

INFORMATIONAL ITEM: PROJECT UPDATES

A. Hot Spot Program – Two projects for the FY 2016 hot spot program are currently underway and include: 1) a functional design for the NC 55 Holly Springs Bypass, and 2) an interchange reconstruction alternatives analysis for I-440/U.S. 1/U.S. 401 (Capital Blvd). The Capital Area MPO is currently under contract with Kimley-Horn to carry out the interchange study. The Capital Area MPO is under contract with Ramey Kemp for the NC 55 Holly Springs Bypass study. These studies and associated technical memos will be completed by June 30, 2016. (Staff Contact: Bret Martin)

B. 54 & More Study – A feasibility study is underway to investigate the costs and impacts of proposed facility upgrades to the NC 54 Corridor from NC 540 to Northwest Maynard Road, within the Municipalities of Morrisville and Cary, including roadway widening, intersection improvements, improvements for pedestrians, bicyclists, and public transit services, potential railroad grade separations, crossing consolidation, proposed rail transit, and proposed railroad expansion plans for freight, intercity passenger rail and commuter. The final report is expected to be released in the coming weeks. A presentation on the study will be scheduled for the August Executive Board meeting. (Staff Contact: Alex Rickard)

C. Transit Systems Planning – After a joint public hearing between the CAMPO Executive Board and the GoTriangle Board of Trustees, the Wake County Transit Financial Plan and Interlocal Governance Agreement (ILA) were adopted by resolution of the CAMPO Executive Board on May 18, 2016. The GoTriangle Board of Trustees adopted the plan and ILA at its meeting on May 25, 2016. The Wake County Board of Commissioners adopted the plan and ILA at its meeting on June 6, 2016. Work will continue over the summer to organize the Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) and begin preparation of work products necessary to initiate plan implementation. (Staff Contact: Bret Martin)

D. Southeast Area Study - The Southeast Area Study is the MPO's third area study following the Southwest and Northeast Area Studies. The study area will encompass the southeastern portion of Wake County including the Town of Garner and portions of the City of Raleigh and the western portion of Johnston County including the towns of Clayton, Archer Lodge, Wilson's Mills, Smithfield and Selma. The focus of the consultant currently is on the SEAS Hot Spots, which are particular locations in Archer Lodge, Garner and Smithfield. More information can be found on the project website at www.southeastareastudy.com (Staff Contact: Alex Rickard)

E. Regional Freight Plan Study - The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, in cooperation with the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (DCHCMPO), and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has hired the consultant services of Parsons Brinckerhoff to develop a Regional Freight Plan for the Triangle region. The proposed study is jointly funded by the agencies as mentioned above. The partnership recognizes the importance and need for these agencies to jointly address freight issues in the region. The purpose of the plan is threefold:

- To conduct a comprehensive regional study of freight, goods movement, and services mobility needs;
- To develop a framework to proactively address freight and goods movement mobility needs and challenges in our region; and
- To examine all modes of a freight transportation system with emphasis on trucks, rail and air cargo and to develop freight recommendations for the 2045 joint Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

It is envisioned that the proposed plan will guide freight investments in a manner that supports the region's goals for safety, social equity, economic productivity, sustainability, and livable communities. The project team will include the staff from the funding partners and will also include the consultant team project manager, other consultant team members, and other regional staff chosen for their subject-matter expertise. Finally, the consultant team will work with key private- and public-sector stakeholders and create a Regional Freight Advisory Committee throughout the study process.

The Regional Freight Stakeholders Advisory Council (RFSAC) held its inaugural meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2016. The purpose of the RFSAC was to bring into Regional Freight Planning process the specialized judgment of industry professionals as the consultant team develops findings and recommendations, and later as the team takes action on policies and investments. Details on the next meeting will be provided soon. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

F. LAPP – The FFY18 Call for Projects is anticipated to open in August. Questions regarding the LAPP Program can be submitted to Danna Widmar at Danna.Widmar@campo-nc.us. (Staff Contact: Danna Widmar)

G. Triangle Tolling Study - The Capital Area MPO, the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT/NCTA are embarking on the development of a regional toll study that will identify the feasibility, applicability, and appropriateness of a variety of user pay systems for potential consideration across the Research Triangle region. Recommendations developed as part of this study will be used to inform the development of future Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) updates. An initial meeting of the Triangle Tolling Study Subcommittee, which consists of staff

members from the Capital Area MPO, the Durham-Chapel Hill, Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT/NCTA, met on Thursday, May 19 to discuss the scope development of the Study. CAMPO staff and NCDOT staff members all compiling material for scope creation; and will send the draft scope out to subcommittee members in preparation for an RFP release at the end of June. (Staff Contact: Kenneth Withrow)

H. NC 98 Corridor Study – The Capital Area MPO, Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, and NCDOT will be initiating a corridor study for NC 98 from U.S. 70 in Durham to U.S. 401 in southern Franklin County beginning in FY 2017. The study will determine and address critical issues and needs along the corridor associated with mobility, operational function, and safety for motor vehicle users, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users. The study will provide recommendations for the ultimate vision for the corridor while also generating recommendations for the corridor that can be implemented in the short- to mid-term that address more immediate deficiencies but also work toward implementation of the ultimate vision. Recommendations developed as part of the study will be used to inform the development of future Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) updates, as well as the MPO's biennial prioritization of projects to be considered for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). An initial meeting of the Core Technical Team (CTT) for the study was held May 26, 2016, to discuss scope development in advance of RFP publication June 2, 2016. The study is anticipated to proceed by September 2016 and will continue until no later than June 30, 2018. (Staff Contact: Bret Martin)