Actions from February 13, 2020 TARPO RTAC Meeting

At the February 13, 2020, meeting of the TARPO Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) the following actions were taken:

- Approval of a resolution of support for grant opportunities being pursued by NCDOT related to the CSX S-Line
- Approval of a final list of projects to be submitted by TARPO for NCDOT’s Prioritization 6.0 process
- Approval of a resolution of support for a CMAQ project application by Orange County Public Transportation

In addition, the committee provided feedback on the development of a draft Planning Work Program for FY21, reviewed second-quarter finances, and reviewed recent STIP updates.

The RTCC and RTAC also received a presentation from Julie White and Jason Orthner of NCDOT on the S-Line opportunity.

The next RTCC and RTAC meetings will take place on Thursday, April 9, 2020 at the Lee County Government Center in Sanford.

Approval of TARPO Project Submittal List for Prioritization 6.0

The TARPO RTAC has approved a final list of projects to be submitted to NCDOT for funding consideration in Prioritization 6.0 (P6.0). This process is carried out approximately every two years, and submittal of a project list is the first step in the process. We expect that all MPOs, RPOs, and NCDOT Divisions will submit their projects for consideration by May 1, 2020. After that, NCDOT will spend about nine months collecting and confirming data on each of the submitted projects and calculating project scores based on a standardized methodology. Later this year, TARPO will begin discussions about the “local input point” portion of Prioritization 6.0, which will take place in 2021. For more information about P6.0, click here.
## Complete Streets Update
Since the adoption of NCDOT’s new Complete Streets Policy in August 2019, NCDOT has been working to develop guidance and materials to support implementation of the policy. Recently, NCDOT released a final, revised version of the Complete Streets Implementation Guide, as well as a Complete Streets project sheet to be filled out on each project in Prioritization 6.0 and an informational handout on Complete Streets (attached to this update). For more information, [click here](#).

## Federal Funding Reauthorization
Democratic committee leadership in the US House of Representatives has released a framework document presenting the broad outlines of their upcoming federal transportation funding bill, which is expected to come out in the next few months. For more information, [click here](#).

## Comment Period at Divisions 7 & 8 for Prioritization 6.0
Similar to the public comment period that TARPO had open for the past several months, NCDOT Divisions 7 & 8 are holding a 30-day comment period right now to gather input on projects that the Divisions might submit for Prioritization 6.0. The comment period for both divisions is open through Friday, February 28. For more information, [click here](#).

## Annual Ethics Filings
RTAC members and alternates must file their annual statements with the State Ethics Commission by April 15. [Click here](#) for more information.

## NC Transportation Summit Session Recordings
NCDOT has made recordings of sessions from the recent NC Transportation Summit available on Youtube. If you only have limited time available, the opening/keynote session on technology disruption is highly recommended viewing. [See videos here](#).

## Triangle Bicycle & Pedestrian Workshop
The annual Triangle Bicycle & Pedestrian Workshop will take place at Raleigh Union Station on the morning of March 26. It is a great opportunity to learn about what is happening elsewhere in the Triangle region. For more information: [click here](#).
Draft Pittsboro Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan
The Town of Pittsboro has released a draft version of its Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for review. More information is available here.

Vote for the 2020 Mobi Awards “Most Voted Project”
NCDOT has posted a gallery of the 66 entrants in this year’s Mobi Awards. Vote for your favorite project here.

North Carolina MPO Conference
Registration is now open for the North Carolina Association of MPOs annual conference in Greenville, NC on April 22-24. Despite its name, this conference is excellent for both MPOs and RPOs and is a great opportunity for staff and officials to learn about the latest and greatest in transportation planning. Register at https://www.ncampo.org/ncampo-2020-conference/.

NC F1RST Commission Brief on Rural Transportation
The NC F1RST Commission examining the future of transportation funding in North Carolina issued an issue brief on the topic of rural transportation needs. See it here.

News Briefs

- **Virginia** reaches agreement with CSX on portion of S-Line – Virginia will purchase the right-of-way of the removed S-line portion between Petersburg and the NC line
- **Maintenance work underway on US 64 bridges over Jordan Lake** – lane closures may be in place through September 2020 in the work zone
- **New innovative intersection design** being piloted in Cary and Clayton – the “dynamic left turn” intersections will be installed this spring

A number of additional news items, including newsletters from NCDOT Divisions 7 and 8, the NCDOT Rail Division, NCDOT Multimodal Units, and NC Moves 2050, are available on the News Page of the TARPO Website:

http://www.tarpo.org/category/news/
# Upcoming Events

- February 20-21 – UNC [Clean Tech Summit](#) & Transportation Breakfast in Chapel Hill
- February 27 – Lee County Transportation Committee meeting in Sanford
- March 10-12 – NC [Main Street](#) Conference in New Bern
- March 25-27 – [Southeast Rail Forum](#) in Raleigh
- March 26 – [Triangle Bicycle & Pedestrian](#) Workshop in Raleigh
- March 26 – [Piedmont Legacy Trails](#) Summit in High Point
- April 1 – [Mobi Awards](#) Luncheon in Raleigh
- April 1-4 – Southeast [Greenways & Trails](#) Summit in Jacksonville, FL
- April 9 – TARPO RTCC and RTAC Meetings in Sanford
- April 22-24 – [NC MPO Conference](#) in Greenville
- June 1-4 – National [Travel Monitoring](#) Exposition & Conference in Raleigh
- July 28-30 – National [Regional Transportation](#) Conference in Kansas City, MO
- November 18 – Triangle J Regional Summit (location TBD)

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