



NEW MUMPO NEWSLETTER

The *Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO)* is the federally-designated transportation body that is responsible for overseeing the development of the transportation system in Mecklenburg and Union Counties of North Carolina.

Thank you for taking the time to read the inaugural quarterly MUMPO Newsletter. One of MUMPO's many functions is to keep the public informed about transportation planning issues and allow opportunities for people to get involved. Our vision for this newsletter is to provide a resource that contains news and relevant updates about transportation projects and plans in the region, as well as an opportunity for people to become familiar with MUMPO's function.

Upcoming Meetings MPO – Oct 21, 2009

MUMPO Leadership
MPO Chairman
Mayor R. Lee Myers
Town of Matthews

MPO Vice-Chairman
Councilmember Anthony Foxx
City of Charlotte

TCC Chairman
Wayne Herron
City of Monroe

TCC Vice-Chairman
Bill Coxe
Town of Huntersville

2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE:

MUMPO is now working on an updated Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The LRTP is a federally-mandated, long-term planning document detailing the transportation improvements and policies to be implemented in the MPO's planning area. The updated plan will comply with the Metropolitan Transportation Planning regulations issued by the *US Department of Transportation (DOT)*.

As the process of finalizing the 2035 LRTP continues, a Congestion Management Process will be developed and MUMPO will be required to demonstrate conformity with the *North Carolina State Implementation Plan (SIP)* for achieving air quality goals. In addition, two public meetings were held at the end of August in order to get public reaction to the plan. The new plan must be locally approved AND reviewed by the federal government by May 2010. More information can be found at the MUMPO website www.mumpo.org



MONROE CONNECTOR/BYPASS UPDATE:

On April 2, 2009 the *Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)* for the Monroe Connector/Bypass, a proposed toll road in the southeast region of MUMPO's jurisdiction, was released by the *North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA)*. Since that time, public hearings have been held and the NCTA has received numerous comments regarding the various alternatives chosen for the route.

The project is one of MUMPO's top priorities. It was adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly as one of its first toll candidate projects, and is included in the *2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)*. Currently, the roadway is projected to open in 2013. For more information, visit the NCTA's website at

www.ncturnpike.org

ECONOMIC STIMULUS

Earlier this year, MUMPO received approximately \$20.1 million as part of the federal stimulus (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) to fund transportation projects. On March 18, 2009, MUMPO amended the *2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)* to include numerous projects that could potentially be funded with stimulus funds, approved allocation of MUMPO's \$20.1 million in *Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable (STP-DA)* funds to six projects and endorsed a ranked list of bicycle and pedestrian projects.

MUMPO was informed in June that approximately \$7.6 million was available in NCDOT's Division 10 to fund additional stimulus projects. The money became available due to bids for current projects coming in under the original estimates. At its August 6, 2009 meeting, the *Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)* recommended that the MPO adopt a list of 17 potential projects for funding with the additional stimulus money. The MPO endorsed the list at its August 19, 2009 meeting. The projects considered came from the TIP amendment project list approved by the MPO in March. Ultimately, it will be the decision of NCDOT's Division 10 to determine which projects receive funding.

Information regarding the MPO's original action in March, as well as information regarding their recent July action, including all project lists endorsed by the MPO, are on the MUMPO website.



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