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TO: Mecklenburg-Union MPO Delegates & Alternates
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
MUMPO Secretary
DATE: January 12, 2011
SUBJECT: **January 2011 MPO Meeting**
Wednesday, January 19, 2011

The January 2011 meeting of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011. The education session will begin at 6:00 PM and the meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The education session and the meeting will both take place in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, located at 600 E. Fourth St., Charlotte.

The MPO agenda and related material are attached to this memorandum. Please contact me at 704-336-8643 if you have any questions.

HOW TO ACCESS THE MEETING LOCATION:

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center is located at 600 E. Fourth St. (corner of Fourth and Davidson streets) in uptown Charlotte. Parking is available in the Government Center parking deck located on Davidson St. between Third and Fourth streets; on-street parking is also available.

Enter the Government Center on the Davidson St. side through the ground-level door located to the right of the large staircase. (This is a handicapped accessible entrance.) Use the call box located next to the door to contact security staff. Inform them you are attending the MUMPO meeting. Once inside the building, security staff will assist you to Room 267.

Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization

January 19, 2011

Room 267-Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center

6:00 PM Education Session

Topic: Monroe Parkway Update

Presenters: Steve DeWitt, PE, North Carolina Turnpike Authority

7:00 PM Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** Ted Biggers

2. **Election of Officers** Ted Biggers
ACTION REQUESTED: Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

BACKGROUND: The MPO's bylaws require that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be elected annually at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. The bylaws also require that the Chairman must have served as an MPO member (delegate or alternate) for one year immediately prior to the election.

3. **Approval of Minutes** Chairman
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve November 2010 meeting minutes as presented.

4. **Citizen Comment Period**

5. **Charlotte Streetcar Project: TIP & LRTP Amendments** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse and release for public comment the documents associated with the Charlotte Streetcar project (TIP #TE-5103), including: Amendment to the 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program; Amendment to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan; Conformity Determination on the 2009-2015 TIP and 2035 LRTP.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended at its January 6, 2011 meeting that the MPO take the above requested action.

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum; amendment report. Due to its large file size, the conformity determination report can be found on MUMPO's website at:
<http://www.mumpo.org/CharlotteStreetcarProject.htm>

6. **Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse project list.

BACKGROUND: Endorsement of the project list will permit the transportation and air quality modeling process to begin. See the attached memorandum for more details.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended at its January 6, 2011 meeting that the MPO endorse the project list.

ATTACHMENT: Draft TIP Memorandum; two project lists

7. FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.

ATTACHMENT: Explanatory memorandum

8. Adjourn

MECKLENBURG-UNION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center Conference Room 267
November 17, 2010 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending:

David Howard (Charlotte), Jim Bensman (Cornelius), Brian Jenest (Davidson), Sarah McAulay (Huntersville), John Quinn (Indian Trail), James Taylor (Matthews), Ted Biggers (Mint Hill), John Ashcraft (Monroe), Jim Eschert (Pineville), Lynda Paxton (Stallings), Tracy Kuehler (Union County), Joyce Blythe (Waxhaw), Nancy Anderson (Weddington), Howard Brotton (Wesley Chapel), John Collett (NC BOT)

1. Call to Order

MPO Chairman Ted Biggers called the November 2010 MUMPO meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Approval of Minutes

Summary:

Chairman Biggers asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the September 2010 minutes and called for a motion.

Motion:

Sarah McAulay made a motion to approve the September 2010 minutes as presented. James Taylor seconded the motion. The September 2010 minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Citizen Comment Period

Summary:

There were no public comments.

4. CATS TIP Amendment

Presenters:

David McDonald, CATS

Summary:

Mr. McDonald stated that the need for the amendments is related to the receipt of federal grants. The TIP must be amended in order for CATS to spend the funds. The projects awarded funding were:

- Maintenance and restoration of vehicle maintenance equipment at the Tryon Street and N. Davidson St. bus garages. Project grant amount: \$1,949,600.
- Development of asset management system to track the condition agency's fleet, facilities and equipment. Project grant amount: \$400,000.
- Solar panel purchase and installation (TIGER II). Project grant amount: \$1,000,000.
- Purchase of paratransit replacement buses. Project grant amount: \$421,580.

It was noted that the TCC had unanimously recommended approval of the amendment.

Motion:

John Ashcraft made a motion to approve the TIP amendment request as presented. Ms. McAulay seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

5. FY 11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that the reason for the amendment was that the USDOT had restored Planning (PL) funds that had previously been rescinded. The total amount of funding to be programmed was \$291,642 and the task codes to which the funding was proposed to be applied were as follows:

- Task code: II-10, GIS Analysis & Mapping \$62,040
- Task code: V-4, Transportation Improvement Program \$30,000
- Task code: II-10, GIS Analysis & Mapping \$114,600
- Task code: VI-10, Corridor Protection & Special Studies \$30,000
- Task code: III-3, Travel Model Updates \$55,002

It was noted that the TCC had unanimously recommended approval of the amendment.

Motion:

Jim Bensman made a motion to amend the FY 11 UPWP as presented. Mayor Taylor seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously. At Chairman Biggers' request, Mr. Bensman confirmed that his motion included approval of the resolution included in the agenda packet.

6. NCDOT 2011 Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that Wingate was requesting a pedestrian planning grant from NCDOT to develop a comprehensive pedestrian system of sidewalks, greenways and walking trails that connect various parts of the community. No MPO funds will be redirected for this project.

Motion:

Ms. McAulay made a motion to endorse the proposal. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

7. Draft Transportation Improvement Program

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook explained that the purpose of the presentation was to obtain guidance from the MPO on a variety of significant issues. The following lists the issues, followed by the MPO's action.

A. Issue: Proposed Project Delays

Does the MPO wish to pursue restoring funding to any of the projects?

I-4750	I-77 widening
I-3311	I-77 widening
R-211EC	I-485/Weddington Road interchange
U-209B	Independence Boulevard widening
U-2507	Sugar Creek Road Extension/Mallard Creek Road relocation
U-2547	Charles Street widening
U-3809	Indian Trail Road widening
U-3825	Stallings Road widening
U-4024	US 601 widening and US 74 interchange improvements

Action

Motion:

Mayor Quinn made a motion to keep TIP projects U-3825 (Stallings Road) and U-3809 (Indian Trail Road) in the TIP pending further studies, with the flexibility that the projects can be reviewed in the future. Mayor Paxton seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Bensman made a motion to accept the above list as shown and not pursue restoration of funding for any of the projects, with the exception of the U-3825 and U-3809 mentioned in the action listed above. The motion was seconded by Joyce Blythe.

B. Issue: Proposed Project Accelerations

Does the MPO wish to not accelerate any of the projects?

Schedules for the following projects have been proposed to be accelerated by NCDOT:

I-4733	I-77 Catawba Avenue interchange modification
R-2555	W. Catawba Avenue widening
R-4902	I-485 widening
U-4913	Idlewild Road widening (from I-485 to Stevens Mill Road)

Action

Motion:

Ms. McAulay made a motion to accept all proposed project accelerations. Mr. Howard seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

C. Issue: Unfunded Projects

Does the MPO wish to request that any or all of the projects remain listed in the TIP?

NCDOT has proposed to remove Unfunded projects from the TIP. The affected projects are those having no funds attached and for which there is no legislative mandate to complete:

R-3802	NC 16 widening (Union County)
R-2706	NC 73 widening
U-213	Charlotte Avenue widening
U-2549	Monroe Northern Loop, (US 74 to Walkup Avenue)
U-3619	Secret Avenue extension
U-5007	NC 51 widening (Matthews-Mint Hill Road to Lawyers Road)
U-2547	Charles Street widening
U-4024	US 601 widening and US 74 interchange improvements*
U-203	Airport Entrance Road (Charlotte)
U-2704	Wilkinson Boulevard (Wilkinson Blvd/BG Parkway improvements)
U-4705	Belmont-Mt. Holly Northern Loop (new bridge over Catawba River)

Action

Motion:

Ms. McAulay made a motion to accept the proposal to remove the above Unfunded projects from the TIP. Mr. Bensman seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

D. Issue: Rea Road Extension (U-3467)

Does the MPO support funding this project?

The TIP includes \$2 million in construction funds for the "A" section of the project which is a 1000 foot section of the project starting at NC 16. A developer was to construct the remaining portion of the road to NC 84, but the proposed development is defunct.

Action

Motion:

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to continue to pursue implementation of this project. Mr. Bensman seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

E. Issue: STP Funding to CATS (U-5210)

Does the MPO support providing \$1.5 million in Surface Transportation Funds to CATS?

Action

Motion:

Mr. Howard made a motion to support funding of this project. Ms. McAulay seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed with one dissenting vote. The dissenting vote was cast by Mr. Bensman.

F. Issue: Including Augustalee projects in the TIP

Does the TCC support including the five Augustalee projects in the TIP?

I-5126	I-77 widening
I-5127	Westmoreland Road interchange
U-5128	Statesville Road widening
U-5130	Jim Cooke Road, construct new road, Bailey Rd to Northcross Dr Ext
U-5131	Northcross Dr, construct new road, Jim Cooke Rd (prop) to Eagle Ridge Way Drive

Action

Motion:

Mr. Bensman made a motion to endorse the TCC's recommendation on this item. The TCC's recommendation was as follows:

- a. keep projects I-5126 (I-77 widening) and I-5127 (I-77/Westmoreland Road interchange) in the TIP as privately funded projects
- b. Drop projects U-5128 (Statesville Road widening), U-5129 (Westmoreland Road improvements), U-5130 (Jim Cooke Road construction) and U-5131 (Northcross Drive extension) because they are not regionally significant

The motion was seconded by Mr. Howard, and upon being put to a vote, passed unanimously.

G. Issue: I-77 managed lanes project

The issue addressed was support for a managed lane project on I-77 from Charlotte to northern Mecklenburg County.

Action

Motion:

Ms. McAulay made a motion to support establishing an I-77 managed lanes project in the TIP. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

H. Issue: Independence Boulevard

This issue focused on the fact that there are two significant projects about to get underway on the Independence Boulevard/US 74 corridor (U-209B, widening from Albemarle Road to Conference Drive, and the Monroe Parkway), but nothing funded for the approximately 7 mile gap between the two projects.

Action

Motion:

Mayor Taylor made a motion instructing staff to draft a letter for the MPO chairman's signature requesting that NCDOT explore any and all possibilities for improvements to Independence Boulevard between the U-209B and Monroe Parkway projects.

8. Small Project Ranking

Presenter:

Lauren Blackburn, TCC Representative, Town of Davidson

Summary:

Ms. Blackburn reported that the TCC had recommended that work on this project be stopped. Its recommendation was based upon an inability to define what constituted a "small project." Instead, the TCC recommended that MPO representatives continue the current practice of working with their TCC members and Division 10 staff to pursue funding for small projects.

Motion:

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to terminate work on this project. Mr. Howard seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

9. Regional Transportation Planning Study

Presenter:

Bill Duston, Centralina COG

Summary:

Mr. Duston presented 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 findings of the Regional Transportation Planning Study. One recommendation was that a new regional transportation planning agency should be created that would serve as an umbrella organization responsible for projects of a regional scope. This new organization would be based upon a model used in the Tampa/St. Petersburg region (which also has multiple transportation planning bodies) but would not replace the existing MPOs and RPOs. Mr. Duston asked that MUMPO work with the COG on a "go-forward" model.

10. Waxhaw Parkway Alignment Study Update

Presenter:

Steve Blakley, Kimley-Horn

Summary:

MUMPO contracted with Kimley-Horn to analyze the feasibility of the Waxhaw Parkway as currently depicted on MUMPO's Thoroughfare Plan, and to examine alternatives in the event the current proposed alignment was found to be unfeasible. Mr. Blakley presented the study's preliminary findings.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

MPO Education Session

The regular MPO meeting was preceded by an education session at 6:00 PM. The session focused on detailing the development of a roadway project from the conceptual stage to being open to traffic. TCC vice-chairman Bill Cox and NCDOT Division 10 engineer Barry Moose conducted the presentation.



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TO: Mecklenburg-Union MPO Delegates & Alternates
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
MUMPO Secretary
DATE: January 12, 2011
SUBJECT: **Charlotte Streetcar LRTP & TIP Amendments and Conformity Determinations**

BACKGROUND

The City of Charlotte has received a \$25 million grant from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that will permit construction of a 1.5 mile segment of a proposed streetcar line. The segment in question runs from the Charlotte Transportation Center to the intersection of Elizabeth Avenue and Hawthorne Lane. (The entire project runs from the Rosa Parks Transit Center (near the I-85/Beatties Ford Road interchange) to the former Eastland Mall.)

FUTURE REQUIRED ACTIONS

Receipt of the grant requires the following actions to permit the project to proceed:

- 1. Amend the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)**
This action is required because the LRTP shows the entire project in the 2035 horizon year. The proposed amendment will place the 1.5 mile segment in the 2015 horizon year, with the balance of the project remaining in the LRTP in 2035.
- 2. Amend the 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**
This action is required because the current TIP does not show funding for the project.
- 3. Make conformity determinations on the amended LRTP and TIP**
This action is required because MPOs must make conformity determinations not only on newly adopted LRTPs and TIPs, but on amended versions of the same documents.

Final action on the above matters will be requested at the March MPO meeting.

ACTION REQUESTED

The MPO is requested to approve the release of the attached amendment report and draft conformity determination report for public review and comment.

At its January meeting, the Technical Coordinating Committee unanimously recommended that the MPO take the above requested action.

MECKLENBURG-UNION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT

INTRODUCTION

This report constitutes an Amendment to the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO). Based on this analysis, the 2035 LRTP for MUMPO remains consistent with the North Carolina State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-2015 TIP is a subset of the 2035 LRTP. The LRTP has a 25-year planning horizon. The original 2035 LRTP was adopted by MUMPO in March 2010, found to conform to the State Implementation Plan and approved by the Federal Highway and Federal Transit Administrations on May 3, 2010.

AMENDMENT DETAILS

Periodically it becomes necessary to amend the LRTP. In this instance, MUMPO is amending it in order to accommodate the receipt of a \$25 million Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant by the City of Charlotte for its streetcar project. The grant will permit construction of an approximately 1.5 mile portion of the project, from the Charlotte Transportation Center to Hawthorne Lane adjacent to Presbyterian Hospital. The adopted LRTP includes the streetcar project in its 2035 horizon year; however, the receipt of the grant funds will permit the 1.5 mile portion of the streetcar to begin operation sooner. As a result MUMPO proposes to amend the LRTP to add a 1.5 mile streetcar starter project to the LRTP's 2015 horizon year. MUMPO is also required to amend its 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for this project.

A copy of the 2035 LRTP is available on-line at www.mumpo.org.

AMENDED PROJECT RECOMMENDATION

As noted above, this amendment includes a change in timing to a portion of the streetcar project. This results in the addition of a 1.5 mile streetcar starter project from the Charlotte Transportation Center to Hawthorne Lane in the 2015 horizon year. This change triggers the need to reevaluate the regional impacts of the project and its anticipated implementation. Table 1 provides a summary of the planned project implementation date.

**TABLE 1
2035 LRTP Amended Projects:**

TIP #	Facility	Area	Project Description	Regionally Significant	Original AQ Analysis Year	Revised AQ Analysis Year for Conformity
TE-5103	Charlotte Streetcar	MUMPO	Construct an approximately 1.5 mile portion of the Charlotte streetcar project, from the Charlotte Transportation Center to Hawthorne Lane at Presbyterian Hospital	N	2035	2015

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

MUMPO's 2035 LRTP and its Conformity Document were developed with significant attention to public involvement. Provisions for public comment on this amendment will be provided through a 30-day public comment period beginning on January 25, 2011 and concluding on February 23, 2011. In addition, a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM in Room 270-271 (2nd floor) of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 E. Fourth St., Charlotte, NC 28202.

The MPO is tentatively scheduled to take final action on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.



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TO: Mecklenburg-Union MPO Delegates & Alternates
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
MUMPO Secretary
DATE: January 12, 2011
SUBJECT: **Draft 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program**

ACTION REQUESTED

The MPO is requested to endorse a draft 2012-2018 TIP project list.

(Action to release a draft TIP, the necessary LRTP amendments and the conformity determination report for public review and comment is anticipated in March or April.)

ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

There are two TIP-related documents included in the agenda packet.

1. The first document lists TIP-related recommendations from the Technical Coordinating Committee. These recommendations were made at the TCC's January 6, 2011 meeting.
2. The second document lists the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan amendments that will be required as a result of the proposed TIP schedule changes.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

A complete listing of all TIP projects will be provided under separate cover. The list will be a modification of one presented to the Technical Coordinating Committee earlier this month. Click on the link to view what was presented to the TCC.

http://www.mumpo.org/PDFs/TIP/2012-2018/MUMPO_Draft_TIP_ProjectList.pdf

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

There is still one project with issues yet to be resolved. It is hoped there will be a resolution before the MPO meeting.

**Mecklenburg-Union MPO
TCC Recommendations on the Draft 2012-2018 TIP
January 2011**

TCC RECOMMENDATIONS-JANUARY 2011

The TCC made the following recommendations to the MPO at its meeting held on January 6, 2011

TIP #	Project	Location	Project Description	Recommendation
U-5110	McKee Road grade separation	Matthews	Construct grade-separation at CSX RR crossing	Change project to "Construct new 2-lane road, US 74 to Stevens Mill Road
U-3850	Belk Freeway/I-77 Interchange	Charlotte	Modify interchange	Change project to "Add westbound land through I-77 interchange:
TBD	I-77 managed lanes project	Multiple	Implement managed lanes: 5th St. to Catawba Ave	Place in fiscal year 2016
TBD	Freedom Drive widening	Charlotte	Widen, from Edgewood Dr to Toddville Road	As per FHWA direction, add to TIP due to being regionally significant (this is a City-funded project
U-5112	Potter Road improvements	Stallings	Widen, from Pleasant Plains Rd to Old Monroe Rd	Change project to "Construct intersection improvements" (as per Town recommendation)
I-5126	I-77 widening (Augustalee)	Cornelius	Widen, from Hambright Rd to exit 28	Drop from TIP-project no longer needed due to managed lanes project
I-5127	I-77/Westmoreland Road interchange	Cornelius	Construct interchange	Drop from TIP (as per Town direction)
R-2420A	City Boulevard Extension	Charlotte	Relocated Mallard Creek Road to Neal Road	As per FHWA direction, place project in FY 2015 (this is a City-funded project)
U-4714	Old Monroe Road	Multiple	Widen, from Trade St to Wesley Chapel-Stouts Road	Add Indian Trail to list of towns
U-3467	Rea Road Extension	Weddington	New road, from NC 16 to NC 84	Absent a realistic proposal for ROW dedication, the project should be moved to Unfunded status
Multiple	CMAQ projects	Multiple	Multiple	CMAQ projects endorsed in July 2010 will be added to the TIP
U-5116	Little Rock Road	Charlotte	Relocate existing roadway	Include in TIP (mistakenly omitted from draft; is in 09-15 TIP)
TE-5103	Charlotte Streetcar	Charlotte	Construct 1.5 mile segment of the project	This will be added to fiscal year 2012 of the TIP

**Mecklenburg-Union MPO
Proposed 2035 LRTP Amendments
January 2011**

2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) AMENDMENTS

Due to TIP schedule changes, the LRTP must be amended to reflect the proposed changes

TIP #	Project	Current	Proposed	Reason for Change
		Horizon Year	Horizon Year	
R-211EC	I-485/Weddington Road interchange	2015	2025	TIP delay to Unfunded status
TBD	I-77 Managed Lanes	N/A	2025	New project
I-4733	I-77/Catawba Ave interchange	2025	2015	Project accelerated
I-5126	I-77 widening (Augustalee)	2015	Remove	Project no longer needed due to new managed lanes project
I-5127	I-77/Westmoreland Road interchange (Augustalee)	2015	2025	Augustalee project delayed
U-5128	Statesville Road widening (Augustalee)	2015	2025	Augustalee project delayed
U-5129	Westmoreland Road widening (Augustalee)	2015	2025	Augustalee project delayed
U-5130	Jim Cooke Road construction (Augustalee)	2015	2025	Augustalee project delayed
U-5131	Northcross Drive extension (Augustalee)	2015	Remove	Project will be completed under U-5108
U-2547	Charles St widening	2015	Drop	TIP delay to Unfunded status
U-3809	Indian Trail Road widening	2015	2025	TIP delay
U-3825	Stallings Road widening	2015	2025	TIP delay
R-2555B	W. Catawba Avenue widening	2035	2025	Project accelerated
U-4913	Idlewild Road widening	N/A	2025	Project accelerated
I-3311	I-77 widening	N/A	2025	Project mistakenly omitted from LRTP



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TO: Mecklenburg-Union MPO Delegates & Alternates
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
MUMPO Secretary
DATE: January 12, 2011
SUBJECT: **Draft FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program**

BACKGROUND

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the MPO’s annual listing of planning priorities and work tasks for the fiscal year. The UPWP includes a description of planning work and resulting products, the agency responsible for the listed work, time frames for completing identified tasks, project costs and funding sources.

FUNDING LEVELS

As has been the case the last few years, work on the UPWP is beginning without knowing the full amount of funds that will be available to carry out the MPO’s responsibilities. SAFETEA-LU has not been reauthorized and Congress has not acted on an extension of the bill beyond the end of 2010. Therefore, the UPWP’s development will begin with an assumption that funding levels for FY 2012 will be the same as FY 2011.

MUMPO’s three funding sources and their FY 2011 funding amounts are listed below:

- Planning (PL) funds \$725,493
- STP-DA PL funds supplement \$800,000
- Section 5303 funds \$388,824

LOCAL PROJECTS

MUMPO directs some of its PL funds to support local transportation planning projects initiated by its member jurisdictions. A request for candidate projects was sent to TCC members on November 22, 2010; the submittal deadline was December 17, 2010. The following candidate projects were submitted:

1. City of Charlotte

Project: extend Mecklenburg County land use-transportation-emissions model into Union County
PL funds requested: \$80,000

2. Town of Cornelius

Project: support of MPO activities
PL funds requested: \$1600

3. Town of Huntersville

Project: traffic count program; pedestrian planning project; connectivity study; I-77/NC 73 interchange study; MPO process staff support
PL funds requested: \$28,000

4. Union County (2 projects)

Project: Monroe Parkway corridor plan

PL funds requested: \$120,000

Project: US 74 corridor revitalization plan

PL funds requested: \$200,000

5. Joint project: Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, Cornelius, Davidson and Huntersville

Project: Redline trail study

PL funds requested: \$28,000

The amount of funds requested totals \$457,600. Sub-allocating the entire amount would significantly impact the MPO's ability to perform its basic functions, therefore, some of the above projects may not be funded, or the requested amount will have to be scaled back.

NEXT STEPS

- Presentation of draft UPWP at March MPO meeting
- Final approval at May meeting