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**START OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
2018-2027 DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, AMENDMENTS TO
THE 2040 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN, & THE AIR QUALITY
CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT FOR THE MTP & TIP.**

WHO: Residents and other interested parties within the Charlotte Urbanized Area, which includes Iredell, Mecklenburg and portions of Union County.

WHAT: The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) has opened a thirty day public comment period to obtain public input on its 2018-2027 DRAFT Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the air quality conformity determination report for the MTP & TIP.

WHERE: The draft project lists and maps are posted on the CRTPO website: www.crtpo.org. Comments should be directed to Neil Burke using the following methods:

E-Mail: info@crtpo.org
Regular Mail: CRTPO
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government
Center
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In addition, the July 19 CRTPO meeting will serve as opportunities for public comment on the 2018-2027 DRAFT TIP and the associated documents. The meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC 28202.

WHEN: The 30-day public comment period will begin on Monday, July 10 and conclude on Wednesday, August 9. Final action to approve the DRAFT TIP and associated documents is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center.

WHY: This 30-day public comment period will allow an opportunity for residents and other interested parties to submit comments to be considered by the CRTPO in conjunction with the adoption of this program. CRTPO's TIP is a subset of NCDOT's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and public involvement efforts should be similar in scope. The Strategic Transportation Investments legislation has created a quantitative, data-driven approach to develop the STIP, and NCDOT has focused the public involvement on the variety and geographic diversity of the projects and the process to develop the STIP.

The Program of Projects required by 49 USC 5307 is a subset of the Transportation Improvement Program and the public review and comment solicited for this Transportation Improvement Program is intended to include and satisfy the public review and comment required under 49 USC 5307(c)(1) through (7) for the Urbanized Area Program.

CRTPO is the federally-designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Charlotte urbanized area. More information is available on the CRTPO website at www.crtpo.org.

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