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TO: Mecklenburg-Union MPO Delegates & Alternates  
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP  
MUMPO Secretary  
DATE: July 13, 2011  
SUBJECT: **July 2011 MPO Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 20, 2011**

The July 2011 meeting of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 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, 600 E. Fourth St., Charlotte.

**Education Session**

The education session will focus on the roles and responsibilities of the NC Board of Transportation. John Collett will lead the discussion.

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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

# Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization

July 20, 2011

Room 267-Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center

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## 6:00 PM Education Session

**Topic: North Carolina Board of Transportation: Roles & Responsibilities**

**Presenters: John Collett**

## 7:00 PM Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** Ted Biggers
2. **Approval of Minutes** Ted Biggers  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Approve May 2011 meeting minutes as presented.*

3. **Citizen Comment Period**

4. **2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** Robert Cook  
*ACTION REQUESTED: a) Find that the 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and the amended 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan are in compliance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, and Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); b) Adopt the 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program; c) Adopt amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.*

*TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO take the three actions listed above.*

*BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.*

*ATTACHMENTS: TIP memorandum and resolutions.*

5. **2009-2015 TIP Amendment: Monroe Connector/Bypass** Van Argabright  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Amend the 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to reflect the new Plan of Finance to include federal Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) bonds for the Monroe Connector/Bypass project (TIP# R-3329).*

*TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO amend the TIP.*

*BACKGROUND: In preparation for final financing for the Monroe Connector/Bypass, NCDOT and the NC Turnpike Authority have requested that MUMPO amend the 2009-2015 TIP to include federal GARVEE bonds. GARVEE bonds allow the Monroe Connector/Bypass project a more favorable interest rate and allow the NCTA to move forward with contract execution and construction at the earliest opportunity.*

*ATTACHMENTS: TIP Amendment Funding Scenarios and resolution.*

**6. MUMPO Conformity Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)**

Anna Gallup

*ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the Conformity Memorandum.*

*TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO endorse the MOA.*

*BACKGROUND: The Conformity Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) describes the State's interagency consultation and transportation conformity procedures. It was first presented to the MPO at its April meeting. Since that time, the TCC discussed the issue and asked for a change in the language in Section 2.1.3 to allow greater flexibility to address "fast track" updates. The revised language is the only change from the previous version of the MOA reviewed by the MPO in April:*

*"2.1.3 The MPO shall consult with the Parties on the development process for LRTPs, TIPs and amendments thereto. A complete conformity determination takes approximately one year to complete, therefore, this process should begin no later than one year prior to when the conformity determination is needed."*

*To view the complete MUMPO Conformity Memorandum of Agreement, click [here](#).*

**7. 2009-2015 TIP Amendment: I-485/Clark's Creek Greenway Crossing** Tim Gibbs

*ACTION REQUESTED: a) Amend the 2009-2015 TIP to authorize the use, if necessary, of up to \$1.5 million of Equity Formula funds for the project; b) Endorse a resolution of support for NCDOT's construction of a bridge at the Clark's Creek Greenway crossing of I-485 using Loop funds.*

*TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO amend the TIP and endorse the resolution.*

*BACKGROUND: NCDOT has requested a resolution of support from MUMPO to upgrade the currently planned double box culvert under I-485 at Clark's Creek to a full bridge. Funding would be by the City of Charlotte (\$600K) and Mecklenburg County (\$600K). The remaining funds will be garnered from the Equity and Loop accounts.*

*ATTACHMENTS: Draft resolutions.*

**8. SPOT Prioritization 2.0**

Robert Cook

**a. Highway Projects**

*ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the attached list of highway projects for inclusion in the prioritization database.*

*TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO endorse the highway projects lists.*

*BACKGROUND: The 15 projects proposed to be submitted to NCDOT are based on a methodology endorsed by the TCC at its June meeting.*

*ATTACHMENTS: Prioritization 2.0 Memo; Highway Project List.*

**b. Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects**

*ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the attached list of bicycle & pedestrian projects for inclusion in the prioritization database.*

*TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO endorse the bicycle and pedestrian projects lists.*

*BACKGROUND: A bicycle and pedestrian subcommittee of the TCC was formed to determine which projects to submit as part of P2.0. Each MPO is able to submit 10 bicycle and 10 pedestrian projects.*

*ATTACHMENT: Bicycle & Pedestrian Project List.*

**c. Transit Projects**

*ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse a list of transit projects for inclusion in the prioritization database.*

*TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO endorse the transit project lists.*

*BACKGROUND: Each MPO/RPO is responsible for entering transit projects into the prioritization database. A list of transit projects, developed with the assistance of CATS, is proposed to be included in the database.*

**9. NCDOT Complete Streets Planning and Design Guidelines** Tracy Newsome

*ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt a resolution of support for NCDOT's ongoing implementation of Complete Streets.*

*TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO endorse the resolution.*

*BACKGROUND: The NCDOT Board of Transportation adopted a complete streets policy in 2009 which initiated an effort to develop implementation guidelines. The first draft of the Complete Streets Planning and Design Guidelines was released on June 17. [Click here](#) to view the guidelines.*

*ATTACHMENT: Draft Complete Streets guidelines resolution of support.*

**10. Prosperity Church Road/Eastfield Road Intersection Realignment** Stuart Basham

*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: The Prosperity Church Road/Eastfield Road intersection was the subject of a Thoroughfare Plan amendment process in 2008 to realign the future extension of Prosperity Church Road on the north side of Eastfield Road. A developer now wishes to revise the approved realignment. An update on the status of this realignment will be presented.*

**11. FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program** Robert Cook

*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: The final FY 2012 Planning (PL) fund allocation was received after the UPWP's adoption in May. The TCC will begin a process to allocate additional funds and an amendment request will be presented to the MPO in September.*

**12. Adjourn**

**MECKLENBURG-UNION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center Conference Room 280**  
**May 18, 2011 Meeting**  
**Summary Minutes**

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**Members Attending:**

David Howard (Charlotte), Jim Bensman (Cornelius), Brian Jenest (Davidson), Sarah McAulay (Huntersville), John Quinn (Indian Trail), Paul Bailey (Matthews), Dumont Clarke (Mecklenburg County), Ted Biggers (Mint Hill), John Ashcraft (Monroe), Jim Eschert (Pineville), Lynda Paxton (Stallings), Jerry Simpson (Union County), Daune Gardner (Waxhaw), Nancy Anderson (Weddington), Brad Horvath (Wesley Chapel), John Collett (NC Board of Transportation)

**Non-Voting Members Attending:**

Joel Randolph (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission)

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**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Ted Biggers called the May 2011 MUMPO meeting to order at 7:10 PM. He announced an addition to the evening's agenda to discuss a grant application in Matthews for which the town is seeking MPO support.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Summary:

Chairman Biggers asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the March and April 2011 minutes.

Motion:

Mayor John Quinn made a motion to adopt the March and April 2011 minutes as presented. Brad Horvath seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the March and April 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Citizen Comment Period**

Summary:

There were no public comments.

**4. FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

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. He reviewed the material that was included in the members' agenda packet, including the Funding Sources & Projects spreadsheet and the Task Descriptions, and described several of the significant tasks. Also reviewed were the local transportation planning projects proposed to be funded with MPO funds. He stated that the funding amounts for FY 2012 are not yet known; therefore the UPWP's development assumed original FY 2011 funding levels. Once the final amounts are known, a request to amend the UPWP will be presented. Mr. Cook also stated that staff would provide an update on the UPWP no later than November. Lastly, it was noted that the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the FY 2012 UPWP, and requested that the MPO take the recommended action.

Motion:

Sarah McAulay made a motion to adopt the FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program as presented. David Howard seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**5. MUMPO Self-Certification**

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that federal regulations require MPOs to annually certify that their transportation planning process is being conducted in accord with applicable requirements. He referred the MPO members to the self-certification checklist and resolution in the agenda packet and requested they adopt the resolution. The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the resolution.

Motion:

Mr. Howard made a motion to adopt the resolution certifying MUMPO's transportation planning process for FY 2011. Ms. McAulay seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Bicycle and Pedestrian Prioritization Process**

Presenter:

Adam McLamb, Town of Indian Trail

Summary:

Mr. McLamb reminded the MPO of the detailed presentation provided by Lauren Blackburn at its April meeting, and then briefly reviewed the highlights of the proposed process. He requested the MPO to endorse the process and stated that the TCC had unanimously recommended doing so. Mayor Linda Paxton thanked the subcommittee that developed the process for its work. John Collett stated that he is working to increase funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects. TCC chairman Bill Coxe noted the committee's hard work and that it reflected a diverse membership from various MPO jurisdictions.

Motion:

John Ashcraft made a motion to endorse the Bicycle and Pedestrian Prioritization Process as presented. Paul Bailey seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**7. Centralina Council of Governments Sustainability Grant**

Presenter:

Rebecca Yarbrough, Centralina COG

Summary:

Ms. Yarbrough provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. She stated that the Centralina COG was requesting action on two matters. First, it was asking the MPO to approve a memorandum of understanding related to a \$40,000 grant from the NC Sustainable Communities Task Force to assist communities in five targeted corridors with redevelopment work. The second request was to adopt a resolution of support for COG to apply for a 2011 HUD Sustainability Grant. Mr. Howard asked if the redevelopment project was limited to industrial areas. Ms. Yarbrough replied that it was, but that communities have asked to include distressed retail areas.

Motion:

Mayor Quinn made a motion to endorse the sustainability grant as presented. Ms. McAulay seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**8. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)**

Presenter:

Nicholas Polimeni

Summary:

Mr. Polimeni requested that the MPO endorse clarifications to the CMAQ ranking criteria, and noted that a detailed presentation on this topic was provided at the April meeting. He stated that the TCC recommended that the MPO endorse the ranking criteria clarifications.

Motion:

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to approve the CMAQ clarifications as presented. Jim Bensman seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**9. Matthews Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) Program Grant**

Presenter:

Ralph Messera, Town of Matthews

Summary:

Mr. Messera stated that the Town of Matthews is submitting a proposal for funding from the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Transportation, Community, and System Preservation (TCSP) program to construct a roundabout at the intersection at NC 51 and Matthews-Mint Hill Road. He requested that the MPO endorse the Town's grant application.

Motion:

Mr. Howard made a motion to endorse the Town of Matthews' TCSP grant proposal. Jim Eschert seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**10. NCDOT Strategic Prioritization Process**

Presenter:

Nicholas Polimeni

Summary:

Mr. Polimeni provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The purpose of the presentation was to update the MPO on NCDOT's Strategic Prioritization process, known as Prioritization 2.0 (P2.0). P2.0 will quantitatively score highway projects, bicycle and pedestrian projects and transit projects. Highway projects to be prioritized are those: a) expected to be let for construction 2018-2020 or later (years 8, 9 and 10 of the Draft Work Program); b) not funded or not programmed in P1.0; c) categorized as new Mobility and Modernization projects. 15 new Mobility and Modernization projects may be entered into the database in July, and then NCDOT will apply a quantitative rank to all projects, followed by MUMPO applying a local rank in October-November. Mr. Polimeni then stated that the TCC will prepare a recommendation for which 15 projects to include in the database and present it to the MPO at the July 20 meeting for endorsement.

Also discussed were the processes for adding bicycle and pedestrian and transit projects to the P2.0 database. 20 new projects may be entered-10 bicycle and 10 pedestrian. MUMPO's newly adopted bicycle and pedestrian prioritization process will be used to rank projects. As with highway Mobility and Modernization projects, the MPO will be asked on July 20 to endorse a TCC recommended project list. Transit projects to be entered into the database will be provided by CATS staff.

**11. Draft Transportation Improvement Program**

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook reminded the MPO that it authorized the start of a TIP public comment period at its April meeting. The comment period started on May 16 and was scheduled to end on June 15. A public meeting was held before the start of the MPO meeting and one person attended. Another meeting is scheduled for June 7 in Indian Trail. The MPO will be requested to adopt the TIP at its July 20 meeting.

**12. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

**MPO Education Session**

The regular MPO meeting was preceded by an education session at 6:00 PM. The session focused NCDOT's efforts to prepare complete streets guidelines. Tracy Newsome, co-chair of NCDOT's Complete Streets Advisory Group, conducted the presentation.



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**TO:** Mecklenburg-Union MPO  
**FROM:** Robert W. Cook, AICP  
MUMPO Secretary  
**DATE:** July 13, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** **Draft 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program**

**REQUESTED ACTION**

It is requested that the MPO:

1. make a finding of conformity on the 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)
2. adopt the 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program
3. adopt amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Please click on the following link to view all documents associated with the requested action:  
<http://www.mumpo.org/plans-programs/2012-2018-tip>.

**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

At its July 7 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO take the above-requested actions.

**BACKGROUND**

The following provides more information on the actions being requested:

**2012-2018 TIP**

While three separate actions are being requested, the adoption of the TIP is the action that triggers the need for the other two. Adoption will result in the 2012-2018 TIP becoming MUMPO’s prioritized program of transportation projects covering the seven-year period of 2012-2018. The TIP will go into effect at the start of the federal fiscal year (October 1).

**2035 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendments**

Proposed changes in the 2012-2018 TIP will result in 29 projects being:

- a. completed on schedules that conflict with anticipated completion dates in the 2035 LRTP;
- b. newly added to the LRTP; or
- c. removed from the LRTP.

Projects, and project completion schedules, in both documents must be consistent because the TIP is a subset of the LRTP. Adopting the amendments will result in consistency between the TIP and LRTP.

**Conformity Determination**

The Clean Air Act requires MPOs to demonstrate that its plans and programs (newly adopted and amended) conform to air quality goals. Emissions expected from the implementation of the 2035 LRTP amendments and 2012-2018 TIP are in conformity with the 8-hour ozone and carbon monoxide (CO) standards.



## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

### **Comment Period**

The TIP public comment period began on May 16 and was originally scheduled to end on June 15; however, due to the discovery of two errors in the Conformity Determination Report (CDR), it was extended to June 30.

### **E-Mail Notification**

MUMPO's extensive e-mail address database was used to provide notification of the start of the comment period. The database includes public and private sector agencies that may have an interest in transportation-related matters, as well as the general public.

### **Public Meetings**

Two public meetings were held to receive public input: May 18 in Charlotte and June 7 in Indian Trail. A total of nine people attended the meetings. No comments were received at the meetings.

### **Website**

All relevant documents were posted on MUMPO's website.

### **Newspaper Advertisements**

Advertisements were published in the following newspapers notifying the public of the start of the comment period, the date, time and location of public meetings and where the relevant documents could be found for review: Que Pasa, Charlotte Post, Mecklenburg Times, Monroe Enquirer Journal, Indian Trail Trader, Waxhaw Exchange.

### **Media Release**

A media release was prepared and sent to all media outlets in the Charlotte region providing notification of the comment period and public meetings.

## **COMMENTS RECEIVED**

The only comments received were from the NC Division of Air Quality and the US Environmental Protection Agency. Both comments are attached.

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE  
MECKLENBURG-UNION METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
FY 2012-2018  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by MPO Member \_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users Act (SAFETEA-LU) requires all Metropolitan Planning Organizations to develop and maintain a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the MUMPO 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program is a direct subset of the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan and is financially constrained (23 CFR Part 450.324); and

**WHEREAS**, the MUMPO 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program is in compliance with SAFETEA-LU; and

**WHEREAS**, the MUMPO 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program has been found to be in conformance with the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the MUMPO 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program was reviewed by the general public in accordance with the MUMPO Public Involvement Plan.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the FY 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program.

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I, Ted Biggers, MUMPO Chairman, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization duly held on the 20th day of July 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ted Biggers, Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Cook, Secretary

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE MECKLENBURG-UNION  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS  
TO THE 2035 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and the North Carolina Department of Transportation are actively involved in transportation planning for the urban area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mecklenburg-Union MPO has an existing 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan adopted in March 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mecklenburg-Union MPO is the duly recognized transportation decision making body for the 3-C transportation planning process in the Mecklenburg-Union MPO as required by 23 CFR Part 134; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mecklenburg-Union MPO has prepared amendments to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendments are a result of project schedule changes proposed in the 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is recognized that the proper movement of traffic within and through the Mecklenburg-Union MPO is a highly desirable element of the Long Range Transportation Plan for the orderly growth and development of the Urban Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Long Range Transportation Plan has at least a 20 year horizon year and is fiscally restrained as required by 23 CFR Part 450.322; and

**WHEREAS**, the public has had the opportunity to review and comment on the Long Range Transportation Plan amendments in accord with the adopted Public Involvement Plan; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the amendments to the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan.

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I, Ted Biggers, MUMPO Chairman, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization duly held on the 20th day of July 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ted Biggers, Chairman

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Robert W. Cook, Secretary

**Resolution Finding the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and Amended 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan in Compliance with the Provisions of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users Act**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Mecklenburg-Union MPO is the duly recognized decision making body of the 3-C transportation planning process for the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mecklenburg-Union MPO Amended 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan meets the planning requirements of 23 CFR Part 450.322; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program is a direct subset of the Amended 2035 Long-Range Transportation plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) designated the Mecklenburg-Union MPO as nonattainment for ozone on June 15, 2004, and maintenance for CO on September 18, 1995; and

**WHEREAS**, the transportation conformity analysis of the Mecklenburg-Union MPO 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program is based on the most recent estimates of population, employment, travel, and congestion; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program is financially constrained; and

**WHEREAS**, there are no transportation control measures in the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (SIP) that pertain to the Mecklenburg-Union MPO; and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent vehicle emissions model was used to prepare the quantitative emissions analysis; and

**WHEREAS**, those projects and programs included in the Mecklenburg-Union MPO 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program contribute to annual emissions reductions as shown by the quantitative emissions analysis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization finds that the 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program and amended 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan conform to the purpose of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan (or interim emissions tests, in areas where no State Implementation Plan is approved or found adequate by USEPA) in accordance with Clean Air Act as Amended (CAAA), and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act, a Legacy for Users Act (SAFETEA-LU).

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I, Ted Biggers, MUMPO Chairman, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization duly held on the 20th day of July 2011.

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Ted Biggers, Chairman

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Robert W. Cook, Secretary

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**RESOLUTION**  
**ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MECKLENBURG-UNION URBAN AREA**  
**METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR**  
**FY 2009-FY 2015**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by MPO Member \_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) has reviewed the FY 2009-FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and found the need to modify it; and

WHEREAS, MUMPO views the Monroe Connector/Bypass as one of its top priorities; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the amendment is for the TIP to reflect the new Plan of Finance for the Monroe Connector/Bypass, TIP project R-3329; and

WHEREAS, the new Plan of Finance includes federal Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle Revenue (GARVEE) bonds; and

WHEREAS, the use of GARVEE bonds will allow the project a more favorable interest rate and allow the North Carolina Turnpike Authority to proceed with contract execution and construction at the earliest opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization finds that the proposed amendment conforms to the purpose of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan for maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards in accordance with 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan has a planning horizon year of 2035, and meets all the requirements in 23 CFR 450; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that the FY 2009-FY 2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area be modified to reflect the new Plan of Finance for the Monroe Connector/Bypass on this the 20th day of July, 2011.

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I, Ted Biggers, Chairman of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization, duly held on this the 20th day of July, 2011.

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Ted Biggers, Chairman

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Robert W. Cook, Secretary

**R-3329 - MONROE BP**

**FUNDING SCENARIO WITH EXPLANATIONS**

FUNDING SCENARIO IF GARVEE FUNDS USED												
Project	Funding Source	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	PY
R-3329	DP & NHS GARVEE (See Note #1)	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012				
	STATE MATCH FOR GARVEE (DIV 10 FUNDS - PART OF \$77 M)	R 18000										
	STATE MATCH FOR GARVEE (TO BE REPAID - See Note #1)	R 16000										
	APPROPS BOND	C 1E+05										
	APPROPS BOND		C 2E+05									
	NHS GARVEE (See Note #1)		CG 1097	CG 1097	CG 1097	CG 1097	CG 1097	CG 1097				
	STATE TRUST FUNDS (DIV 10 FUNDS - PART OF \$77 M)		C 59000									
REVENUE BOND (See Note #2)		C 10000							C 2E+05			

Note: Using \$15 M in soft match from state funds used to purchase R-2559 ROW

Note #1: Due to revenue bond payback in 2018, GARVEE debt service and a portion of the state match is equity neutral over the 7 year program

Note #2: Bond in FY 12 and FY 18 is for \$156 M in GARVEE principal re-payment plus ((\$3.85 M/year X 7 years) + (\$0.26 M/year X 6 years))= \$28.5 M) for interest accrued on the GARVEE bonds over 7 years and \$16 M of the state matching funds

**FUNDING SCENARIO TO BE SHOWN IN STIP & TIP**

Project	Funding Source	FY 11	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18	FY 19	FY 20	PY
R-3329	DP & NHS	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012	RG 16012				
	STATE	R 34000										
	APPROPS BOND	C 1E+05	C 2E+05									
	NHS		CG 1097	CG 1097	CG 1097	CG 1097	CG 1097	CG 1097				
	STATE		C 59000									
	REVENUE BOND		C 10000							C 2E+05		

# RESOLUTION

## SUPPORTING USE OF LOOP FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF I-485 BRIDGES OVER CLARK'S CREEK IN NORTHEAST MECKLENBURG COUNTY

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the following Resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted:

**Whereas**, a connected transportation network that provides multiple mode choices contributes to better air and water quality, encourages active living, prevents childhood obesity and creates a healthy community; and

**Whereas**, Clark's Creek is identified on Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation's 2008 Greenway Master Plan Update as a future greenway corridor; and

**Whereas**, Clark's Creek Greenway is one of the most used and most popular for active transportation and recreation activities; such as biking, walking, and running; and

**Whereas**, severing the future link of Clark's Creek Greenway at the proposed I-485 would be a devastating blow to local efforts to provide continuity and meaningful destinations for a local and regional transportation system; and

**Whereas**, Clark's Creek Greenway is a key route on the Carolina Thread Trail, a growing system of over 500 miles of interconnected multi-use trails that will serve 15 counties throughout the region; and

**Whereas**, This future greenway will be a strategic connection from northeast Mecklenburg County to the existing greenway system via Clark's and Mallard Creek greenways, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) and, in the future, Cabarrus County; and

**Whereas**, the proposed treatment of the I-485 crossing of Clark's Creek as a bridge rather than a culvert is a critical design feature as is called for in the Complete Streets Policy that was approved by the North Carolina Board of Transportation in July 2009 that requires consideration and incorporation of multimodal alternatives in the design and improvement of all transportation projects within a growth area of a municipality; and

**Whereas**, the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County are providing a total of \$1.2 million toward project construction; and

**Whereas**, without this funding NCDOT would not build the requested bridge but instead would construct the 285-foot long box culvert for the greenway which we contend is an inappropriate accommodation; and

**Whereas**, since the barrier to the greenway is being created with the use of Loop funds, we contend that the State's share of appropriate accommodation should also come from Loop funds instead of Equity funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, if the North Carolina Department of Transportation will not use Loop funds for their share of this cost that the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning



Organization (MUMPO) reluctantly endorses the use of Equity funds to make up the shortfall of up to but not to exceed \$1.5 million for the construction of a bridge to carry I-485 over the Clark's Creek Greenway.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, MUMPO Chairman, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the MUMPO Board duly held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
MPO Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
MPO Area Coordinator

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**RESOLUTION**  
**ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MECKLENBURG-UNION URBAN**  
**AREA METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**FOR FY 2009-FY 2015**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the resolution and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) has reviewed the current FY 2009-FY 2015 Transportation Improvement Program and found the need to amend it; and

WHEREAS, the following amendments to the North Carolina Transportation Improvement Project # R-2248EA (Interstate 485) have been proposed:

1. Include funding from the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County for the planning, design and construction of dual bridges on I-485 over Clark's Creek
2. Authorize the use, if necessary, of up to \$1.5 million of Equity Formula funds for the project.

WHEREAS, the project is consistent with the goals and objectives of MUMPO's 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the TCC voted to recommend that the MPO approve the TIP amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Planning Organization finds that the proposed amendment conforms to the purpose of the North Carolina State Implementation Plan for maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards in accordance with 40 CFR 51 and 93; and

WHEREAS, the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan has a planning horizon year of 2035, and meets all the requirements in 23 CFR 450.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization that the FY 2009-FY 2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program for the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area be amended as listed above on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

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I, Ted Biggers, Chairman of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization, duly held on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ted Biggers, Chairman

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Robert W. Cook, Secretary



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TO: Mecklenburg-Union MPO Members  
FROM: Nicholas Polimeni  
MUMPO Principal Planner  
DATE: July 13, 2011  
SUBJECT: **NCDOT Prioritization 2.0 Process**

**REQUESTED ACTION**

The MPO, based on the recommendation of the TCC, and the information that has been provided, is requested to endorse for inclusion in the prioritization database:

- a. the attached *Proposed P2.0 Highway Projects* list
- b. the *Proposed P2.0 Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects* list
- c. the *Proposed P2.0 Transit Projects* list

**TCC Recommendation**

At its July 7 meeting, the TCC recommended that the MPO endorse the attached project lists for inclusion in the prioritization database.

**BACKGROUND**

At its May meeting, the MPO was given a presentation that outlined the significant tasks and timeline associated with NCDOT's Prioritization 2.0 (P2.0) process. One of the most important tasks includes submitting the following projects to the Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) no later than July 29:

- a. 15 highway projects
- b. 10 bicycle and 10 pedestrian projects
- c. Priority transit projects

**Existing Projects**

In addition to the projects to be added to the database, MUMPO also has several projects currently in the database which were submitted as part of Prioritization 1.0. See the attached tables titled *Existing P2.0 Highway Projects* and *Existing P2.0 Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects* for a listing of those projects.

**PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NCDOT PRIORITIZATION DATABASE**

**Highway Projects**

- Each MPO/RPO and NCDOT Division Office will be able to submit an additional 15 projects to the database (projects that are not already in the database)
- At the June TCC meeting, there was consensus among TCC members to use a methodology based on the LRTP project list for selecting which 15 projects to recommend for inclusion in the database
- See the attached table titled *Proposed P2.0 Highway Projects*

### **Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects**

- Each MPO/RPO and Division Office will be able to submit an additional 10 bicycle projects and 10 pedestrian projects (projects that are not currently in the database)
- A subcommittee of the TCC was formed to complete a call for projects and determine which of those projects to recommend for inclusion in the database
- See the attached table titled *Proposed P2.0 Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects*

### **Transit Projects**

- Each MPO will be able to submit transit projects into the database
- There is no limit on the number of transit projects that can be added to the database; however, they must be major capital projects only, and the local transit agency must be able to provide the required match to fund the project
- See the attached table titled *Proposed P2.0 Transit Projects*, developed by CATS staff

### **TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS**

All projects (highway, bicycle & pedestrian, and transit) must be entered into the database **July 5-July 29**. Staff will be responsible for entering all endorsed project lists into the database prior to July 29.

After the July window for submitting projects closes, SPOT will quantitatively score all projects in the database and provide that information to MPOs/RPOs and NCDOT Division Offices. In **October-November 2011**, MPOs/RPOs and NCDOT Division Offices will be able to assign Local Input Ranks to projects that are in the database and have received a quantitative score. Staff will provide further information regarding the Local Input ranking process after the July window for entering projects closes.

## Existing P2.0 Highway Projects

TIP #	Project	From/Cross Street	To
I-3311B	<b>I-77</b> Widening	I-485	West Catawba Av
I-3311C	<b>I-77</b> Widening	5th St in Charlotte	I-85
R-2555B	<b>Catawba Av</b> Widening	NC 73 (Sam Furr Rd)	Jetton Rd
R-2632AB	<b>NC 73</b> Widening	NC 115	Davidson-Concord Rd
R-3802	<b>NC 16</b> Widening	Rea Road Ext in Weddington	NC 75 in Waxhaw
R-4059	<b>US 21</b> Intersection Improvements	Catawba Av	
U-0203	<b>Little Rock Rd</b> Access Revision	I-85	Charlotte-Douglas International Airport
U-0213	<b>Charlotte Av</b> Widening	CSX Railroad	Concord Av
U-2509	<b>Independence Bl</b>	I-485	Idlewild Rd
U-2547	<b>Charles St</b> Widening	Sunset Dr	Franklin St
U-2549	<b>Monroe Northern Loop</b>	US 74	Walkup Av at Bivens Rd
U-2704B	<b>Wilkinson Bl</b> Improvements	US 521 (Billy Graham Pkwy)	
U-3467	<b>Rea Road Ext</b>	NC 16	Indian Trail-Waxhaw Rd
U-3619	<b>Secrest Avenue Ext</b>	Walkup Av	Olive Branch Rd
U-4024A	<b>US 601</b> Widening and Interchange Improvements	Existing US 74	Proposed Monroe Bypass (R-2559)
U-4024B	<b>US 601</b> Widening and Interchange Improvements	Existing US 74	
U-4024C	<b>US 601</b> Widening and Interchange Improvements	Existing US 74	
U-4713A	<b>McKee Road Ext</b>	Pleasant Plains Rd	John St
U-4714A	<b>John St/Old Monroe Rd</b> Widening	Trade St	I-485
U-4714C	<b>John St/Old Monroe Rd</b> Widening	Indian Trail Rd	Wesley Chapel-Stouts Rd
U-4913	<b>Idlewild Rd</b> Widening	I-485	Stevens Mill Rd
U-5007	<b>NC 51</b> Widening	US 74 (Independence Bl)	Lawyers Rd
U-5008	<b>Sugar Creek Rd</b> Grade Separation	NC Railroad Crossing	

## Existing P2.0 Highway Projects

TIP #	Project	From/Cross Street	To
	<b>NC 115</b> Bicycle Lanes and Sidewalk Improvements	Legion St	Smith Rd
	<b>Gilead Rd</b> Widening	US 21 (Statesville Rd)	NC 115
	<b>Billy Graham Pkwy</b> New Interchange	NC 160 (West Bl)	
	<b>Rocky River Rd</b> Widening	Old Charlotte Hwy	US 74
	<b>Statesville Rd</b> Widening	Sunset Rd	Catawba Av
	<b>Freedom Dr/Mount Holly Rd</b> Widening	Toddville Rd	I-485
	<b>Waxhaw Bypass</b>	NC 75	NC 75

## Existing P2.0 Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects

<b>Project</b>	<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>Status</b>
Irwin Creek Greenway	Charlotte	Remain in database
Margaret Wallace Trail Connection	Charlotte	Remain in database
Old Concord Road Bikeway	Charlotte	Remain in database
Sugar Creek Road Bikeway	Charlotte	Remain in database
Mallard Creek Greenway	Charlotte	Remain in database
NC 115 Bikeway	Charlotte	Remain in database
NC 115 Bikeway	Charlotte	Remain in database
Plott/Highland Road Bikeway	Charlotte	Remain in database
Mallard Creek Church Road Bikeway	Charlotte	Remain in database
Long Creek Greenway	Charlotte	Remain in database
Blue Line Extension Greenway Feasibility Study	Charlotte	Remain in database
NC 115 Bike Lanes	Corn/Davidson	Remain in database
Westmoreland Road Bike Lanes	Cornelius	Remain in database
Torrence Chapel Road Bike Lanes	Cornelius	Remain in database
McDowell Creek Greenway	Cornelius	Remain in database
Jetton Rd, W Catawba Av, Nantz Rd & NC 73	Cornelius	Remain in database
Caldwell Station Creek Greenway	Cornelius	Remain in database
Exit 30 Bike/Ped Improvements	Davidson	Remain in database
NC 115 Bikeway	Hunt/Cornelius	Remain in database
NC 115 Bikeway	Huntersville	Remain in database
Pleasant Plains Road Bike Lanes	Matthews	Remain in database
Stallings Elementary School Sidewalk Plan	Stallings	Remain in database

## Proposed P2.0 Highway Projects

LRTP Rank	Project	From/Cross Street	To
5	<b>Old Statesville Rd (NC 115)</b> Widening	Baily Rd	Potts St
9	<b>Old Statesville Rd (NC 115)</b> Widening	Potts St	County Line
13	<b>Statesville Road (US 21)</b> Widening	Harris Blvd	Gilead Rd
15	<b>West Blvd Ext</b> Widening	Steele Creek Rd	I-485
21	<b>NC 73 West</b> Widening	Northcross Dr	US 21
22	<b>Eastern Circumferential Road</b> Widening	Idlewild Rd	US 74
24	<b>Airport Road</b> Widening	Goldmine Rd	NC 84
26	<b>Old Charlotte Highway</b> Widening	Wesley Chapel-Stouts Rd	Rocky River Rd
27	<b>Roosevelt Blvd. (US 74)</b>	Hanover Dr	Monroe City Limits
28	<b>Bridgeford/Northdowns Connector</b> New Road	Bridgeford Ln	Northdowns Ln
30	<b>Hambright Rd Ext</b> New Road	Everette Keith Rd	Eastfield Rd
32	<b>Statesville Road (US 21)</b> Widening	Gilead Rd	Holly Point Dr
33	<b>Church Street Ext</b> New Road	McCord Rd	Mayes Rd
34	<b>Potts-Sloan Connector</b>	NC 115	Griffith St
42	<b>Billy Graham/Morris Field Dr</b> Grade Separation	N/A	N/A



## Proposed P2.0 Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects

Project	Jurisdiction	Mode
Matheson Av Conversion & Bicycle Route 10 Extension	Charlotte	Bicycle
Walkers Branch Greenway	Charlotte	Bicycle
Legion Park, N Zion & Antiquity Bicycle Route	Cornelius	Bicycle
Smithville Park to Washam Potts Rd Bikeway	Cornelius	Bicycle
Highway 74 Multi-Use Path	Indian Trail	Bicycle
Southfork Crooked Creek Greenway	Indian Trail	Bicycle
Tom Short Rd Sidewalks	Charlotte	Pedestrian
Safe Routes to School Pedestrian Beacons	Davidson	Pedestrian
Sam Newell Rd Multi-Use Path	Matthews	Pedestrian
Highway 84/Weddington Rd Sidewalk	Wesley Chapel	Pedestrian

Proposed P2.0 Transit Projects

STIP#	DESCRIPTION	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	FY13-15 Total	FY13-20 Total
TA-5113	Replacement Bus	\$10,479	\$11,475	\$14,360	\$13,161	\$13,191	\$15,907	\$13,263	\$15,045	\$36,314	\$106,881
TA-4711	Replacement - STS Paratransit Vehicles	\$2,049	\$2,108	\$2,172	\$2,237	\$2,494	\$2,569	\$2,646	\$2,726	\$6,329	\$19,001
TA-4960	Replacement Van - vanpool	\$421	\$433	\$446	\$460	\$286	\$300	\$314	\$330	\$1,300	\$2,990
TD-4701	Facility - S. Tryon Bus Facility (Debt Service)				\$3,428	\$3,429	\$3,429	\$3,431	\$3,427	\$0	\$17,144
TW-5102A	Transit Bridge Program					\$200	\$300	\$500	\$325	\$0	\$1,325
	Rail Facilities & Equipment	\$2,708	\$2,848	\$3,015	\$1,602	\$1,135	\$1,475	\$1,275	\$805	\$8,572	\$14,863
	Replacement Bus Equipment	\$650	\$770	\$765	\$800	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$2,185	\$5,185
	Safety & Security Equipment	\$1,283	\$657	\$676	\$802	\$1,925	\$1,200	\$1,125	\$1,100	\$2,616	\$8,768
	Technology	\$853	\$6,653	\$4,515	\$3,667	\$2,621	\$2,031	\$4,998	\$7,627	\$12,021	\$32,965
TE-4902	Fixed Guideway - North Corridor - plans, design, acquisition, construction	\$17,300	\$146,000	\$188,800	\$66,400					\$352,100	\$418,500
	South Corridor Upfit		\$4,000	\$24,500	\$24,500	\$13,900				\$28,500	\$66,900
	Facility - Maintenance of Way Facility	\$2,200	\$935		\$935					\$3,135	\$4,070
TA-4716	Expansion - Vanpool					\$125	\$131	\$138	\$144	\$0	\$539
TD-4704	Facility - Park & Ride	\$3,925	\$1,300	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$1,150		\$3,589	\$3,159	\$8,225	\$19,122
TG-4827	Service Vehicles					\$266	\$30		\$215	\$0	\$511
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$41,868</b>	<b>\$177,180</b>	<b>\$242,249</b>	<b>\$120,992</b>	<b>\$41,272</b>	<b>\$27,923</b>	<b>\$31,828</b>	<b>\$35,453</b>	<b>\$461,297</b>	<b>\$718,765</b>

**RESOLUTION**  
**ENDORING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF**  
**TRANSPORTATION'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT**  
**COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING AND DESIGN GUIDELINES**

**WHEREAS**, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) is responsible for multi-modal long-range transportation planning and programming; and

**WHEREAS**, the MUMPO has adopted a goal to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian travel facilities, as appropriate, in the area's transportation network; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Board of Transportation (NCBOT) adopted a Complete Streets Policy in 2009 for implementation by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT); and

**WHEREAS**, the NCDOT is defining a comprehensive approach to creating complete streets through their long-range planning, project development, and maintenance processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the NCDOT has released for public review a draft of Chapters 1-4 of their Complete Streets Planning and Design Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, complete streets are crucial components of transportation networks that provide mobility and safety for all users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users; and

**WHEREAS**, complete streets create long-term value for communities and sustainable transportation capacity and mobility; and

**WHEREAS**, residents and visitors are increasingly seeking transportation choices as they choose where they will live, work, and visit; and

**WHEREAS**, many local communities that comprise MUMPO have been creating complete streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the first part of NCDOT's draft Framework provides for: the application of complete streets in a wide variety of development and community contexts, a variety of street types and flexible designs to accommodate all users, and an open and collaborative process for communities to work with the NCDOT to plan and design complete streets.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization expresses its sincere appreciation for NCDOT's efforts to broaden its vision for our public streets to appropriately design for all users.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that MUMPO endorses the NCDOT's emerging guidance for planning and designing complete streets.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that MUMPO encourages the NCDOT to continue their implementation efforts so that complete streets will provide for safe and comfortable travel by those who are driving, using transit, riding bicycles, or walking.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that MUMPO will continue to work collaboratively with NCDOT to plan, design, and implement complete streets.

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I, Ted Biggers, Chairman of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization, duly held on this the 20th day of July, 2011.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ted Biggers, Chairman

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Robert W. Cook, Secretary