



NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Agenda Item:

US 401 Corridor Study - Contract Approval Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) is embarking on a study that will cover the US 401 corridor from generally US 421 in Harnett County north to Banks Road in Wake County. The study will determine the ultimate cross-section and alignment of US 401; and will explore interim projects that may lead to that ultimate cross-section and alignment. The study will result in a functional design of the ultimate corridor, and an implementation strategy that recommends short term, long term and policy recommendations that will lead to the successful implementation of US 401.

The RFP for this study was advertised as of July 10, 2020; with proposals due on August 7, 2020. A total of nine proposals were received by CAMPO; and the proposals were reviewed by team of stakeholders that included CAMPO staff and representatives from the towns of Fuquay-Varina and Lillington, Wake County and Harnett County, and NCDOT staff members from Division 5 and Division 6. Following a thorough evaluation of the proposals, the proposal presented by the firm WSP was selected by the team to address the desired goals of the study.

The study deliverables will include defining a corridor, as well as intersection designs. For the purpose of this study, the corridor will be divided into three segments. Which will enable the study team to focus on the requirements of each segment individually. The following extents for the three segments are:

1. US 401 Fuquay-Varina Bypass
2. Fuquay-Varina - Banks Road to Harnett/Wake County Line
3. Southern Section - Harnett/Wake County Line to Lillington

The final study outcomes will allow for local CTP adoption of the US Hwy 401 Bypass to be included therein and ROW dedication provided with development as appropriate along the corridor. This study will include a public involvement component intended to engage residents along the corridor and commuters traveling through the area.

Requested Action: Review and approve the contract and scope for the US 401 Corridor Study, pending final administrative review and approval by NCDOT; and authorize the CAMPO Executive Director to sign the contract.