Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization September 21, 2011

Room 267-Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center

6:00 PM Education Session

Topic: Charlotte Regional Intermodal Facility Presenters: Jerry Orr, Aviation Director

7:00 PM Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order Ted Biggers

2. Approval of Minutes

Ted Biggers

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve July 2011 meeting minutes as presented.

3. Citizen Comment Period

4. 2040 Statewide Plan

Tyler Bray

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: NCDOT will provide information regarding the new 2040 Statewide Plan, including background, process and timeline.

5. FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt an amendment allocating the balance of FY 2012 funds.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the proposed amendment as presented.

BACKGROUND: The final FY 2012 Planning (PL) fund allocation was received after the UPWP's adoption in May. An additional \$809,767 is available to program. See the attached memorandum for details.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum and project list.

6. NCDOT Prioritization 2.0

Nicholas Polimeni

a. Process Update

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Several tasks associated with the Prioritization 2.0 (P2.0) process have been completed, and staff has been working with the TCC to complete the remaining tasks within the timeline allotted. An update on the progress of the P2.0 process will be provided. Please see the attached memorandum for more information.

ATTACHMENT: Prioritization 2.0 Memorandum.

b. CMAQ Process

ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the attached list of CMAQ projects for submittal to NCDOT.

BACKGROUND: The NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch recently released information regarding a CMAQ process associated with Prioritization 2.0. The process guidelines require

that MPOs endorse projects to be submitted to NCDOT for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 only, and that these projects be submitted in October 2011. Due to the limited time available, it is recommended that the MPO endorse submitting the attached project list, which contains projects that were evaluated, and ranked, by the CMAQ subcommittee last year.

ATTACHMENT: MUMPO Prioritization 2.0 CMAQ Project List

7. Northwest Huntersville Transportation Study

Bill Coxe

ACTION REQUESTED: Receive report on the status of the Northwest Huntersville Transportation Study and consider endorsement of a concept for the location of NC 73 relative to its intersection with Vance Road Extension and the alignment of NC 73 from that point west to the Catawba River.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: The TCC unanimously endorsed in concept Option 3 for the location of the intersection of NC 73 and the Vance Road Extension and the alignment of NC 73 west of that location with refinements being needed at the McGuire Nuclear Station entrance and near the crossing of the Transco pipeline. The TCC made additional recommendations with regard to land use planning, right of way protection, access management, and the intersection design.

BACKGROUND: See the Town of Huntersville website http://www.huntersville.org/trans_13.asp for extensive history and presentations on the entire study. Approximately ½ the way down the web page under the **Schedule** heading you will see a description of the September 1 TCC action and a link to a copy of the presentation to the TCC. On September 6, the Huntersville Board of Commissioners recommended adding to the Thoroughfare Plan the concept of Option 3 with future modifications as addressed by the TCC.

8. Environmental Justice-Public Involvement Plan Amendment

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the start of a public comment period.

BACKGROUND: MUMPO is conducting an analysis of how its plans and programs affect low-income and minority (environmental justice) communities. The analysis is a result of a recommendation contained in the most recent FHWA/FTA Joint Certification Review. Please see the attached memorandum and other attachments for more information. A request to amend MUMPO's Public Involvement Plan will be made in the coming months. Approving the start of a public comment period will permit this project to proceed in a timely manner.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum; EJ and limited English proficiency summaries; analysis tool outline. To review all information associated with this project, click here:

MUMPO Environmental Justice Information.

9. Eastfield Road/I-485 Development Proposal

Jonathan Crowder

 $ACTION\ REQUESTED:\ FYI$

BACKGROUND: Gandy Development proposes to develop approximately 75 acres along Eastfield Road near the NC 115 interchange with I-485. As part of this project, the developer has proposed to realign the western end of Eastfield Road through the project area.

10. Carolina Thread Trail TIGER III Grant

Lindsey Dunevant

ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the grant application.

BACKGROUND: The Carolina Thread Trail, in cooperation with the Centralina COG and Charlotte DOT, plans to submit a proposal to obtain funding that will result in the construction of

portions of the Thread Trail in Cabarrus and Mecklenburg counties. TIGER III is a competitive grant program designed to fund innovative transportation projects that create jobs and will have a significant impact on the nation, a region or a metropolitan area.

11. I-77 HOV to HOT Lane Conversion *ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

Barry Moose

BACKGROUND: An update will be provided on the project (I-5405) to convert the existing I-77 HOV lanes to HOT lanes and extend them to exit 28.

12. Adjourn