patterns	88,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare forecasts in support of short-range (TIP) and long-range (MTP) activities • Prepare forecasts for highway travel, managed lanes and transit corridors
IV Long-Range Transportation Planning			
IV-1	Community Goals & Objectives	250,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities in support of the development of the 2045 MTP • Performance measure and performance-based planning activities
IV-2	Highway Element of the LRTP	20,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities in support of the development of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan • Activities in support of highway project ranking, including a review and possible update to the project ranking methodology
IV-4	Bicycle & Pedestrian Element of the LRTP	152,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the TCC's Bicycle & Pedestrian Work Group • Preparation of an updated bicycle suitability map for the planning area
IV-8	Freight Movement/Mobility	75,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for the regional freight study
IV-9	Financial Planning	5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial analysis related to the development of the 2045 MTP
V Continuing Programs			
V-1	Congestion Management	75,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the Congestion Management Process (CMP)

Proposed FY 2016 UPWP Funding Allocations

Task Code	Task Code Description	Proposed Allocation	Example Tasks
	Strategies		
V-2	Air Quality/Conformity Analysis	25,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities to support the likely need to conduct air quality conformity analyses during the fiscal year
V-3	Planning Work Program	24,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the annual UPWP
V-4	Transportation Improvement Program	55,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities in support of the finalizing the draft TIP • Activities in support of the Prioritization 4.0 process
VI Administration			
VI-1	Title VI	5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to the CRTPO's Title VI procedures • Support for an anticipated Title VI audit
VI-2	Environmental Justice	2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for updates to and implementation of the environmental assessment tool (Degree of Impact analysis)
VI-6	Public Involvement	24,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for various public involvement activities • Website updates and maintenance
VI-8	Transportation Enhancement Planning	10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) project selection methodology development and implementation
VI-9	Environmental Analysis & Pre-TIP Planning	32,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in project steering committees, feasibility studies preparation, Merger 101 activities and environmental document review
VI-10	Corridor Protection & Special Studies	1,432,650	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-call contracting • Regional ramp metering study • Local transportation planning projects, including carryover projects from FY 15
VI-11	Regional or Statewide Planning	16,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the activities of the Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation (CRAFT) and the NC Association of MPOs (NCAMPO)
VI-12	Management & Operations	110,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy board and TCC management • Transportation Staff meeting management • Overall management of MPO functions
Total		\$2,673,850	

Proposed FY 2016 UPWP Local Projects

Project	Jurisdiction	Amount Requested
Transportation Corridor Studies	Charlotte	200,000
NC 115 Corridor Study	Cornelius	111,075
Downtown Parking Study Update	Mooresville	24,000
Railroad Crossing Study	Mooresville	60,000
Traffic Circulation Plan for the US 21/NC 115 Corridor-Phase 2	Troutman	100,000
Critical Intersections Analysis & Conceptual Design	Union County	80,000
	Total	\$575,075

Proposed FY 2016 Carryover Projects

Project	Jurisdiction	Amount Requested
Independence Boulevard Greenway Crossing	Charlotte	160,000
W. Catawba Avenue/Torrence Chapel Road Intersection Analysis	Cornelius	52,575
Northwest Huntersville Transportation Study-Phase 2	Huntersville	50,000
	Total	\$262,575



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CRTPO Secretary
DATE: April 9, 2015
SUBJECT: **MPO Planning Area Expansion**

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the expansion of the metropolitan planning area to include all of Iredell County.

TCC RECOMMENDATION

The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the planning area expansion.

BACKGROUND

- The northern portion of Iredell County is currently part of the Unifour Rural Planning Organization (RPO).
- The Western Piedmont Council of Governments serves as the lead planning agency for the Greater Hickory MPO and Unifour RPO, and is consolidating the two organizations into a single transportation planning entity which will result in the RPO ceasing operation.
- The Iredell County Planning Department has requested that the CRTPO consider expanding its planning area to incorporate portions of the county now in the Unifour RPO's jurisdiction.
- The Iredell County Board of Commissioners has adopted a resolution (attached) supporting CRTPO's expansion.
- This topic was presented to the TCC and MPO at their January meetings; no opposition was stated by TCC or MPO members.
- This topic was also discussed at the December 17, 2014 and March 11, 2015 Transportation Staff meetings.

PLANNING AREA EXPANSION JUSTIFICATION

- The expansion will result in a more efficient transportation planning process because the county will no longer be split between two transportation planning organizations.
- The county has established a working relationship the CRTPO since the planning area was expanded into Iredell County in October 2013.
- There are two RPOs to the north of Iredell County, but both are located in different NCDOT Divisions. The High Country RPO is located in Division 11 and the Northwest Piedmont RPO is located in Divisions 9 and 11.

NCDOT & FHWA CONSULTATION

CRTPO staff has consulted with both the NC Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration to determine if the proposed planning area expansion can proceed without adverse effects. Both agencies have indicated on several occasions that there are no barriers to the proposed expansion.

**RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE
COUNTY OF IREDELL, NORTH CAROLINA**

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Ken Robertson and upon being put to a vote was carried unanimously on the 3rd day of March, 2015:

THAT WHEREAS, it is recognized that the proper movement of travel within and through the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization is highly desirable element of a comprehensive plan for the orderly growth and development of the area, and;

WHEREAS, Based on 2010 Census, CRTPO's Urbanized Area Boundary was expanded into Iredell County and included most of the county, and;

WHEREAS, it is desirable that coordinated, comprehensive and cooperative transportation planning processes be maintained in the CRTPO to ensure that the transportation system is maintained on an efficient and economical basis commensurate with the public health, safety and welfare, and;

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Understanding (dated October 10, 2013) between the counties of Iredell, Mecklenburg and Union, the cities of Charlotte, Monroe and Statesville, the towns of Cornelius, Davidson, Fairview, Huntersville, Indian Trail, Marshville, Matthews, Mineral Springs, Mint Hill, Mooresville, Pineville, Stallings, Troutman, Waxhaw, Weddington, and Wingate, the villages of -Marvin, Wesley Chapel the Metropolitan Transit Commission and the North Carolina Department of Transportation sets forth the responsibilities and working arrangements of the CRTPO,

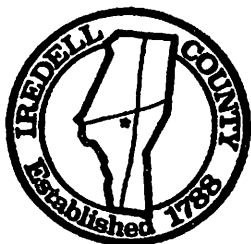
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IREDELL, NORTH CAROLINA:

Request that the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization Planning Area Boundary be expanded to encompass all of Iredell County.

I, Retha C. Gaither, Clerk of the County of Iredell, North Carolina, do hereby certify that the above is true and correct copy of excerpts from the minutes of the County Commissioners of said County.

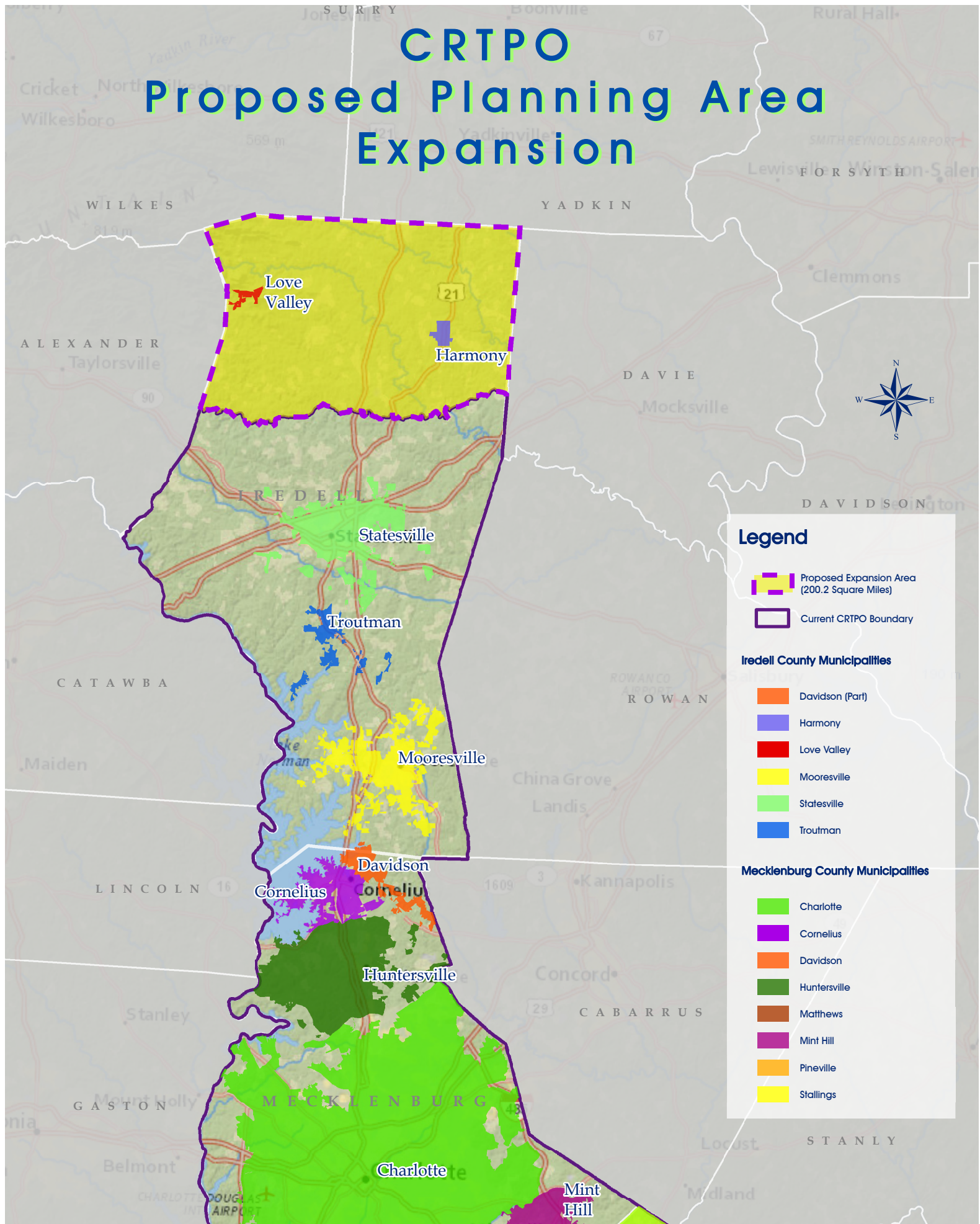
WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the County of Iredell this the 4th day of March, 2015.

(SEAL)



ATTEST: Retha C. Gaither
Clerk

CRTPO Proposed Planning Area Expansion



Legend

Proposed Expansion Area (200.2 Square Miles)

Current CRTPO Boundary

Iredell County Municipalities

- Davidson (Part)
- Harmony
- Love Valley
- Mooresville
- Statesville
- Troutman

Mecklenburg County Municipalities

- Charlotte
- Cornelius
- Davidson
- Huntersville
- Matthews
- Mint Hill
- Pineville
- Stallings



Charlotte Department of Transportation Memorandum

Date: April 6, 2015

To: CRTPO Delegates & Alternates

From: Matt Magnasco
Street Connectivity Program Manager
Planning & Design Division

Subject: April CRTPO agenda item

Topic: Thoroughfare Plan Amendment for Mt. Holly Rd. Extension

Requestor: Mr. Anthony (Billy) Packer

Action Requested:

- Begin a public involvement process to remove Mt. Holly Rd. Extension, between Mt. Holly-Huntersville Rd. and the Catawba River, from the Thoroughfare Plan and/or CTP.

Background:

- In 1994, MUMPO added a proposed major thoroughfare to the Thoroughfare Plan to extend Mt. Holly Road/Freedom Drive into Gaston County, to connect to a new proposed major thoroughfare on the north side of the Town of Mt. Holly (the Mt. Holly Northern Loop). This proposed thoroughfare would require the construction of a new bridge across the Catawba River, and would create a second connection between Charlotte and Mt. Holly. See attached map.
- A segment of the Mecklenburg County portion of the thoroughfare was constructed approximately 10 years ago. Much of the remaining portion of the corridor between the end of that segment and the Catawba River has been reserved as future right-of-way through development of the Catawba River Plantation subdivision. See attached map.
- On May 22, 2014, the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO (GCLMPO) voted to remove a portion of the Mt. Holly Northern Loop from their CTP (or Thoroughfare Plan), between the Catawba River and NC 273. This action means that the Mecklenburg County portion of the thoroughfare would extend from just the intersection of NC 27/Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road, to the middle of the Catawba River and no further. CRTPO was not asked to comment on the removal of the thoroughfare in Gaston County.

- Without a connection in Gaston County, the now-remnant thoroughfare in Mecklenburg County has no independent utility as a thoroughfare.
- Staff will provide a short presentation explaining this action, and also to recommend the public involvement process to be used.

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March 26, 2015

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Secretary to CRTPO
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Charlotte, NC 28202

Dear Mr. Cooke,

May this letter serve as my request to amend the thoroughfare plan as outlined in the CDOT report of November 2014. The property is that on Mt. Holly Road from the Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road intersection to the Catawba River, which has been under discussion & study since February 2013.

I would refer to the CDOT November 2014 report written on the subject which clearly outlines and confirms the position of GCLMPO and myself as to the reasoning for my request.

I did not agree with the recommendation added to the request as I neither own nor control much of the property included in the recommendation, however in subsequent conversation with CDOT and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department, that issue has been resolved to everyone's satisfaction to the best of my knowledge.

I would like to thank members of various committees and their coordination with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department for their help, patience and professional work ethic in helping to bring this issue to a conclusion.

Sincerely,

Billy Packer



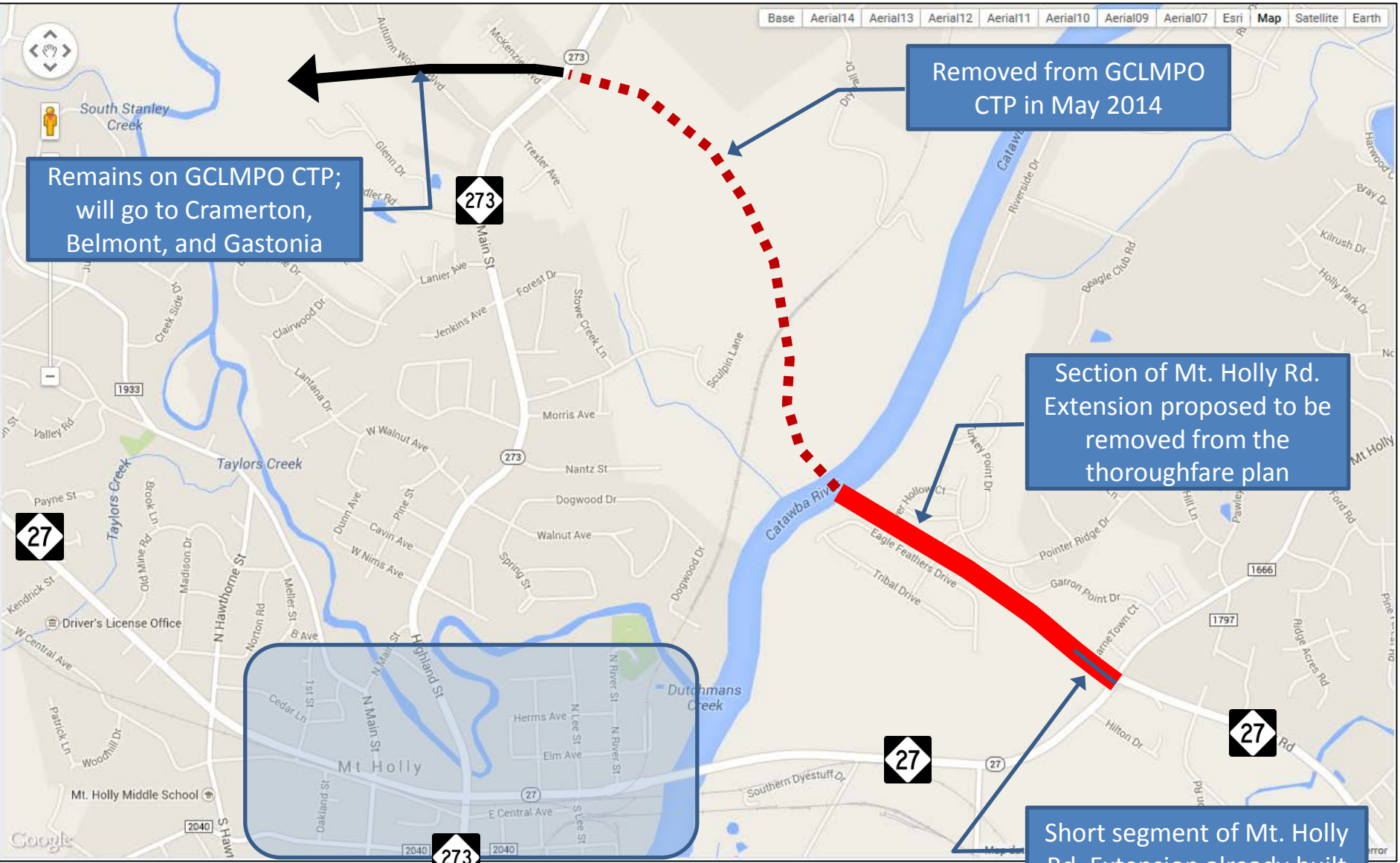
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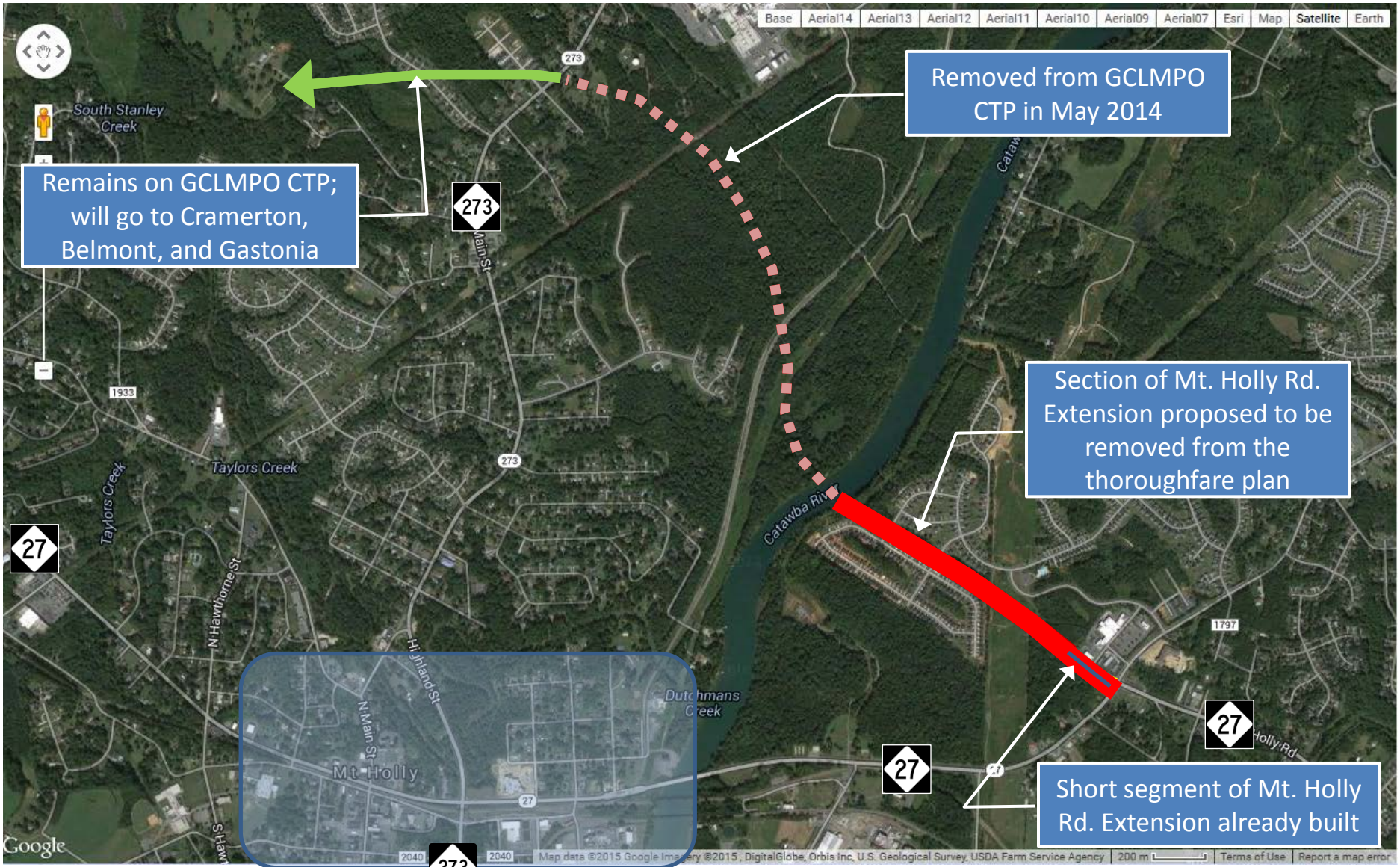
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TO: CRTPO Delegates & Alternates
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
CRTPO Secretary
DATE: April 9, 2015
SUBJECT: **Memorandum of Understanding-18 Month Evaluation**

BACKGROUND

- The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines the policies, structure, membership and roles and responsibilities of the CRTPO.
- The current MOU is the result of a 12 month revision process that began after the Census Bureau released information in early 2012 showing a substantial increase in the size of the Charlotte urbanized (UZA) area north into Iredell County and further east into Union County. The UZA's growth required the expansion of the MPO's planning area, and thus, revisions to its MOU.
- The current MOU was endorsed by the MPO in July 2013 and became effective in October 2013 following it being signed by the NC Secretary of Transportation (the Governor's designee).
- Section II of the MOU contains a provision calling for its evaluation 18 months after its effective date. The text of that provision is as follows: *After 18 months from the effective date of this document, the terms of this agreement will be evaluated by the participating members.*
- April 2015 is the 18 month point.

MAJOR ISSUES

The following issues were the subject of significant discussion during the 2012-2013 MOU revision process. The information in parentheses indicates where the issues are addressed in the MOU.

- weighted voting (page 5, Sec. I-F)
- local share of the required match of federal funds (page 8, Sec I-J-2)
- how population is calculated (page 8, Sec. I-J-2)
- quorum (page 6, Sec. 1-G-5) *Note: Quorum specifics are found in the bylaws, but the MOU references the quorum topic at the location cited above.*

ACTION REQUESTED

Upon consultation with Chairwoman McAulay and Vice-chairman Horvath, there does not currently appear to be sufficient circumstances that have occurred to warrant a re-evaluation of the MOU at this time. However, since the MOU calls for an 18 month review, unless members of the MPO determine otherwise, it is suggested that the MPO agree to forgo a formal re-evaluation, and further specify that the MOU is revisited at the normal timeframe, which is once the Urban Area boundaries have been reconsidered after the next Census in 2020. It may also be stipulated that if there are substantial changes in any area of the MOU that create a need to revisit this sooner, this can be done by a majority vote.

[Click here](#) to view the MOU on the CRTPO's website.