

Transportation Staff Meeting

October 19, 2011

2:00 PM

Room 601

AGENDA

1. Request for Comments: TIP Project P-2918 (Cook)

Description:

NCDOT's Rail Division is beginning the process to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) on its proposed Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility (Phase 1), and has requested MUMPO to identify potential environmental impacts. The deadline for submitting comments is October 28.

Attachment: NCDOT Rail Division letter and map.

2. Urban Land Institute (ULI) - Rose Fellowship Program – Charlotte Project (Osborne & Horton)

Description:

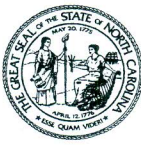
The Urban Land Institute (ULI) Daniel Rose Center for Public Leadership in Land Use has named Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx and three other outstanding local community leaders to serve in fellowships for the Center through 2011. Over the past year, the Charlotte team has worked with the community to explore ULI's preliminary concepts to re-energize, reposition and ensure long-term viability of development within the Independence Boulevard corridor.

3. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (Panicker)

Description:

Update on the CTP process.

Access number: 704-432-5485



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October 7, 2011

Mr. Robert Cook
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SUBJECT: NCDOT Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility Phase 1 – Charlotte
TIP Project (P-2918),
City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Cook,

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division is undertaking an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Charlotte Railroad Improvement and Safety Program (CRISP). As part of that program, the proposed NCDOT Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility Phase 1 – Charlotte (LRMF) was originally included as part of the NS Mainline Track Improvements project (TIP P-3800). Since NCDOT received American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for the LRMF project (and not the other track improvements under P-3800), NCDOT has decided to complete a separate environmental document for the maintenance facility as a stand-alone project (TIP P-2918) with a distinct purpose and need. Attached Figure 1 shows a project location map and Figure 2 shows the project study area for the LRMF.

A Federally-funded Environmental Assessment (EA) document is being prepared in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA). This document is intended to satisfy the requirements of both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the North Carolina Environmental Policy Act (SEPA).

In an effort to expedite the environmental clearance process, we are asking your agency to provide any information you might have that would be helpful in evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the proposed rail yard storage improvements project. If applicable, please also identify any permits or approvals that may be required by your agency. We ask that you please respond in writing by **October 28, 2011**.

We appreciate your time and cooperation on this project. If you have any questions or need any additional information concerning this project, please contact either:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marc Hamel".

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Charlotte Railroad Improvement & Safety Program (CRISP)
 Locomotive and Railcar Maintenance Facility Project

Data courtesy of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Geospatial Information Services



Project Study Area

Mecklenburg County, North Carolina
 Date