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**Public input begins on CRTPO's Division Needs projects for NCDOT's
Prioritization 4.0**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (August 18, 2016) – The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is requesting public input on the assignment of local input points to Division Needs projects as part of NCDOT Prioritization 4.0. A public comment period will begin today, Thursday, August 18 and end of Friday, September 23.

Highway, bicycle and pedestrian, aviation, rail and transit projects are all represented on the draft lists proposed for Division Needs local input point assignment on the CRTPO website (www.crtpo.org) at the link labeled "Prioritization 4.0." Division Needs highway projects consist of projects on North Carolina's secondary route system (i.e. Broad Street in Statesville, Ardrey Kell Road in Charlotte, and Old Monroe Road in Monroe).

NCDOT has scored projects submitted by MPOs, RPOs and Divisions according to formulas established under the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law. CRTPO has 2,500 local input points to allocate to its projects within the Division Needs tier of STI. The STI legislation specifies that MPOs, RPOs and NCDOT Division offices must adhere to their adopted methodologies to the extent possible when assigning local input points.

This public input period will close on Fri. Sept. 23. Comments should be directed to Neil Burke using the following methods:

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A public meeting on the projects proposed for Division Needs local input point assignment was held on Wed. August 17. Public comment is also permitted on the draft list of Division Needs projects proposed for local input point assignment during the Wed. Sept. 21 and Wed. Oct 19 CRTPO meetings. The CRTPO Board meetings are held in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center beginning at 6 p.m. Those who wish to speak must sign up at least five minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

The Strategic Transportation Investments law has created a quantitative, data-driven approach to develop the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and its local counterpart, the

locally-adopted Metropolitan TIP. As a result, the most important opportunities for public involvement in Prioritization 4.0 are when CRTPO selects projects for consideration, (which occurred in Sept. 2015) and when CRTPO provides input on the final priority of projects, which occurs when the MPO votes on the Division Needs project list during the Oct. 19, 2016 meeting.

The final product of Prioritization 4.0, the Transportation Improvement Program for FY18-FY27, will be adopted by CRTPO in 2017.

More information is available on the CRTPO website at www.crtpo.org.

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