## MUMPO TCC AGENDA

June 4, 2009

### **1. I-485 Funding Options** (30 minutes)

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

Wayne Herron

BACKGROUND: NC Transportation Secretary Eugene Conti attended the MPO's May 20, 2009 meeting to discuss completing the final section of I-485 on the accelerated schedule announced by Governor Perdue in February. A funding plan was not presented to the MPO. Instead, the Secretary informed the MPO that it would have to take funds from one of three currently funded projects in order to meet the Governor's schedule. The three projects mentioned by the Secretary were:

- 1. I-85 widening, from Speedway Boulevard to NC 73 in Cabarrus County (I-3803B)
- 2. Independence Boulevard widening, from Albemarle Road to Idlewild Road (U-209B)
- 3. Monroe Connector/Bypass (R-2559 and R-3329)

The TCC will need to develop project implementation priorities in order for the MPO to be provided with adequate information to make a decision on this subject.

#### 2. Economic Stimulus Status Report

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

(15 minutes)

Barry Moose

BACKGROUND: Division 10 has a balance of economic stimulus funds due to project bids coming in under estimate.

### 3. Monroe Connector/Bypass

a. Project Update

Jennifer Harris

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the status of this project.

#### b. Impact on Indian Trail

Craig Thomas

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Indian Trail will explain its opposition to Alternative "D" (formerly Segment 2) recently chosen as the recommended alignment for the Monroe Connector/Bypass.

#### c. Impact on Stallings

**Brian Matthews** 

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Stalling will explain its position on Alternative "D" (formerly Segment 2) recently chosen as the recommended alignment for the Monroe Connector/Bypass.

### **4. Stimulus Funding for GRADE**+ (10 minutes)

Leslie Rhodes

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Mecklenburg County Air Quality (MCAQ) has received notification from EPA that its GRADE+ (Grants to Reduce Aging Diesel Engines) project has been selected to receive \$1.1million in stimulus funding. This funding will allow MCAQ to expand and enhance the already successful GRADE project by:

- Expanding beyond just construction equipment to include all non-road diesels (construction, agricultural, industrial, commercial etc.)
- Adding highway diesel vehicles

- Expanding the eligible region from 7 counties in North Carolina to 13 counties in both North and South Carolina (EPA's presumptive non-attainment boundary for the 2008 ozone standard)
- *Including stationary diesel generators, engines and pumps*
- Renaming it GRADE+ to emphasize the expansion

# **5. TCC Meeting Telephone Participation** (15 minutes) *ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

Nicholas Polimeni

BACKGROUND: A request has been made to permit full participation in TCC meetings by telephone. The TCC's bylaws are silent on the issue of telephone participation. Robert's Rules of Order, on which the bylaws are based, permit teleconferencing if the bylaws authorize such participation. Bylaw amendments must be approved by the MPO by a ¾ vote.

# **6. Chestnut Connector** (10 minutes) *ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

Jamal Alavi

BACKGROUND: The Chestnut Connector is a proposed facility on new alignment that will extend Chestnut Lane from its current end at Old Monroe Road in Indian Trail to US 74. NCDOT is pursuing constructing this facility instead of completing two programmed TIP projects for Indian Trail and Stallings roads.

## 7. LRTP Update Status (10 minutes)

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: An updated LRTP must be adopted by early 2010.

#### 8. Adjourn