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**TO:** TCC Members  
**FROM:** Nicholas Polimeni  
MUMPO Principal Planner  
**DATE:** October 29, 2010  
**SUBJECT: Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Agenda  
November 2010 TCC Meeting—November 4, 2010**

The November 2010 TCC meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 4 at 10:00 AM** in the **Uptown Conference Room, on the 8<sup>th</sup> Floor** of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center (600 East Fourth Street). Attached is a copy of the agenda.

Additional information, including the JARC & New Freedom Applications, will be provided under separate cover.

Please call me at (704) 336-8309 if you have any questions.

**MUMPO TCC**  
**AGENDA**  
**November 4, 2010**

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**1. Consideration of October Meeting Minutes**

Wayne Herron

*ACTION REQUESTED: Approve as presented or with amendments.*

**2. JARC & New Freedom Project Selection (15 minutes)**

Jana McMakin

*ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the grantees selected for funding based upon the recommendation of the subcommittee.*

*BACKGROUND: CATS subcontracted with Centralina Council of Governments to facilitate the selection process for FY 09-10 New Freedom and JARC grant funds. The first round of proposals occurred in August and at that time, not all grant funds were awarded. CATS subcontracted with Centralina again to facilitate the selection process for a second round of JARC & New Freedom grants. The selection committee has reviewed all proposals and has made recommendations on which projects to support and how much funding should be approved. The recommendations will be presented to the TCC for its approval of the grantees selected for these funds.*

*ATTACHMENTS: Review Process Memo; Project Selection Results Memo*

**3. Mobility Management Project (5 minutes)**

Debora Sparks

*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Council on Aging (CoA) received New Freedom program funding to develop a mobility management program. The project's goal is to create a plan and implementation program to coordinate public transportation services for underserved and underrepresented groups.*

**4. CATS TIP Amendment (5 minutes)**

David McDonald

*ACTION: Recommend to the MPO approval of the TIP Amendment as proposed.*

*BACKGROUND: The Federal Transit Administration has awarded CATS a total of \$1,949,600 in funding for two projects from the State of Good Repair grant program. A MTIP/STIP amendment reflecting this award is required in order to begin drawing down on the amount.*

**5. FY 11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (10 minutes)**

Robert Cook

*ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend to the MPO approval of the amendments to the UPWP to reallocate funds as proposed.*

*BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.*

*ATTACHMENT: UPWP Memorandum*

- 6. Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)** (15 minutes) Robert Cook  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Make recommendations to the MPO on key issues.*

*BACKGROUND: Significant milestones in the TIP development process are approaching. MPO and TCC leadership will need to meet in the very near future with NCDOT officials to negotiate the TIP's content. In addition, work needs to begin soon on the conformity process. Therefore it is important that recommendations on key issues be provided by the TCC and forwarded to the MPO for its consideration. See the attached memorandum for more information.*

*ATTACHMENT: Draft TIP Memorandum*

- 7. NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Initiative 2011** (10 minutes) Dryw Blanchard  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO endorse local proposals for grants from NCDOT's Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative.*

*BACKGROUND: Application requirements require MPO endorsement of the grant applications. The application deadline requires the MPO to act at its November 17 meeting.*

*ATTACHMENT: Wingate Pedestrian Plan Outline*

- 8. Small Projects Update** (5 minutes) Lauren Blackburn  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Provide to the MPO a recommendation regarding the small project ranking process.*

*BACKGROUND: The small project ranking process was suggested by the MPO as a way to leverage funds for "small" projects. After several attempts at a staff level to define, compile a list of, and determine a funding source for "small" projects, it was suggested at a transportation staff meeting that the TCC make a recommendation on how to proceed, if at all, with the process.*

- 9. Waxhaw Parkway Alignment Study Update** (15 minutes) Steve Blakley  
*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: MUMPO contracted with Kimley-Horn to perform an Alignment Study of the Waxhaw Parkway. The presentation will include both the analysis of the currently proposed alignment as well as some possible alternate alignments identified during the preliminary design portion of the Study. The Study is presently in the Final Design stage and is expected to be complete by the end of the year.*

- 10. Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model Update** (10 minutes) Anna Gallup  
*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: The TCC endorsed a 3-year funding schedule and budget for model maintenance and development at their March meeting. The purpose of this item is to provide staff an update on the progress of the Metrolina regional travel model update.*

**11. NCDOT Complete Streets Advisory Group Update** (10 minutes)

Tracy Newsome

*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: Update on the status of the Advisory Group's efforts.*

**12. Comprehensive Transportation Plan** (5 minutes)

Anil Panicker

*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: Update on the status of this project.*

**13. Adjourn**

**MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center**  
**Room CH-14**  
**October 7, 2010**

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**Voting Members:** Wayne Herron-Chair (Monroe), Bill Coxe-Vice-Chair (Huntersville), Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Alan Giles – alt. for Leslie Rhodes (LUESA-Air Quality), Ken Tippet (CDOT Bicycle Coordinator), Jonathan Wells – alt. for Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), Louis Mitchell – alt. for Barry Moose (NCDOT-Div. 10), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Adam McLamb – alt. for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Ralph Messera (Matthews), Shannon Martel – alt. for Brian Matthews (Stallings), Amy Helms (Union County), Joshua Langen (Wesley Chapel), Jordan Cook (Weddington), John Rose (CATS), Lee Bailey (Mint Hill), Kevin Icard (Pineville), Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Jack Flaherty (NCDOT-Public Transportation), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson)

**Staff:** Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Robert Cook (MUMPO), Nick Polimeni (MUMPO), Crissy Huffstickler (Planning), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Craig Thomas (Indian Trail), Jim Loyd (Monroe), Tom Tasselli (Cornelius), Gwen Cook (Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation), Pate Butler (NCDOT), John Underwood (NCDOT-Dist. 3), Ron Reid (Mecklenburg County), Jennifer Harris – via phone (NCTA), Loretta Barren – via phone (FHWA)

**Guests:** Angela Schlottman (CCOG), Carroll Gray (Lake Norman Transportation Commission), Lynda Paxton (MPO Vice-Chair – Stallings), Steve Blakley (Kimley-Horn), Greg Boulanger (HNTB)

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TCC Chairman Wayne Herron opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

Mr. Herron announced that agenda item numbers 3 and 9 would be removed from the agenda and considered at a later date.

**1. Consideration of September Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Herron asked if there were any changes needed to the September minutes. Mr. Wells made a motion to approve the September minutes. Mr. Pleasant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herron stated that agenda item number 4 would be taken first.

**2. Transit Funding Presentation**

Presenter: Jack Flaherty, NCDOT Public Transportation Division

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Flaherty provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). He gave an overview of the various aspects of transit funding, including Federal Transit Authority (FTA) grants, the difference between funding transit projects and highway projects, and how transit projects relate to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), as well as providing examples of transit projects that lead to TIP amendments. Mr. Coxe asked why transit projects often require TIP amendments when, in a similar situation, a highway project would not. Mr. Flaherty responded that there is more oversight and more pots of money associated with

transit funding. There was also a discussion regarding the TCC and MPO's involvement in weighing transportation priorities. It was noted that historically, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) has been the body that evaluates transit priorities, but there is nothing that precludes the MPO from weighing in. Finally, Mr. Herron noted that if more discussion on the topic is necessary, it could be included on a transportation staff meeting agenda, but in the meantime, as much information as possible be provided to the TCC when transit action items are included on its agenda.

### **3. JARC & New Freedom Project Selection**

Presenter: Angela Schlottman, Centralina COG

#### Summary/FYI:

Ms. Schlottman informed the TCC that CATS is again subcontracting with Centralina COG to facilitate the selection process for a second round of JARC and New Freedom grants. She indicated that there was money unallocated in both programs after the first round of project selection so a second round of applications are due on October 8. After the applications are reviewed and the selection committee makes a recommendation, the results will be presented to the TCC for endorsement at its November meeting.

### **4. Proposed I-77 HOT Conversion (North Mecklenburg)**

Presenter: Lauren Blackburn, Town of Davidson

#### Summary/FYI:

Ms. Blackburn provided some background on the topic, including that the Town of Davidson recently submitted a letter of support for the TIGER II grant application for the I-77 HOT lanes between Charlotte and Exit 28. In addition, she noted that the letter also advocated for the expedited environmental review of adding thru-lanes on I-77 along the two causeways over Lake Norman. Mr. Coxe described the background of the project, including a feasibility study that was conducted in 2003 as well as a TIP project that has funds programmed for right-of-way in 2017 (TIP# I-4750). It was requested that the TCC discuss next steps to adding thru-lanes along the causeways and how adding the lanes fits in with the other projects described. Mr. Herron suggested that since the item is for information only, perhaps further discussion at a transportation staff meeting would be beneficial. Mr. Steinman, of CDOT, noted that content and priorities also need to be discussed.

A motion was made by Mr. Coxe to discuss the above issues at a future staff meeting. Mr. Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **5. Monroe Parkway/McKee Road Interface Issues**

Presenter: Ralph Messera, Town of Matthews

#### Summary/FYI:

Mr. Messera provided background information regarding the McKee Road Extension project in Matthews, including the following:

- The Monroe Connector/Bypass design will create access issues and impact Fire and EMS services for the Town of Matthews and the Town of Stallings.
- NCDOT Division 10 has committed approximately \$75 million to the Monroe Connector/Bypass project. If the actual cost is less than anticipated and some of those funds remain, the Town of Matthews and Town of Stallings would like to apply some of those remaining funds to alleviate

some of the access issues that will be created.

- A potential connection near the existing McGee Corporation has been discussed as a possible use for the funds.
- Matthews and Stallings wanted to bring these issues to the TCC for feedback.

Mr. Herron stated that the City of Monroe will have similar access issues due to the design of the connector/bypass project so it might be best, if there is leftover money, to go back to the ranked project list to determine which projects the funds should be applied to.

## **6. FY 11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

Presenter: Robert Cook

### Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook stated that Planning (PL) funds previously rescinded were being restored; \$291,642 will be available for programming in FY 11. This will require an amendment to the UPWP. No action was requested at this meeting, but the following project allocations were recommended:

1. Updates and improvements to the transportation database.
2. Development of web-based, interactive project information that provides essential information about transportation projects in the planning area.
3. Updates to land use information that will be crucial to the development of the next LRTP.
4. A thoroughfare alignment study in Monroe.
5. Additional travel demand modeling support.

The TCC will be asked to take action on the amendment at its November meeting.

## **7. Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

Presenter: Robert Cook

### Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). The main purpose of the presentation was to identify the major issues and to seek direction from the TCC. The issues identified were: Augustalee; STP funding for CATS (U-5120); proposed accelerated and delayed projects; Rea Road Extension funding; Indian Trail Road/Stallings Road/Chestnut Connector. Also discussed were existing STP-DA projects and Mr. Cook reminded project sponsors to return project surveys.

Direction on how to proceed with identifying projects for STP-DA funding in fiscal years 2016-2018 was sought, and the TCC decided that it was not necessary to develop specific projects at this time. Clear direction on what to do with Unfunded projects was not provided.

## **Miscellaneous Announcements**

Mr. Polimeni announced that the Mobility Fund Preliminary Report had been released. He suggested that comments from MUMPO be developed at the October 13 transportation staff meeting since the TCC will not meet again until November 4, and the comments are due to NCDOT on October 29.

- 8. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.



**TO:** Members of MUMPO TCC Committee  
**FROM:** Angela Schlottman, Centralina Council of Governments  
**SUBJECT:** FY 09-10 JARC & New Freedom Review Process  
**DATE:** October 27, 2010

### **Job Access and Reverse Commute & New Freedom Grant Funds**

JARC and New Freedom funds are formula based programs that were created in 2005 by the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) legislation. The legislation requires that all designated recipients be selected competitively and that all projects be derived from a locally developed [coordinated human service transportation plan](#).

The primary function of JARC funds is to support employment transportation for low income individuals and families. According to the Community Transportation Association of America, “lack of access to affordable and reliable transportation has been cited as one of the biggest hurdles to finding and keeping a job, particularly for individuals with limited income, single parents, and others transitioning to work.” JARC funds address these issues by “providing funds to support the development of new transportation services, services that fill gaps in existing services, or the promotion of transportation use to employment related destinations.” The allocation of these funds is based on the number of eligible low income and welfare recipients living in each state. Since Charlotte is one of the urbanized areas, they receive a direct allocation from the FTA.

New Freedom funds serve to support capital and operating costs of services and facility improvements, over and above the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990). The funds should be used to “reduce barriers to transportation services and expand the transportation mobility options available to people with disabilities.” These funds are directly allocated to the City of Charlotte from FTA and the allocation is based upon the population of persons with disabilities.

### **Centralina to Facilitate Grant Selection Process**

In June of 2010, CATS personnel contacted Centralina staff to see if they were interested in facilitating the selection process for the FY 09-10 Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom funds. After meeting with CATS staff to discuss the process, Centralina staff submitted a proposal to CATS to begin the process in July 2010 with work to be completed by September 2010. A contract was subsequently executed and work began shortly thereafter. Since Centralina has facilitated this process in prior years,



many of the steps involved were already pre-determined. Angela Schlottman, of Centralina's aging staff, was selected to lead the process. She has been involved with human service transportation programs and services for several years and was a part of the selection committee for JARC and New Freedom funds in 2008 and 2009.

After the first round of the grant selection process was completed, there were remaining funds available for the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom funds. CATS executed a contract with Centralina to facilitate the grant process again with work beginning in September 2010.

### **Distribution of RFP**

Centralina staff had previously collaborated with CATS staff to develop the application form for the funds. The original application and instructions were finalized in July. On September 16, 2010 the RFP was re-released publically via the Centralina website, [Charlotte Observer](#) and a blast email to eligible human service and transit providers. All applications were due to Centralina by October 8th, allowing applicants 3 weeks from the time of initial release, to complete the application. Four applications were received; 1 for New Freedom and 4 for JARC (one application originally had requested New Freedom and JARC funds).

### **Selection Committee**

For the first round of the grant selection process, it was pre-determined by CATS and Centralina staff that a selection committee be established to review and score all of the proposals, as well as make recommendations on funding. Although we had a pool of agencies and individuals that had participated on the selection committee in the past, it was determined that the best course of action would be to reach out to new selection committee members. The human service transportation field is relatively small, and in order to limit potential conflicts of interest, we searched for some additional members not necessarily familiar with transportation. For the second round of the grant selection process, the committee members were the same except for one person that was not able to participate. The chosen committee consisted of the following individuals:

*Heather Parusel, Director of Grants Development & Performance, CPCC*

*April Elam, Vocational Evaluator, Goodwill Industries*

*Arlanda Rouse, Civil Rights Officer, CATS*

*Burhan Al-Shaik, Passenger Vehicles for Hire Manager, Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department*

*Deborah Gibson, Executive Director, Mecklenburg County Workforce Development Board*

*Masie Justice, Transportation Manager, Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services*

*Raquel Lynch, Director of IT and Advocacy, Crisis Assistance Ministries*

*Sandra Peake, Director Transportation Services, Red Cross*

For the second review round, once all of the applications were received on October 8, 2010 packets were assembled for each selection committee member. By October 12, all selection committee members received a copy of each application, score sheets, instructions, and a conflict of interest/confidentiality form to sign. Since all projects are to be derived directly from a strategy in the updated Charlotte Mecklenburg Human Services Coordination Transportation Plan, the committee was also instructed to review this document.

The selection committee convened at Centralina Council of Governments on October 18, 2010. The meeting was facilitated by Angela Schlottman and minutes were taken by Jana McMakin, also with Centralina. The group was expected to have already read and scored each application prior to this meeting. This allowed the group to discuss areas of strength and concern for each application. The group reviewed the applications and developed a list of additional questions for 3 of the 4 proposals. The fourth proposal was deemed ineligible because it did not meet the requirements of JARC funds. This project was denied because of concerns by the selection committee of the target audience, drop-off locations, and service hours. The committee voted unanimously to exclude this application from further consideration. One proposal was also modified by the applicant to request New Freedom funds only because the scope of the project was met by New Freedom rather than both New Freedom and JARC.

Following the meeting, Ms. Schlottman contacted each of the primary contacts on the grant application to inform them of the additional information requested. Applicants were given until October 21, 2010 to submit all requested information. The updated information was distributed via email to all of the selection committee members for their review. A conference call was convened the following morning to finalize the selections. All final score sheets were submitted to Ms. Schlottman via email or fax. Since the total of the funds requested were less than the funds available, there is a sufficient amount of money to award all eligible JARC projects at their requested funds. The New Freedom funds were adequate to almost fully fund the requested amount after a revised budget was submitted. Please note that the revised budget for the New Freedom funds submitted by the applicant is not correct but CATS has indicated they will work with the applicant to finalize the budget if the grant is awarded. A breakdown of the budget has been provided on the project selection results summary memo. Also, the three eligible applications and the additional information requested for those proposals are attached for your perusal. A memo including recommended funding amounts and projects will be presented to the TCC on November 4, 2010 for your approval.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact Angela Schlottman, Centralina Council of Governments, [aschlottman@centralina.org](mailto:aschlottman@centralina.org) or 704-348-2735.



**TO:** Members of MUMPO TCC Committee  
**FROM:** Angela Schlottman, Centralina Council of Governments  
**SUBJECT:** FY 09-10 JARC & New Freedom Project Selection Results  
**DATE:** October 27, 2010

**Project Requests**

**JARC:** There were three Jobs Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) applications submitted, totaling \$353,149. Before the funding recommendations from the committee were heard, the committee went through each application and discussed merits and concerns. One application was deemed ineligible because it did not meet the requirements of the JARC funding source. The total amount of funding available was \$283,528.25. Once the ineligible project was removed from consideration, there were enough funds available to fund all approved projects and their requested levels. The two applications, scores, funding request, and amount funded are shown below.

<b>Applicant</b>	CATS	CATS
Project Title	Statesville Road Bus Service Enhancement	Woodard Center Service Enhancement
Grant Request	\$133,313	\$36,796
<b>Type of Funding</b>	Operating (50/50)	Operating (50/50)
<b>Amount Recommended for Funding</b>	<b>\$133,313</b>	<b>\$36,796</b>
<b>Category Scores</b>		
Coordination (20 points)	19.14	18
Benefits (35 points)	32.71	33.29
Innovation (10 points)	8.86	8.43
Organizational Capability (15 points)	14.86	14.14
Budget (20 points)	19	18.14
<b>Total (100 points)</b>	<b>94.57</b>	<b>92</b>

**New Freedom:** There was one New Freedom application submitted. Originally, this application was submitted requesting New Freedom and JARC funds, totaling \$178,828. After the committee reviewed the application, it was in agreement that all of the funds requested were in compliance with the New Freedom funds instead of the JARC funds. Since the total New Freedom funds available totaled \$153,594.60 the committee could not fund the application at the requested amount. The application, scores, funding request, and amount funded are shown below.

<b>Applicant</b>	Esteem Family Life Agency
Project Title	Reach One Touch All
Grant Request	Capital: Original Request \$159,984 Capital: Revised Request \$138,384 <i>(difference of \$21,600)</i> Operating: Request \$18,844 Revised Grant Request Total: \$157,228
Type of Funding	Capital (80/20) Operating (50/50)
<b>Amount Recommended for Funding</b>	<b>\$155,228 Recommended*</b> <b>\$153,594.60 Available for Funding</b> <i>(difference of \$1,634)</i>
<b>Category Scores</b>	
Coordination (20 points)	15.38
Benefits (35 points)	28.8
Innovation (10 points)	7.76
Organizational Capability (15 points)	10.63
Budget (20 points)	14.13
<b>Total (100 points)</b>	<b>76.63</b>

\*Note: The selection committee voted to not fund line item G313 (\$2,000) in the capital NF budget for bus passes, due to lack of information on program.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact Angela Schlottman, Centralina Council of Governments, [aschlottman@centralina.org](mailto:aschlottman@centralina.org) or 704-348-2735.



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**TO:** Technical Coordinating Committee Members  
**FROM:** Robert W. Cook, AICP  
MUMPO Secretary  
**DATE:** October 28, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** **FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment**

**Background**

In October 2009, NCDOT informed the state’s MPOs that the USDOT had rescinded Planning (PL) funds from North Carolina. In a letter dated September 8, 2010, NCDOT’s Transportation Planning Branch advised MUMPO that our rescinded funds have been replaced in full. The total amount of funding that must be programmed is \$291,642.

**Programming Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the funds in question be allocated in the following manner:

1. Updates and improvements to the transportation database.
  - a. digitizing thoroughfares
  - b. research on data sources
  - c. data manipulation
  - d. populating the database
  - e. map production for the QA/QC process
  - f. Title VI, TIP, CTP, etc. map production
  - g. computer hardware and software

Total cost: \$62,040  
Task code: II-10, GIS Analysis & Mapping
2. Development of web-based, interactive project information that provides essential information about transportation projects in the planning area.
  - a. gathering requirements
  - b. application design
  - c. integration/coordination with information technology staff
  - d. testing
  - e. deployment
  - f. maintenance

Total cost: \$30,000  
Task code: V-4, Transportation Improvement Program
3. Updates to land use information that will be crucial to the development of the next LRTP.
  - a. field work
  - b. map production
  - c. data entry

Total cost: \$114,600  
Task code: II-10, GIS Analysis & Mapping

4. A thoroughfare alignment study in Monroe.
  - a. Development and evaluation of an alignment for the proposed 601 South Connector, which is intended to serve as a connector between the future Monroe Connector/Bypass and US 601 South.  
Total cost: \$30,000  
Task code: VI-10, Corridor Protection & Special Studies
  
5. Additional travel demand modeling support.  
Total cost: \$55,002  
Task code: III-3, Travel Model Updates

**Next Steps**

The TCC's recommendation will be forwarded to the MPO for consideration at its November 17, 2010 meeting.



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**TO:** Technical Coordinating Committee Members  
**FROM:** Robert W. Cook, AICP  
MUMPO Secretary  
**DATE:** October 28, 2010  
**SUBJECT:** **Draft 2012-2018 TIP**

**Background**

MUMPO’s anticipated TIP adoption is May 2011. In order to maintain the schedule, work must begin soon on public outreach and the air quality conformity process; however, undertaking these activities requires that the MPO make decisions on several key issues at its November 17 meeting.

**Action Requested**

The TCC is requested to make recommendations to the MPO on the key issues listed below.

The recommendations noted in this memorandum were made at the October 27 staff meeting. At least two issues remain unresolved and must be addressed at the November 3 staff meeting.

**Issues & Recommendations**

**1. Issue: Proposed Project Delays**

*Does the TCC wish to pursue restoring funding to any of the projects?*

The following projects have been proposed to be delayed by NCDOT:

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| 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       |

Recommendation:

- a) Pursue additional information on R-211EC and U-4024
- b) Let other delays stand

Note: Indian Trail and Stallings have proposed to divert funding from the U-3809 and U-3825 projects to fund the widening of a portion of Old Monroe Road. Additional information on the proposal is needed. This affects TIP project U-4714 which funds a planning and environmental study on Old Monroe Road.

## **2. Issue: Proposed Project Accelerations**

*Does the TCC 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)

Recommendation: No changes are recommended.

## **3. Issue: Unfunded Projects**

*Does the TCC 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	Secrest 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)

Recommendation: The TIP is a funding document and Unfunded projects should not be included.

## **4. Issue: Rea Road Extension (U-3467)**

*Does the TCC 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.

Recommendation: The TIP should not include funding for this project.

## **5. Issue: STP Funding to CATS (U-5210)**

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

Recommendation: Funding for a capital project is supported; funding for operations is not supported.

## **Other Issues**

The following issues were not resolved before the TCC agenda was distributed. They will need to be discussed at the November 3 staff meeting:

- a) Projects associated with the Augustalee development
- b) Determining if any funded STP-DA projects are no longer viable



**Next Steps**

The TCC's recommendation will be forwarded to the MPO for consideration at its November 17, 2010 meeting.

North Carolina Department of Transportation  
Division of  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation

2011 Call for Proposals

The Town of Wingate is preparing a Pedestrian Planning Grant application to be submitted to the NC DOT. Therefore, I need to ask that MUMPO consider passing a resolution supporting our application.

Vision: To develop a plan that will provide a comprehensive pedestrian system in promoting walking as a healthy alternative to the use of vehicular transportation.

- \* Sidewalks
- \* Greenways
- \* Walking trails

We want to physically connect the existing communities, housing developments, Wingate Elementary School and Wingate University to the area of the town.

Goal: “To provide safe and convenient mobility for all age groups living in the Town of Wingate.”

Accomplish by:

- \* A complete inventory of existing pedestrian infrastructure to include age, material and condition of existing facilities
- Inventory of existing streets without sidewalks or other pedestrian infrastructures
- Inventory of existing town-owned property or rights-of way for use as greenways or walking trails
- Determination of specific areas which could provide the highest potential for pedestrian inter-connectivity

Development of a pedestrian master plan helps to fulfill two goals in the Wingate 2020 Master Plan. Development of a greenway master plan is identified as a short term goal (1 – 3 years), and implementation of transportation infrastructure improvements on downtown streets is a medium term goal (3 – 5 years). A pedestrian master plan, coupled with the existing greenway planning grant already received from Clean Water Management Trust, can help to move the town closer to completing these goals.

Proposal: Paid Consultant  
Town staff – input and assistance  
Town Council Appoints Pedestrian Steering Committee

Planning Process: 1. Vision 2. Concept 3. Goals 4. Inventory Review  
(Consultant) 5. Preliminary Priority 6. Draft Document 7. Final Draft

Budget: NCDOT Planning Funds Requested: \$20,000.  
Local Match: \$ 5,000.  
Total Cost for Plan Development \$25,000.