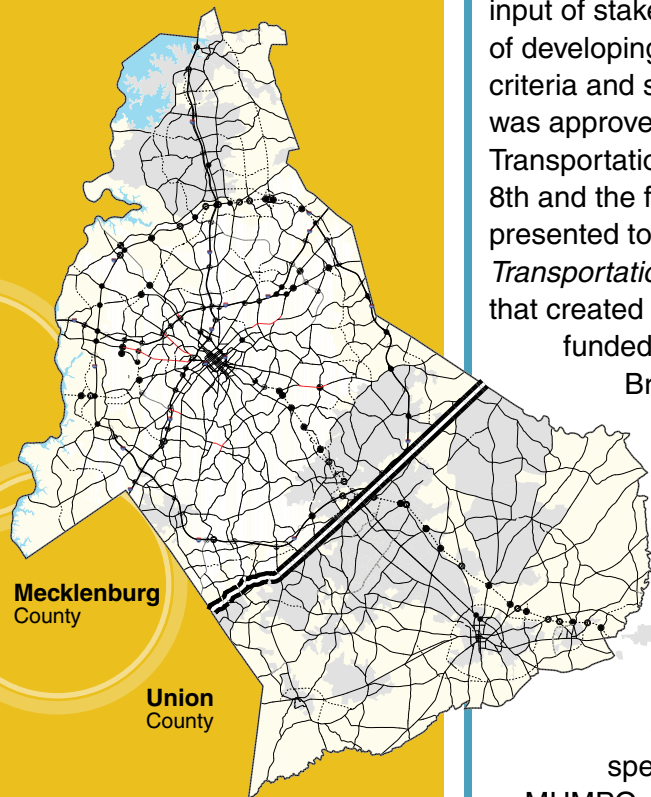


Upcoming Meetings

MPO – Jan 19, 2011

MPO – Mar 16, 2011



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City of Monroe

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Bill Coxe
Town of Huntersville

Mobility Fund

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), with the input of stakeholders from around the state, has completed the process of developing criteria for the new North Carolina Mobility Fund. The criteria and selection process was approved by the Board of Transportation on December 8th and the final report was presented to the *Joint Legislative*



Transportation Oversight Committee on December 14th. The legislation that created the Mobility fund determined that the first project to be funded will be the widening of I-85, north of the Yadkin River Bridge; however, the criteria, once approved, will be used to determine which projects will be next in line for funding.

Transportation Improvement Program

Several meetings and discussions have been conducted over the last several months regarding the *Draft 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*.

At its November meeting, the MPO made several recommendations related to the TIP with regard to project delays and accelerations, unfunded projects, and several specific highway and transit projects included in the document.

MUMPO staff is currently working with NCDOT to ensure that the local TIP will match the state's TIP. Some other key steps in the process include the following:

- The Draft 2012-2018 TIP Public Comment Period – the document is expected to be released for public comment early in 2011.
- Air Quality Conformity Determination – staff is currently working with state and federal agencies to accomplish this task
- 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Amendments – changes to the timelines of certain projects in the draft TIP will require amendments to the existing 2035 LRTP, due to the change of horizon years for those projects in the adopted plan

After these steps are completed, the TIP will ultimately be presented to the MPO and the NCDOT's Board of Transportation for final approval. More information can be found on the MUMPO website at

Wayne Herron

Recognition of Service



For the last three years, Mr. Herron has been the chair for the *Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)*. The TCC is comprised of staff members from each of MUMPO's jurisdictions and meets monthly to discuss transportation issues and make recommendations to the MPO. Due to his many responsibilities as City Manager for the City of Monroe, Mr. Herron will no longer be able to serve on the TCC. On behalf of staff and the entire Technical Coordinating Committee, we would like to thank Mr. Herron for his time and dedication, and commend him for the integral role he has played in leading the TCC.

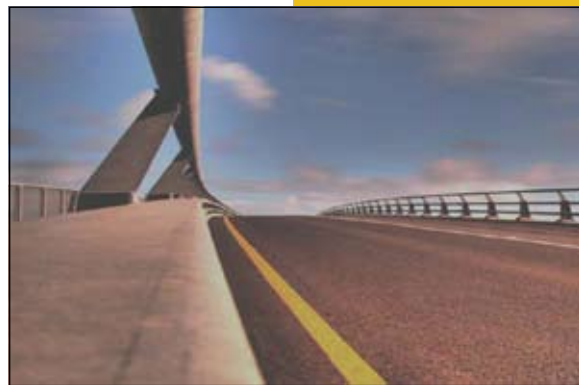
Regional Transportation Planning Study

Earlier this year, the *Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG)* undertook a regional transportation planning study "to look at how we go about the business of creating a sound, multi-modal transportation system to effectively move people and goods in the Greater Charlotte "Metrolina" Region, supporting the economy, and sustaining livability." Three of the Metrolina Region's four MPOs and both of its RPOs participated in the study, and the region was benchmarked against other, similar metropolitan areas around the country as part of the process. The study was completed in October 2010 and a forum was held in November to present the study's findings. It will now be up to the stakeholders throughout the region to determine how to proceed based upon the information gathered and the recommendations provided. More information can be found on the CCOG website at

www.centralina.org

Charlotte Streetcar

The City of Charlotte was awarded approximately \$24.9 million to accelerate the construction of a portion of a proposed streetcar project. The portion of the project to be completed with the awarded funds is a 1½ mile stretch from the transportation center in downtown Charlotte to Hawthorne Lane, in the Elizabeth neighborhood. Currently, there is an environmental review underway for the project, and construction could begin as early as 2012.



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