

New Look for MUMPO

You may have noticed that this addition of the newsletter has a new look. Over the past several months, staff has been working to update the MUMPO logo and website. Along with the newsletter, future MUMPO correspondence will also be using the new logo. Don't forget to visit the website at www.mumpo.org, to see the changes and upgrades that have been made.

Transportation Improvement Program

At its April meeting, the MPO approved the release of the draft 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

for public review, along with the accompanying Conformity Determination Report and long range transportation plan amendments. The public comment period will end in June, and pending comments, the MPO is expected to adopt the TIP at its July meeting. Projects included in the TIP are projects that are anticipated to receive funding over the next several years.



Unified Planning Work Program

Each year the MPO adopts a *Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)* for the upcoming fiscal year. The UPWP outlines how funding will be distributed for various tasks that must be accomplished throughout the year, as well as planning initiatives undertaken by jurisdictions within MUMPO. At its May meeting, the MPO approved the FY 2012 UPWP, including the following funding allocations for local planning efforts:

- \$1,600 – Support for MPO activities (Cornelius)
- \$28,000 – Traffic count program; pedestrian planning project; connectivity study; I-77/NC 73 interchange study; MPO process staff support (Huntersville)
- \$80,000 – US 74 corridor revitalization plan (Union County)
- \$28,000 – Redline trail study (Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, Cornelius, Davidson & Huntersville)



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Upcoming Meetings

MPO – Jul 20, 2011
MPO – Sep 21, 2011

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NCDOT Complete Streets

The North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted a Complete Streets policy in 2009. The Complete Streets policy “directs the Department to consider and incorporate several modes of transportation when building new projects or making improvements to existing infrastructure.” An advisory group was formed to work with NCDOT to develop planning and design guidelines to help implement the policy. A draft of chapters 1-4 of the guidelines was released for public review this month. Various stakeholder groups throughout the state will have an opportunity to comment on the work done thus far during a 60 day comment period, and it is anticipated that a full draft of the guidelines will be out for review in Fall 2011. More information can be found at

www.nccompletestreets.org



The picture above illustrates an example of using Complete Streets design concepts to accommodate several modes of transportation in a unique, and challenging, situation. At this intersection, pedestrian crossings have been shortened, bicycle and pedestrian spaces are more visible, and traffic flow has not been impeded.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Prioritization Process Adopted

Within the last year, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of MUMPO formed a subcommittee, co-chaired by Lauren Blackburn from the Town of Davidson and Adam McLamb from the Town of Indian Trail, to develop a process for ranking bicycle and pedestrian projects. MUMPO has not previously had a consistent process for ranking these types of projects. The focus of the subcommittee emphasized the need for bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects, not simply recreational projects. After several meetings, and input from the TCC, a bicycle and pedestrian prioritization process has been developed, which was adopted by the MPO on May 18, 2011. It can be found on the MUMPO website.