



# NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Staff Report

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**Agenda Item: 5.2**

**To: Executive B**

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### **Southwest Area Study - Endorsement**

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The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) have embarked on the development of an update to the original Southwest Area Study that will address the changes in land use and transportation in the area since 2012 and serve to inform the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).

Work on this study involved the consulting firms Ramey-Kemp & Associates, Stantec, and City Explained, Inc. Over the past year extensive work has been done and meetings have occurred to review land use, policy and transportation proposals. Public outreach has also served as a major component of the planning process.

A total of 11 Core Technical Team and Stakeholder Oversight Team meetings were held for this project; in conjunction with social media, website content, public meetings, and “pop-up” events. Presentations updating the TCC and Executive Board have been given at past meetings as well.

The consulting team of Ramey-Kemp & Associates has completed their Study recommendations for presentation. The Southwest Area Study Report and Appendices has been available for public comment between July 1, 2019 and July 31, 2019. A total of eight public presentations were given for the municipal and county elected officials during the months of July and August. No comments have been received. The TCC recommends endorsement of this study.

**Requested Action:** Consider endorsing the findings of the Southwest Area Study for use in further long range planning.