

Transportation Staff Meeting

July 6, 2011

2:00 PM

Room 601

AGENDA

1. SPOT Prioritization 2.0 (Polimeni)

Description:

The July TCC agenda includes an item requesting the TCC to recommend to the MPO that it endorse a list of highway, bicycle & pedestrian and transit projects for inclusion in NCDOT's Prioritization 2.0 database. Highway and bicycle & pedestrian projects were included in the TCC agenda packet distributed on June 30. CATS staff is working on a list of transit projects that will be presented at this meeting for review and discussion.

2. Complete Streets (Newsome)

Description:

The July TCC agenda includes an item requesting the TCC to recommend to the MPO that it adopt a resolution endorsing the draft complete streets planning and design guidelines. The purpose of this agenda item is to review and discuss the resolution's text in advance of the TCC meeting.

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RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT COMPLETE STREETS PLANNING AND DESIGN GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) is responsible for multi-modal long-range transportation planning and programming; and

WHEREAS, the MUMPO has adopted a goal to incorporate bicycle and pedestrian travel facilities, as appropriate, in the area's transportation network; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Board of Transportation (NCBOT) adopted a Complete Streets Policy in 2009 for implementation by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT); and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT is defining a comprehensive approach to creating complete streets through their long-range planning, project development, and maintenance processes; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT has released for public review a draft of Chapters 1-4 of their Complete Streets Planning and Design Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, complete streets are crucial components of transportation networks that provide mobility and safety for all users, including motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users; and

WHEREAS, complete streets create long-term value for communities and sustainable transportation capacity and mobility; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors are increasingly seeking transportation choices as they choose where they will live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, many of the local communities that comprise MUMPO have been creating complete streets; and

WHEREAS, the first part of NCDOT's draft Framework provides for: the application of complete streets in a wide variety of development and community contexts, a variety of street types and flexible designs to accommodate all users, and an open and collaborative process for communities to work with the NCDOT to plan and design complete streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the MUMPO that MUMPO endorses the NCDOT's emerging guidance for planning and designing complete streets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MUMPO encourages the NCDOT to continue their implementation efforts so that complete streets will provide for safe and comfortable travel by those who are driving, using transit, riding bicycles, or walking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MUMPO will continue to work collaboratively with NCDOT to plan and design complete streets.