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## CRTPO Leadership

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## upcoming CRTPO meetings

October 15, 2014

November 19, 2014

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and MPO Members

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# NCDOT PRIORITIZATION 3.0

At the August 20 meeting, CRTPO approved the final list of projects proposed for the allocation of local input points for Prioritization 3.0. Prioritization is NCDOT's decision making tool for developing the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which is a listing of projects to be delivered within an upcoming five-year work program. The endorsement of the final project list is the culmination of a nine-month process where CRTPO developed a methodology for assigning local input points, evaluated over 150 proposed projects, and conducted public involvement activities on the proposed projects.

CRTPO endorsed local input points assignment for 25 highway projects and one rail project within the Regional Impact tier of STI. CRTPO endorsed local input points assignment for 21 highway projects, three bicycle and pedestrian projects, one aviation project, and one rail project within the Division Needs tier of STI. Links to the final project scores and local input assignments can be accessed in the table below.

	Mecklenburg & Union Counties	Iredell County	Non-Highway Projects	
<b>Regional Impact</b>	<a href="#">Region E Highway Project List</a>	<a href="#">Region F Highway Project List</a>	<a href="#">List</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>
<b>Division Needs</b>	<a href="#">Division 10 Project List</a>	<a href="#">Division 12 Project List</a>	<a href="#">List</a>	<a href="#">Map</a>

A 30-day public comment period on the draft list of projects proposed for local input points assignment from June 19 through July 21 and 37 comments were received. In general, the nature of the comments was supportive of the projects proposed for local input points assignment.

A summary of the public comments received may be viewed [HERE](#).

Local Input Points from MPOs and NCDOT Divisions contribute to the final project scores for Regional Impact and Division Needs tier projects under Prioritization 3.0 – (see [STI legislation](#) for more details). NCDOT will calculate the final project scores, and develop rankings that will drive the funding decisions at the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers throughout the fall. A draft 2016-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) is anticipated by the end of 2014.

## CRTPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group

At the August 20 meeting, CRTPO endorsed the formation of a bicycle and pedestrian work group and its membership. The significance of bicycling and walking as important travel modes is being increasingly recognized; however, the CRTPO lacked a group focused on the issues associated with both modes. Past bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts were organized to address specific issues and were disbanded upon the task's completion. The work group is comprised of local staff from the member jurisdictions with expertise in bicycle and pedestrian planning. Steering committees containing bicycle and pedestrian advocacy groups will be formed by this work group on an as-needed basis. The work group will make recommendations directly to the MPO's Technical Coordinating Committee, and advises the committee on specific matters when so directed.

## Quarterly Local Administered Projects Training Session

The first of a quarterly locally administered projects training session was held at Cornelius Town Hall on August 26. The purpose of this training session was to provide relevant information to the project managers regarding contracts and cost estimation. Following the presentation an information exchange was held where project managers could get answers to project-specific questions regarding the federal requirements, right-of-way acquisition, project identification, utility relocation, and project documentation. It is anticipated that the next locally administered project training session will be held in January of 2015.

## NC Central University Graduate Student Shadows CRTPO Staff

On August 13, Gene Squires shadowed CRTPO staff as part of his graduate research project within the Urban Geography program at North Carolina Central University. Mr. Squires is conducting research regarding the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) by MPOs throughout North Carolina. He participated in a meeting on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, a demonstration on the Census Transportation Planning Products, and gained an understanding of how CRTPO staff uses GIS in routine work tasks.

## CRTPO PRESENTATION TO WTS INTERNATIONAL - CHARLOTTE METRO

On September 18, Neil Burke gave a presentation on Transportation Planning in the Charlotte region to the local chapter of the Advancing Women in Transportation organization. WTS is an international organization dedicated to building the future of transportation through the advancement of women. Mr. Burke's presentation focused on the formation and purpose of MPOs, key processes, and important projects throughout the region.



# UPCOMING PROJECT MEETINGS

## I-77 Managed Lanes Public Information Sessions

**Charles Mack**  
Citizen Center

Wednesday, October 8  
4:00-8:00 pm

215 N. Main St.  
Mooresville, NC

**North Mecklenburg High**  
Media Center

Thursday, October 9  
4:00-8:00 pm

11201 Old Statesville Rd.  
Huntersville, NC

## CRTPO WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

Candice Leonard was recently hired by CRTPO as Transportation Planning Engineer. She will assist with the preparation of designs for Transportation Corridor Official Maps, review developer construction plans, prepare cost estimates, and deliver presentations to CRTPO and its Technical Coordinating Committee. Most recently, Candice worked as a Project Manager with the City of Charlotte Department of Transportation, where she performed technical reviews for project design and transportation analyses, and coordinated City participation in land development projects. Ms. Leonard is a Licensed Professional Engineer in North Carolina.

## CRTPO members

Charlotte	Mint Hill
Cornelius	Monroe
Davidson	Mooresville
Fairview	NCDOT
Huntersville	Pineville
Indian Trail	Stallings
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Marshville	Troutman
Marvin	Union County
Matthews	Waxhaw
Mecklenburg County	Weddington
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