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2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) UPDATE

Over the past several months CRTPO staff, in consultation with technical staff throughout the MPO planning area, has been working on updating the MTP. There are many components that are part of the plan update, including the development of a fiscally constrained project list. Having completed several significant tasks, staff is currently in the process of finalizing chapter content and mapping that will constitute the framework for the draft 2040 MTP. The draft plan is anticipated to be finished in January 2014, at which time the CRTPO board will be asked to release the document for public review. Information about future public involvement opportunities will be provided via the CRTPO website.

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ABOUT
THE DRAFT 2040 MTP
CAN BE FOUND ON
THE CRTPO WEBSITE,
OR BY CLICKING THE
FOLLOWING LINK:
CRTPO METROPOLITAN
TRANSPORTATION
PLAN UPDATE**

2014 CRTPO ORIENTATION

Wednesday, January 8

5:00-7:30 pm

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center

600 East 4th St, Room 267

Charlotte, NC 28202

The past year has brought significant change to the geography, membership and structure of the MPO for the Charlotte Urbanized area due to its expansion following the 2010 Census. A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was officially approved in October 2013, creating the new Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) which includes several jurisdictions that were not previously members of the MPO. In order to help introduce new and returning members to the policies and practices of the MPO, an orientation has been scheduled for CRTPO board members and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) members.



Unified Planning Work Program

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is an annually prepared document (required for all MPOs) that contains the funding sources and deliverable products that comprise the day-to-day operations and output of the CRTPO. A study was recently undertaken to evaluate the UPWP development process, which was initiated in response to a request by CRTPO board members to improve how the UPWP is prepared. The significant catalyst for the study was the planning area expansion and the shift to sharing responsibility for the local match of federal funds.

One outcome of the study was the formation of a UPWP Review Committee, whose purpose is to review, comment on, and help guide the UPWP development process. Specifically, the UPWP Review Committee will (1) participate in discussions about how the MPO should be directing its focus for the upcoming year; (2) help new, non-traditional partners and stakeholders in the MPO planning process gain a better understanding of, and have a voice in, what the CRTPO does; and (3) provide internal staff with an outside perspective of their work.

The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the CRTPO board will continue to make the final determination about the UPWP content, but the Review Committee's work is intended to help inform those decisions, in addition to making the process more inclusive, collaborative and transparent. More information, and committee membership, can be found at [CRTPO Unified Planning Work Program](#).

NCDOT PRIORITIZATION 3.0

Concurrent with the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), CRTPO is in the process of identifying projects to be submitted to the State for consideration in the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The project submittal and evaluation process, referred to as Prioritization 3.0 (P3.0), allows for MPOs throughout the state to submit projects of various modes to be evaluated quantitatively and qualitatively over the next several months. More information about the prioritization process can be found on the CRTPO website at

[NCDOT Strategic Prioritization.](#)

CRTPO FAST FACTS

Now that the CRTPO is the official MPO for the Charlotte Urbanized area, and the first full calendar year of the organization's instatement is about to begin, the following information is intended to introduce some basic information about the new MPO:

- Population of the planning area is 1.2 million
- Total area of the planning area is 930 square miles
- The planning area includes all of Mecklenburg County, and portions of Iredell and Union counties
- 27 jurisdictions are included within the planning area (24 of which are voting members)
- The planning area falls within two NCDOT Divisions – Divisions 10 and 12
- The MOU was officially signed in October, 2013

CRTPO members

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| Charlotte | Mooresville |
| Cornelius | NCDOT |
| Davidson | Pineville |
| Fairview | Stallings |
| Huntersville | Statesville |
| Indian Trail | Troutman |
| Iredell County | Union County |
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