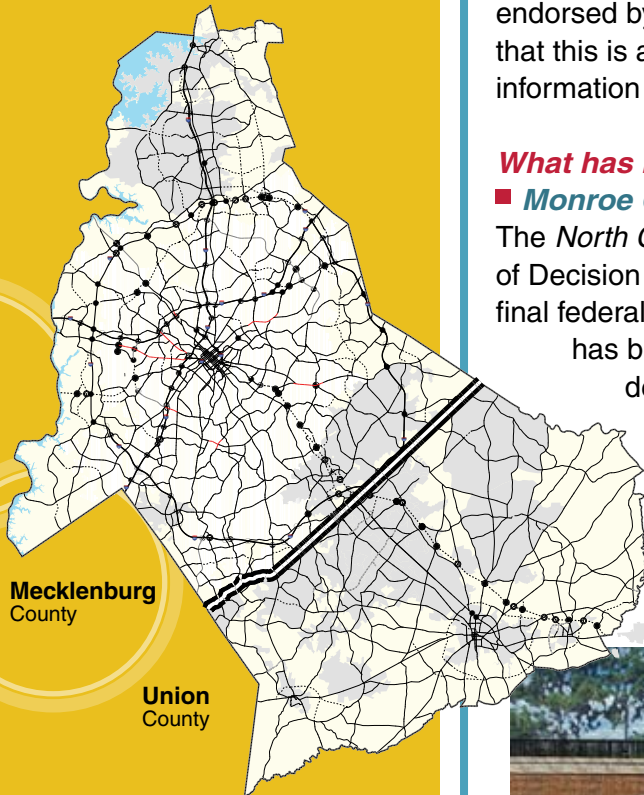


Upcoming Meetings MPO – Nov 17, 2010



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This issue of the MUMPO Newsletter is focused on providing information regarding the status of several projects that have either made significant progress within the last year, been endorsed by the MPO or have recently begun. Please keep in mind that this is a small sample of the many activities of the MPO, and more information can always be found at www.mumpo.org

What has been accomplished?

■ *Monroe Connector/Bypass Record of Decision*

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) has received the Record of Decision from the Federal Highway Administration, which signifies the final federal approval for the project's route. Now that the project's route has been determined, the next steps include using preliminary designs to establish a list of properties that are clearly in the right-of-way and contacting the affected owners, and opening the Design-Build bids and announcing the selected team in October, at which time NCTA can move forward with finalizing its financial plan. The goal for awarding the project's design-build contract is December, and the project is anticipated to open to traffic in 2014.



Monroe Connector/Bypass
Design Concept

■ *Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Funds Allocated*

At its July Meeting, the MPO endorsed a recommendation to allocate *Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)* funds for Fiscal Years 2013, 2014 and 2015 for various projects throughout the region intended to reduce congestion and improve air quality.

■ *FY 2011 Unified Planning Work Program*

MUMPO recently approved its *Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)* for fiscal year 2011. As part of the approval, money was reallocated to the Towns of Matthews and Stallings for a joint transportation planning study, which will also include participation by the Town of Indian Trail.

What is underway?

■ ***Draft Transportation Improvement Program***

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) released the *Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* in late summer. The TIP represents projects that will receive funding over the next seven years. MUMPO will have approximately one year to review the TIP and work with NCDOT to make any necessary adjustments prior to the final approval, which is expected in Fall 2011.

■ ***Comprehensive Transportation Plan***

The process of developing a *Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)* for the MUMPO area has begun. A CTP is North Carolina's multi-modal transportation plan, which will ultimately replace MUMPO's existing Thoroughfare Plan. The development of the CTP is a significant effort that will require collaboration among each of MUMPO's municipalities and NCDOT. In addition, there will be several opportunities for public input. Notice will be sent when public meetings are scheduled, and MUMPO's website will continue to be updated as new information becomes available.



■ ***North Carolina Mobility Fund***

As part of the 2010 Appropriations Act, the North Carolina General Assembly created the *Mobility Fund*. The purpose of the Mobility Fund is to fund transportation projects "of statewide and regional significance that relieve congestion and enhance mobility across all modes of transportation." NCDOT will be developing project selection criteria for the Mobility Fund over the next several months. More information can be found at www.ncdot.gov

■ ***Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant***

The Centralina Council of Governments, on behalf of a regional consortium for the bi-state, 14-county Charlotte metropolitan area, submitted an application on August 23, 2010 for the *Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant*. The Sustainable Communities Initiative is a partnership between the US Department of Housing & Urban Development, the US Department of Transportation and the US Environmental Protection Agency, which aims to improve regional planning efforts by integrating land use and transportation decision-making. MUMPO will be a consortium member and will use the process as a platform for the preparation of its next long range plan. The review process for selecting recipients of the grant will take place over the next few months.

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