

Transportation Staff Meeting

April 4, 2012

2:00 PM

CMGC 601

AGENDA

1. Barton Creek Greenway TIP Amendment (C-5537) (G. Cook)

Description:

This item is on the April 5 TCC agenda for action to amend the TIP. The discussion will focus on how the project will be paid for.

The following is the background information from the TCC agenda: *Barton Creek Greenway is to be approximately ½ mile long, connecting existing Mallard Creek Greenway to JW Clay Blvd at University Place. This greenway, scheduled to receive CMAQ funding in 2015, has become the primary option for a greenway bypass for Mallard or Toby Creek greenways during NCDOT construction affecting N. Tryon Street, which would close those greenways for approximately one year. The intent is to have Barton Creek Greenway completed by spring of 2014.*

2. Charlotte Urbanized Area Expansion (R. Cook)

Description:

The Charlotte urbanized area (UZA) expanded significantly and will result in a considerable increase in MUMPO's planning area. MPO and RPO staff members from throughout the region met via conference call March 30 to begin to identify significant issues. The attachment lists the issues identified thus far.

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MUMPO Issues & Questions

UZA Expansion

April 2, 2012

Issue	Questions	Comments
UZA encroachments into neighboring MPOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has the FHWA established a position on transferring authority to the adjacent MPO? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte UZA extends in to the jurisdiction of RFATS, C-RMPO & GUAMPO. No adjacent UZA encroaches on MUMPO's planning area.
UZA expansion into counties not previously part of the MPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What if a municipality or county, not previously in the MPO, does not want to be part of the MPO's planning area? Is there any flexibility if a very small portion of a county, not previously in MUMPO's planning area, is now a part of the UZA-can it be exempted? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charlotte UZA now includes a small portion of Catawba County-0.60 square miles (388 acres). CRMPO and GUAMPO are similarly affected; portions of the Concord and Gastonia UZAs extend into Davidson and York counties.
Impact on RPOs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should the entirety of Union County be placed in MUMPO's planning area? Should the entirety of Iredell County, from Statesville south to the Mecklenburg County line, be placed in MUMPO's planning area? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of three counties is required for an RPO; placing all of Union in MUMPO will place the Rocky River RPO in non-compliance.
Section 5307 funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are adjacent counties/MPOs eligible to use Section 5307 funds allocated to the Charlotte UZA? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Section 5307 makes Federal resources available to urbanized areas and to Governors for transit capital and operating assistance in urbanized areas and for transportation related planning. http://fta.dot.gov/grants/13093_3561.html
Travel Demand Model		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The model area does not include all parts of the UZA (Iredell County north of Troutman).
Adjacent urban clusters	Will MUMPO be required to include in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake Norman of the Catawba urban cluster is

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	its planning area an urban cluster on the edge of the Charlotte UZA?	located on the edge of the UZA in Lincoln County.
Confusion/lack of understanding	Likely public confusion regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a UZA? • How does a UZA differ from an MPO? • Why is an MPO bigger than a UZA? • etc. 	