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# MUMPO newsletter

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

MPO – *Special Meeting* - Apr 27, 2011 MPO – May 18, 2011



### **MUMPO Leadership**

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# Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

MUMPO is currently in the process of developing its 2012-2018 TIP. The TIP outlines how federal dollars will be spent on transportation projects over the next several years. Every two years the TIP is updated and must be approved by the MPO and the NC Board of Transportation. The MPO will be asked to release a proposed TIP project list for public review in April. Following the MPO's action to release the document, there will be a 30 day public comment period and two public meetings. Based on the projects included in the TIP, amendments will be made to the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and an air quality conformity determination will be required for both the TIP and the amended LRTP. More information is available on MUMPO's website

at <a href="www.mumpo.org">www.mumpo.org</a>, and the public meeting information will be made available as soon as the dates and locations are determined.

## **Upcoming Earth Day Events**

Please join us for two great Earth Day events in the month of April – the Charlotte Clean & Green festival and the Indian Trail Earth Day / Arbor Day festival. Both of these annual events, each in its fourth year, provide a family friendly atmosphere including entertainment, live music and food, while providing an opportunity to learn about the environment and sustainability. MUMPO will be represented

at both events. We look forward to seeing you there!

Charlotte Clean and Green Central Piedmont Community College Campus (Elizabeth Av)

**Saturday, April 16** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM





Indian Trail Arbor Day Indian Trail Town Hall (100 Navajo Trail)

**Saturday, April 30** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

## Metrolina Household Travel Survey

The Planning and Oversight Committee and the Executive Committee for the Metrolina region have selected a consultant to complete a Household Travel Survey. The Household Travel Survey will provide valuable data for modeling, as well as for transportation and land use planning purposes. Several firms responded to the request to conduct the survey, two of which were short listed for interviews. On March 28, the Charlotte City Council will be asked to approve the selection and authorize signing of a contract. The survey will be conducted beginning in April this year and concluding in the fall of 2011.



# Statewide Strategic Prioritization Process

Upon taking office in January 2009, Governor Perdue issued Executive Order No. 2, calling for Transportation Reform at the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). As part of that effort, NCDOT's Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) was charged with developing data driven criteria to rank transportation projects statewide, with the goal of making the process more transparent and easier to understand. The initial prioritization process focused on highway projects and was used last year as part of the development of the draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The process is based on a combination of quantitative data, qualitative input and multi-modal characteristics. MPOs, RPOs and NCDOT Division Offices provide the qualitative input by submitting priority projects to SPOT. They also provide input to SPOT regarding the prioritization process. Currently, SPOT is working on Prioritization 2.0 which is the second iteration of Strategic Prioritization. After conducting meetings and receiving feedback related to the prioritization process, certain aspects of the criteria have been modified. Also as part of Prioritization 2.0, non-highway modes such as bicycle and pedestrian projects, as well as transit projects, will be ranked. Strategic Prioritization will continue to evolve as an ongoing part of the transportation reform taking place within NCDOT. More information can be found on NCDOT's website at

www.ncdot.gov

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