



TO: CRTPO Prioritization 4.0 Local Input Points Commenters

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SUBJECT: Responses to CRTPO's Draft list of Regional Impact projects proposed for Prioritization 4.0 local input points assignment

Thank you for taking the time to comment on the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization's (CRTPO) draft list of projects proposed for Prioritization 4.0 local input points assignment within the Regional Impact tier during the comment period from May 6 until June 1, 2016.

Attached you will find the comments (or a summary of the comments) that you or your organization provided, along with responses prepared by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). The comments have been edited for clarity, however; the full versions of the comments are available upon request.

A second public comment period will be held on the draft assignment of local input points to Division Needs tier P4.0 projects later in 2016. These are roadway projects on the state secondary system (i.e. Gilead Road, Old Monroe Road, Ardrey Kell Road), bicycle and pedestrian, aviation, rail, and transit projects.



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ID	Name	Received Via:	Date Received	Project	Resident Comment	Response
1	Melissa Shubin	E-Mail	5/9/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	Subject: Widening of hwy 160. I support this!	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
2	Jill Hipskind	E-Mail	5/9/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	We desperately need the widening of 160 to begin immediately. 160 and Shopton have numerous very large neighborhoods and developments being built and sold that will increase traffic dramatically in the next year. The wait in traffic is already backed on 160 to 485 from 5pm until at least 6pm and will get worse quickly. With the development at the corner of 160 and Shopton being built and the Harris Teeter opening in the Fall, traffic in and out of that complex with cause further back ups and accidents. 160 needed to have been widened years ago so it is already way behind the growth of the area.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
3	Richard Buchanan	E-Mail	5/9/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	Please continue to maintain the widening of 160 in Steele Creek this is a huge need and currently is almost always gridlocked during a large part of the day.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
4	Douglas Price	E-Mail	5/10/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	I am writing to express my strong support for the widening of NC-160 from Shopton Road West to the South Carolina state line. Over the past decade, there has been substantial development along this road, resulting in significant traffic congestion on a daily basis. The capacity of the current road has long been exceeded. NC-160 is not only an important road for commuters in Southwest Charlotte (lessening the impact on NC-49 and I-77), it provides a key entry and exit point to South Carolina and the burgeoning communities in York county.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
5	Julie Van Slambrook	E-Mail	5/10/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	It is taking me 25 minutes to go 5 miles. Every day it gets worse. We need to widen 160!	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
6	Ted Flor	E-Mail	5/10/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	I would like to add my support to the efforts to move up the priority of the project to widen Highway 160 from South Tryon to the SC state line. I live in the Hamilton Lakes Community and have experienced daily the gridlock and accidents and close calls on this over crowded country road that can not keep up with all the commercial and residential development in the area. We would appreciate any actions you can take to speed up the scheduling of this project.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have proposed to allocate local input points to this project.
7	Heather Bishop	E-Mail	5/10/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	Please widen 160 from the SC border to 49 and beyond.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.

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8	Cheryl Graber	E-Mail	5/28/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity, a full version of the comments can be made available upon request.</i> "the traffic growth has seen tremendous growth utilizing the current antiquated, overused roads and other infrastructure. Currently there are several Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System facilities in the area with future growth expansions possible due to the area growth, this corridor has a tremendous need for road expansions. The traffic is very heavy daily, especially during weekday morning and afternoon rush hours making it difficult to navigate the current road structure/patterns and numerous industrial warehouse/ trucking facilities using this corridor as a cut-through from the I-485, I-85, I-77 and Charlotte Douglas International Airport routes. Whenever there is any type of inclement weather and/or traffic accidents and any other emergencies, these corridor routes become even more of a "headache" and frustrating. This is quite evident, to me, that we need expansions of the roads, etc."	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
9	Jeffrey Meekins	E-Mail	5/28/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	I am a Steele Creek resident and support all plans to widen Highway 160 both North and South of Highway 49. If possible to prioritize earlier than currently slotted, then please proceed.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
10	Steve Giampietro	E-Mail	5/28/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	Traveling from Rivergate to the SC border on on highway 160 is a traffic nightmare at almost any point in the day or evening. It would have been nice if it was fixed in conjunction with SC so we only have to go through construction once but I understand that might be asking a little too much. The road needs widening yesterday. Please consider moving it up on the list. You are hurting businesses in Rivergate by delaying.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by proposing to allocate the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
11	Joanne Holden	E-Mail	5/28/2016	U-5766 NC 160 Widening (S. Tryon Street to Shopton Road West)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity, a full version can be made available upon request.</i> "I would ask that consideration be given to either creating a turn lane, or putting a traffic light at said intersection (NC 160 & Ervin Road)." "Last year, over a period of approximately 8 weeks, there were 10 accidents. It is extremely dangerous, and pity the poor person who needs to make a left turn off Erwin onto Highway 160."	The widening of NC 160 between S. Tryon Street and Shopton Road West is a committed project in the current Transportation Improvement Program with right-of-way acquisition scheduled for 2020 and construction scheduled to begin in 2022. As part of this project, improvements will be made to the intersection of NC 160 and Ervin Road.

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12	Laura Wasson	E-Mail	5/28/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	My family and I are in support of widening highway 160 from hwy 49 to the state SC line. Traffic is so heavy due to development that it is needed ASAP.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by proposing to allocate the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
13	Bonnie Rudisill	E-Mail	5/28/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	The widening of Highway 160 from Highway 49 north to Shopton Road West is needed due to all the housing development that has been impacting traffic from Hwy 160 at SC line to Hwy 49 for several years now. Please consider passing the funding for this traffic need in this county. If roads are not increased in size then the builders should be denied approvals for further development in this area of the county.	The widening of NC 160 between S. Tryon Street and Shopton Road West is a committed project in the current Transportation Improvement Program with right-of-way acquisition scheduled for 2020 and construction scheduled to begin in 2022. CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have proposed to allocate local input points to the NC 160 Widening project between the South Carolina State Line and S. Tryon Street as part of Prioritization 4.0.
14	Barbara Walker	E-Mail	5/28/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	Please consider prioritizing the widening of highway 160 in the Steele creek area. The traffic on this road is unbearable. Takes 30 minutes to travel 4 miles during morning and evening commutes.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by proposing to allocate the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
15	Mike Morris	E-Mail	5/28/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	Just a note to give my support to widening 160. There is tremendous growth down Youngblood rd and acres and acres cleared for more. All feeder roads, Youngblood Rd, Hamilton Rd, Zoar Rd, and Grand Palisades are all two lanes. At least a 4 lane 160 will help the traffic from these feeder roads to clear out quicker. The building going on and land clearing going on down and in the vicinity of Youngblood and the Palisades is unbelievable.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have proposed to allocate local input points to this project.
16	Brian Terrick	E-Mail	5/28/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	I would like to express my support for moving the widening project for highway 160 to as soon as possible. With all of the growth in the Tega Cay area the volume of traffic continues to increase beyond the capacity of the roads. Also I understand that more apartments will be going in near the Rivergate shopping center. Drivers are becoming more and more impatient and are starting to pass people in dangerous locations to try to get ahead. Please add my comments should support for CRTPO's plans to assign local input points to the widening of Highway 160 from Highway 49 to the South Carolina line (SPOT ID H111172-A) be approved.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by proposing to allocate the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.

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17	Karen Glenn	E-Mail	5/29/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity. A full version of the comments can be made available upon request.</i> "I am also confused as to why the widening project doesn't go all the way to the state line. The stretch of 160 from Rivergate to SC is a nightmare during peak times. SC is currently widening on their side. It is illogical that we would widen to 49, then narrow back to 2 lanes and then back to 4 lanes. It doesn't make sense from a traffic standpoint, nor does it make financial sense, as it seems it would be less expensive to complete the widening all at once. In 2017 they are to start the "reworking" of the intersection of 160 and Hamilton, but that will do little to lessen the traffic problem if it is still 2 lanes. "	NCDOT often segments projects to make them more competitive in the Prioritization process since there are a limited number of funds available for expensive projects throughout Funding Region E. CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have proposed to allocated their local input points to the project from the South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street as part of Prioritization 4.0. If this project is programmed in the next Transportation Improvement Program, NCDOT will attempt to deliver entire project from Shopton Road West to the South Carolina State line simultaneously to the extent possible.
18	Roger Diedrich	E-Mail	5/30/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity. A full version of the comments can be made available upon request.</i> (1)"The following comments derive from our concern for environmental impacts, especially fossil fuel extraction and climate change." "Rt. 160 could become the auto-serving link between uptown and a transit-starved mega-development just outside I-485. CATS has no plan to serve the area with rail, and even providing buses would be difficult. It is not reassuring that the project description calls for multi-lanes without specifying the number. It is a weakness of our planning process that such a development may be approved without consideration for the resources that will be needed to provide adequate transportation. And if both projects proceed, a huge CO2 generator will be permanently added to the region. Recognize that we are not opposing growth, but opposing growth in the wrong location. While land use is not a purview of the CRTPO, supporting an auto-serving connection is enabling such a decision by others. We urge that you not assign points to the above referenced NC 160 widening project. " (2) " While the brief descriptions of the projects are necessarily sketchy, some mention bike lanes and sidewalks and others do not. For example, projects lacking mention of these elements are the several segments of NC 73, US 21 and NC 115. Please verify that all road projects include the companion elements contained in the bicycle and pedestrian maps for the CTP."	(1) Comment noted regarding Sierra Club's opposition to assigning local input points to the NC 160 widening project (H111172-A) (2) Project descriptions vary due to the date of submittal and agency submitting the projects to the SPOT office. This project was evaluated in P4.0 as a four-lane median divided roadway, and it is assumed that bicycle and pedestrian accommodations will be included as part of the design. CRTPO and NCDOT assume a complete streets cross-section for nearly every non-freeway project submitted for prioritization. CRTPO works closely with NCDOT during the planning and scoping processes once a project is included in the TIP and will ensure that bicycle, pedestrian, and transit elements are included for these projects.
19	Don Needham	E-Mail	5/31/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	I am supporting the widening of the Highway 160 (Steel Creek) to the South Carolina border. This has become a very traveled road, with traffic backups at all times. This project should be included with the widening of Highway 160 from Shopton W to RT 49.	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
20	Linda Lasure	E-Mail	5/31/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity, a full version can be made available upon request.</i> "With S. Carolina already expanding their portion of 160 to Gold Hill Rd., there will be an even larger bottleneck coming north as more cars will have to funnel down to two lanes. On top of that pedestrians are constantly walking along several areas of Hwy 160 where no sidewalks exist."	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.

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21	Karl Froelich	E-Mail	5/31/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity, a full version can be made available upon request.</i> "the building of Rivergate Shopping Center and subsequent building of Charlotte Premium Outlets has put the traffic over the top on HWY 160. There are traffic issues not only at rush hour but at "normal" hours throughout the day and weekends.I fully support your efforts to widen HWY 160 from the SC state line to I-485 to alleviate traffic congestion and to prepare Steele Creek for ongoing resident and commercial growth over the coming decades."	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by allocating the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
22	Dave Wiggins	E-Mail	6/1/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity, a full version can be made available upon request.</i> "Highway 160 is a major route for traffic coming into Steele Creek from South Carolina, The widening of Highway 160 in South Carolina from Gold Hill Road to the state line is now underway. This will only encourage more South Carolina commuters and shoppers to travel up into Steele Creek to take advantage of the growing employment and shopping opportunities along the Highway 160 corridor.We strongly endorse CRTPO's plans to assign local input points to the widening of Highway 160 from South Tryon Street to the South Carolina state line."	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by proposing to allocate the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.
23	Christopher Ameigh	E-Mail	6/1/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity, a full version can be made available upon request.</i> (1) "another major spot that concerns me is Hamilton/160. This intersection desperately needs a turning lane turning left (heading TO Ft. Mill). Many days traffic attempting to turn left will keep the entire lane backed up 30 cars deep." (2) "160 on the NC side needs widened with an additional lane in order to incorporate all of the additional traffic from the neighborhoods they keep adding and people that keep moving to this area."	(1) An improvement at the intersection of NC 160 and Hamilton Road is scheduled for right-of-way acquisition in 2017 and construction in 2018. This will be an interim improvement until there is funding secured for the corridor widening from S. Tryon Street to the South Carolina State Line. (2) CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by proposing to allocate the maximum amount of local input points to this project in P4.0.
24	Monika Sadler	E-Mail	6/1/2016	H111172-A NC 160 Widening (South Carolina State Line to S. Tryon Street)	<i>Comments have been edited for brevity, a full version can be made available upon request.</i> "The City continues to approve development of Residential, Commercial & Rental properties for this thriving area of South Charlotte. Unfortunately the City has delayed investing in the infrastructure to support the increased traffic these developments have brought to the area. I would strongly encourage you to conduct a new traffic evaluation of the entire Steele Creek area to include Hwy 160, Shopton Road West etc. to determine the true traffic impact as a result of the massive real-estate development that has occurred over the last 3 years. The widening of Highway 160 from Highway 49 north to Shopton Road West at Berewick should be moved up in your timeline & additional funding is needed to remediate the ongoing traffic needs of this area for the future."	CRTPO and NCDOT-Division 10 have demonstrated their support for this project by proposing to allocate the maximum amount of local input points (100 apiece) to this project in P4.0.