

MUMPO TCC SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

2:00 PM
March 23, 2009
Uptown Conference Room (8th floor)

1. Proposed Augustalee Development

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BACKGROUND: The purpose of the special meeting is to familiarize the TCC with the planned Augustalee development, its proposed roadway improvements, and the action(s) that will likely be requested to take place in April.

Augustalee is a proposed mixed-use development in Cornelius located on 104 acres in an area bounded by I-77, US 21, Westmoreland Road and a church property at the southern end of the parcel. The project's developer has proposed to construct the following roadway improvements:

1. An additional interchange on I-77
2. Widen I-77 from south of exit 23 (Gilead Road) to exit 28 (Catawba Avenue)
3. Widen US 21
4. Extend Bailey Road across I-77 to Northcross Drive
5. Improvements to Westmoreland Road

These projects are not funded in the 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the proposed interchange is not on MUMPO's Thoroughfare Plan.

Augustalee was added to the March TCC agenda and briefly discussed. The TCC voted to recommend to the MPO that it permit the start of a public involvement effort. At its March 18 meeting, the MPO voted unanimously to allow such an effort to begin. The TCC's action was conditioned upon the following:

1. Detailed information on the project's financing plan must be provided
2. The FHWA must provide an indication that what the Town proposed to do is permissible
3. Charlotte staff must provide input on work it will be required to do

When the TCC took its action, it was in the context of amendments being needed for the TIP and the long-range transportation plan (LRTP), and that an air quality conformity determination would have to be conducted for both documents. Since that time, the Town has determined that it will request only a TIP amendment to place the five projects in FY 2013. An LRTP amendment will not be required, nor will an air quality conformity determination.

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