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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENS ON AMENDMENTS TO THE CRTPO'S PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) has started a public comment period on the update to its Public Involvement Plan (PIP). The update is to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) amendment guidelines and processes section of the PIP. The official start of the public comment period for the amendments to the draft PIP occurred during the September 15 CRTPO Board meeting. The draft updates and opportunities of public comment can be viewed at: <https://crtpo.org/public-involvement>. The 45-day public comment period will end on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

Residents may provide comments by email, regular mail and verbally during a CRTPO Board meeting. If you wish to submit a comment on the draft PIP, the subject line should include "PIP Update."

Email:

email@crtpo.org

Regular mail:

CRTPO

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center

600 E. Fourth St., 8th floor

Charlotte, NC 28202

(please be aware that U.S. Mail is currently being received slower than usual)

Verbal comments:

Verbal comments can be provided during the October 20, 2021 CRTPO Board meeting. Residents can submit an email to the CRTPO Secretary, at neil.burke@charlottenc.gov, **no less than five (5) minutes before the start of a CRTPO Board meeting.** (Verbal public comments may be via Zoom during the COVID-19 pandemic due to in-person limitations or restrictions.)

The CRTPO recognizes the importance of public engagement as a critical component of the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process required by the Federal Highway Administration. The PIP update defines the criteria to identify CTP amendment types for all transportation modes, states the CTP amendment process, and simplifies the guidelines.

CRTPO is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Charlotte urbanized area which includes Iredell, Mecklenburg and Union counties. More information is available on the CRTPO website at www.crtpo.org.

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