#### BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE TUESDAY FEBRUARY 18, 2020 9AM

#### Municipal Conference Room 425 South Lexington Avenue Burlington, NC

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1) Call to Order & Quorum

Chairman

- Welcome and Introductions
- Changes to Agenda / Add On Items
- Speakers from the Floor 3 minutes per speaker

#### 2) Approval of Minutes from January 21, 2020 TCC Meeting

Chairman

#### 3) BGMPO Public Involvement Plan

Wannetta Mallette

<u>INFORMATION</u>: The BGMPO Public Involvement Plan was adopted by the TAC on August 28, 2015. The Public Involvement Plan is being updated to meet FHWA and FTA requirements and to include the most effective public outreach strategies that will maintain and enhance an inclusive and transparent metropolitan transportation planning process.

**RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION**: 1) Receive information and discuss; 2) Recommend the TAC release the draft BGMPO Public Participation Plan for a 30-day public review.

#### 4) BGMPO Prioritization 6.0 Project List

Wannetta Mallette

**INFORMATION**: The BGMPO announced a Strategic Transportation Prioritization (SPOT) Call for P6.0 projects last October for transportation projects to be evaluated by NCDOT for consideration in the 2022-2031 STIP. The agenda packet contains a list of transportation projects in the Burlington – Graham MPO region for SPOT 6.0 evaluation and scoring. The *Newly Submitted* projects are arranged by transportation mode. Carry Over (projects previously submitted) - are automatically included in Prioritization 6.0 and do not need to be resubmitted by the MPO or Division. The BGMPO can submit 17 projects per mode in SPOT P6.0.

The project listing includes preliminary scores, if available, for Newly Submitted projects. Preliminary scores were sometimes only available for Congestion, Freight, Safety and Demand/Density.

**RECOMMENDATION/ACTION:** 1) Receive information and discuss; 2) Recommend the TAC release the BGMPO draft P6.0 project list for a 30-day public review.

#### 5) **BGMPO MTP Update**

Kyle Laird/Mark Kirstner. PART; Lyuba Zuyeva, VHB

<u>INFORMATION</u>: The 2045 Getting There MTP is a 20-year comprehensive long range transportation plan for the BGMPO planning area being developed by VHB, Inc. VHB is tasked with providing quarterly project updates and soliciting input from TCC members for the development of the plan. PART and VHB staff will

present the draft results of the travel demand model runs, transit ridership scenarios, a summary of the future transportation conditions analysis and remaining project schedule.

**RECOMMENDATION/ACTION**: 1) Receive information and discuss.

6) NCDOT Division Engineer Report Michael Mills, Division 7

7) NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update Daryl Vreeland, TPD

8) Federal Highway Administration Update

Joe Geigle, FHWA

9) Other Business Wannetta Mallette

- Reports and Questions from TCC Members
- MTP Final Public Meeting, March 10, 2020, 5 7:00 p.m., Mebane Community & Arts Center
- Next Meeting Scheduled March 17, 2020

#### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION:**

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#### **MINUTES**

#### BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE TUESDAY, OCTOBER JANUARY 21, 2020 9AM

MEMBERS PRESENT BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Mark E. Kirstner, PART Wannetta Mallette

Brandon Parker, Gibsonville Logan Hill

Allyson Coltrane, Orange County

Nishith Trivedi, Orange County (Vice Chair) NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Cy Stober, Mebane Mike Mills, NCDOT Division 7

Pam DeSoto, Elon Stephen Robinson, NCDOT Division 7

Nolan Kirkman, Burlington Andy Bailey, NCDOT TPD

Dan Danieley, Burlington Alamance

Regional Airport

Mike Nunn, Burlington <u>FHWA STAFF PRESENT</u>

Nathan Page, Graham (Chair) Joe Geigle

Jay Heikes, GoTriangle Ralph Gilliam, ACTA

OTHERS PRESENT

Lyuba Zuyeva, VHB Aaron Cain, DCHC MPO

#### Call to Order

Chair Nathan Page called the January 21, 2020 meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and introduced all members and guests. Chair Page presented the agenda for adoption. No changes were made to the agenda. Chair Page asked if there were any speakers from the floor. No public comments were made.

#### Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2019 TCC Meeting

Chair Page requested a motion to approve the October 21, 2019 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Nishith Trivedi made a motion to approve the October 21, 2019 TCC meeting minutes. Vice Chair Stober seconded the motion and all of TCC voted in approval.

#### **Election of TCC 2020 Officers**

Ms. Wannetta Mallette conducted the TCC 2020 election of officers. Ms. Mallette reported she received one nomination for Chair, that of Mr. Cy Stober. Mr. Stober

declined the nomination and nominated Mr. Nathan Page provided he serve only one additional year. Mr. Page agreed and recommended a rewrite of the bylaws to include a term limit of two years for Chair and Vice Chair positions. Nominations were then taken from the floor. No additional nominations were made. Ms. Pam DeSoto made a motion to approve the nomination of Mr. Page for TCC Chair. Mr. Dan Danieley seconded the nomination and the TCC voted in approval. Chair Page presided over the remainder of the meeting. Chair Page announced the nomination of Mr. Nishith Trivedi for Vice Chair. No additional nominations were made from the floor. Mr. Stober made the motion to approve the nomination of Mr. Trivedi for TCC Vice Chair. Ms. Pam DeSoto seconded the nomination and all of TCC voted in favor.

#### Approval of 2020 TCC Calendar

Ms. Mallette presented the 2020 TCC meeting calendar for approval. Mr. Stober made a motion to approve the 2020 TCC meeting calendar. Mr. Dan Danieley seconded the motion and all of TCC voted in approval.

#### NC 54 West Corridor Study Update

Mr. Aaron Cain presented the background and update of the NC 54 West Corridor Study approval process. The Carrboro Board of Alderman adopted a resolution opposing the recommendation to widen NC 54. Carrboro had concerns of the environmental impacts, that the widening would attract more cars to NC 54, and change the rural and community character of the roadway. The Chapel Hill Town Council expressed interest in transit improvements and timing any future widening to address congestion issues. TARPO will continue to work with local jurisdictions to identify future roadway improvements. Orange County has made NC 54 widening and bike and pedestrian improvements a priority for STI submission and evaluation. Orange County and DCHC approved receiving the study and working with local jurisdictions to improve safety and operational improvements and to work the TARPO and BGMPO on future improvements. Alamance County was awaiting adoption of the plan by the BGMPO TAC. Mr. Cain discussed possible SPOT submission sponsors for various NC 54 roadway segment improvements. Mr. Mike Mills reported the Orange Grove Road to Old Fayetteville Road operational improvement project was suspended but that the segment from Old Fayetteville Road to Mebane Oaks Road was a priority for widening. Mr. Mills said if TARPO and DCHC had awarded points in P5.0 the project from Orange Grove Road to Old Fayetteville Road would most likely have scored high enough to be funded. He emphasized that NC 54 is a primary route and a regional route providing connections to major destinations and employment centers. Mr. Cain added that UNC Hospitals and Chapel Hill Transit ridership data showed the NC 54 corridor did not perform well in comparison to other routes. Streetlight data confirmed that people are driving by Carrboro Plaza to go to the Southern Village Park and Ride. Mr. Mark Kirstner said the Mebane Park and Ride lot is more convenient for

its ridership. Mr. Stober commented that operational improvements within the BGMPO boundary would be made if the new school locates along the corridor. Mr. Mill responded that UNC fully supports the widening NC 54 and NDOT would not support operational improvements as standalone projects. Mr. Mills said NCDOT would not be supportive of Division level projects if that level of support is not given to regional and primary route projects. After further discussion Chair Page requested a motion to table the agenda item until after meeting with Ms. Tonya Caddle from Alamance County. Vice Chair Trivedi made the motion to table taking any action on the NC 54 West study until determining Alamance County's position. Mr. Danieley seconded the motion and all of TCC voted in approval.

#### **Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Project**

Mr. Jay Heikes provided the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail project update. He explained the Commuter Rail Transit project, as originally included in the Wake and Durham county transit plans would run 37 miles from Garner to downtown Raleigh, NC State, Cary, Morrisville and Research Triangle Park to downtown Durham. The project is in the investigative stage and more study is needed to provide elected officials the data needed for decision making. The study examined scenarios that extended service to Johnston County/Selma and Orange County/Mebane. The preliminary findings limit service from West Durham to Garner where there is a very strong park and ride opportunity in eastern Wake County. Building the infrastructure now increases the likelihood of the funding in future years should I-40 congestion continue to worsen. The preliminary study also recommends a risk assessment. Mr. Heikes explained that the new commuter line will serve both public and private operators and the public operator would have access to private tracks. The Commuter Rail Project is part of the federally adopted Southeastern High Speed Rail Corridor. However, since the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2008, there has not been a substantial infusion of Federal high speed dollars. Mr. Stober commented that while disappointed that the line would not initially extend to Orange County, this will start a discussion about alternate transit solutions to evaluate Bus Rapid Transit and High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on I-40/85 and likely serve as the catalyst for Alamance County and the BGMPO to develop transit plans.

#### FY 21 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Mallette presented an overview of the FY 21 BGMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP details work tasks undertaken by the BGMPO in the upcoming fiscal year. The FY 2019 allocation of MPO's Metropolitan Planning (PL) funds is estimated at \$213,179 in addition to \$20,000 in Section 5303 and \$120,000 in Section 5307 for Transit Planning from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). The budget includes one Special Study – the Mebane Park and Ride Relocation Study and a new GIS/Transportation Planner position. While it is the mission of the BGMPO to

complete work planned within a program year, task elements may span fiscal years and therefore are carried forward into subsequent work programs until completion. Chair Page recommended including language and identifying work tasks associated with meeting safety performance targets. Mr. Stober suggested the inclusion of budget specifics regarding the new staff position. There being no further discussion, Ms. DeSoto made a motion to recommend the TAC release the UPWP for a 30-day public review period. Mr. Stober seconded the motion and the TCC voted in approval.

#### **BGMPO Performance Targets**

Ms. Mallette explained that the BGMPO is federally required to establish and show demonstrable progress towards meeting annual performance targets that meet federal national performance goals and reflect those targets in their TIPs, MTPs and MPO Planning Agreements with transit agencies, NCDOT and other planning partners. MPO's can agree to adopt NCDOT's targets or commit to developing its own quantifiable performance measures. Ms. Mallette informed the TCC members that the safety measures are put in place to support the Highway Safety Improvement Program; to access fatalities and serious injuries on all public roads. The MPO must establish their targets within 180 days or 6 months of the state establishing and reporting its targets or no later than February 27th of each year.

Chair Page questioned criteria that results in fractional deaths. With no further discussion, Chair Page entertained a motion. Ms. DeSoto made a motion recommending TAC adoption of NCDOT's 2020 performance targets. Mr. Kirstner seconded the motion. The majority of the TCC voted in approval; Chair Page opposed the motion.

#### BGMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Ms. Lyuba Zuyeva thanked the TCC members who attended the public meeting on January 14, 2020 at the Gibsonville Community Center and reported that VHB was working on the draft MTP plan and network deficiency analysis. Ms. Zuyeva explained the fiscal constraint takes into account the Federal and State funding that has historically been made available to this region. VHB's approach was looking at the history of funding for this region over the last ten years previously programmed, calculating a non per capita bases and then rejecting some of those funding amounts. She did not have the results of the model runs as difficulty arose with getting the Triad Travel Demand Model working. Chair Page recommended an aspirational scenario not based on traditional modelling methods. Ms. Zuyeva then presented an interactive map of congested areas. Mr. Stober said that Mebane would not support a scenario that does not address congestion along Mebane Oaks Road. Ms. Zuyeva explained that some of these projects actually show up in the 2035 horizon year even though they are committed in the STIP will not have an impact on the travel time. Mr. Mills explained

that some of the projects in 2025 are not going to open by 2035. Mr. Kirstner added that some of the horizon years are funded into 2035 and that it was not uncommon to modify the MTP through amendment and let project's slip a year or move up a year and to identify 2035 horizon year as already are funded and committed. Mr. Mills said that would alleviate the public's confusion.

Ms. Zuyeva said in the most recent round of evaluating potential transit projects the NC 54 express bus route from the Graham Park and Ride Lot to Carrboro Plaza had low ridership potential consistent with prior modeling initiatives. Mr. Heikes recommended a scenario that evaluated the end point at UNC. Mr. Kirstner added that PART did not run the NC 54 corridor as a sole additional route. There being no further discussion, Ms. Zuyeva reminded the TCC of the Steering Committee meeting and next public meeting on March 10, 2020 at the Mebane Community and Arts Center.

#### NCDOT TPD Update

Mr. Andy Bailey provided the NCDOT TPD update. The deadline to complete the NC Moves 2050 Plan online survey is February 29. Mr. Bailey said this is a very important policy document that will identify transportation expenditures for the next 25 years.

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#### **NCDOT Division Engineer Report**

Mr. Mills provided a brief overview of the BGMPO Division 7 Engineer Report. Chair Page requested pedestrian refuge islands at the U-6017 Graham Hopedale Road @ US 70 intersection. Mr. Mill referred Brian Koepner as Division 7 contact for coordination on Mebane's Lowe's Corridor Plan.

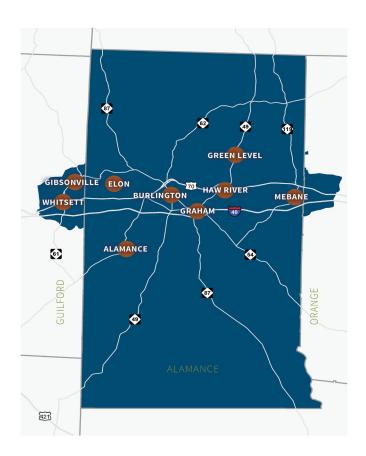
#### **Other Business**

Ms. Mallette reminded TCC of MTP Public Meeting on March 10. She said staff had uploaded most of the P6.0 projects in SPOT Online and will provide the preliminary scores by the next meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Ms. DeSoto made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Stober seconded the motion. All TCC members voted in favor. The TCC meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. The next TCC meeting is scheduled on <u>February 18</u>, 2020.





# PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN

AMENDED \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

ADOPTED August 28, 2015

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#### Introduction

The Burlington - Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization's (BGMPO's) Public Involvement Plan is an umbrella policy, encompassing the plans and programs of the Urban Area's transportation planning process. Public involvement is an integral part of the BGMPO's planning efforts. The Public Involvement Plan is comprised of the public involvement programs for all the major planning activities, including the Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), Major Investment Studies (MIS), Program of Projects (POP) and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). These plans and policy are coordinated with the North Carolina Department of Transportation via the Transportation Planning Branch, the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration. The BGMPO's Public Involvement Plan will be consistent with state and federal requirements and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Interim FTA/FHWA Guidance on Public Participation.

The BGMPO will seek public input through a menu of techniques, including public notices, public comment periods, public meetings, open houses, interviews, surveys, newsletters, and social media. The techniques employed will vary, depending on the specific planning project. The techniques employed will vary, depending on the specific planning task. The MPO will hold a thirty (30) day public comment period for amendments to the Public Involvement Plan.

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the BGMPO Public Involvement Plan is to create an open and transparent process in accordance with federal, state and local requirements, whereby the general public has the opportunity to be meaningfully involved in all stages of the transportation planning decision-making processes. Underlying these efforts is the commitment for developing the most effective outreach methods for a given project or population. This Plan is designed to ensure that transportation decisions will reflect public priorities.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- 1. To bring a broad cross-section of the public into the public policy and transportation planning decision-making process. Ensure that those populations that are traditionally underserved (minorities, disabled, low-income, elderly, LEP, etc.) are engaged in the transportation planning and MPO process.
- 2. Maintain public involvement from the early stages of the planning process through detailed project development.
- 3. Use different combinations of public involvement techniques to meet the diverse needs of the general public. Techniques will be both traditional (hard copy) and

- digital online and social media. The BGMPO website (www.bgmpo.org ) will be a clearing house and communication resource for citizens, staff and agencies.
- 4. Determine the public's knowledge of the metropolitan transportation system and the public's values and attitudes concerning transportation.
- 5. Make technical and other information available to the public. Meeting notices, budgets, plans and policy documents will be posted on the MPO website and shared with all MPO member jurisdictions for distribution.
- 6. Establish a channel for an effective feedback process. Including state and federal agencies. The North Carolina Department of Transportation / Transportation Planning Division shall be key coordination partner along with federal agencies.
- 7. Actively engage communities and persons protected under the Executive Order 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations.
- 8. Evaluate the public involvement process and procedures to assess their success at meeting requirements specified in the MAP-21, NEPA and the FTA/FHWA Guidance on Public Participation. Annually review and evaluate the public participation process and its effectiveness for increasing public engagement and access to information.
- 9. Incorporate comments from the public for the development of a POP for the BGMPO in relationship to the MTIP for the City of Burlington, MPO member jurisdictions, Link Transit, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and NCDOT. This process will also satisfy the Section 5307 grantee public participation process for the POP.

The BGMPO has expanded efforts to reach and inform minority and low income populations. The participation level has remained low and often does not exist – as compared to other segments of the total population. The MPO will continue efforts to provide information in alternative formats and languages to encourage participating and access to all MPO documents and operations. The Latino/Hispanic population is the highest language segment behind White and Black/African Americans in the BGMPO area. Outreach efforts will focus on this segment of the population/language translation. These efforts will be prioritized based on staff time and funding resources available to the MPO.

Strategies to enhance the reach and communication with minority and low income populations will include:

 Building relationships with key community agencies (Latin American Advocacy, Alamance County Human Relations Commission and any others that may have direct connection to this segment of the population).

- Prepare summary documents (translated) and handouts that are simple and direct. Include contact information and ways to participate in projects and meetings.
- Consider use of media (currently one each of Latino newspaper and radio) for advertisement of transportation projects and meeting dates. Provide translation tools for online and web based information.
- Request dates from organizations that are key agencies for populations in an effort to advertise or even sponsor transportation related events or booths at annual festivals and meetings.
- Use of visual aids (photos, maps, etc.) when possible to convey a "picture" of the subject matter.
- Invite local agencies to attend MPO meetings and work to develop a database of contact information / email distribution list. (Newspaper and radio currently serve as this point of contact in the community)

#### **BGMPO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

A Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the policy board of an organization created and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process. MPOs are required to represent localities in all urbanized areas (UZAs) with populations over 50,000, as determined by the U.S. Census. MPOs are designated by agreement between the governor and local governments that together represent at least 75 percent of the affected population (including the largest incorporated city, based on population) or in accordance with procedures established by applicable state or local law.

The Burlington-Graham area was designated an "Urbanized Area" by the U.S. Bureau of Census in 1974. As a result of this designation, the Burlington-Alamance area formed the BGMPO in 1975. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was executed between the Cities of Burlington, Graham, and Mebane; the Towns of Elon, Gibsonville, Whitsett, Green Level and Haw River; the Village of Alamance; Guilford County, Orange County and Alamance County; and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT).

#### TECHNICAL COORDINATING AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The BGMPO MOU delineated responsibilities for maintaining and continuing planning process and established a Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) with the responsibility for general review, guidance, and coordination of the continuing planning process.

A Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), comprised of representatives of the elected policy boards in the urban area, was established to assure coordination between the elected officials, policy boards and the transportation planning process. The TAC is the policy and

decision-making body for the BGMPO. The TAC is comprised of elected and appointed officials from Alamance County and all the municipal agencies within the county and the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The TAC is responsible for providing opportunities for citizen participation in the transportation planning process.

#### Public Participation Opportunities

The TAC adopts its yearly meeting schedule at its first meeting of the calendar year. The TAC holds at least five regularly scheduled meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of the meeting month. These meetings are open to members of the public and media. At the beginning of each regular meeting, the TAC reserves time to receive public comments.

For particular planning issues (i.e. plan development and updates, studies, amendments to planning documents, etc.), the TAC will open a public comment period (3-6 weeks depending on the item) and may hold a public hearing. The notice for the public comment period and the public hearing are advertised in local newspapers and uploaded to the BGMPO website. Local member jurisdictions are advised to publicize the public comment period/hearing through their local media channels as well. The notices will include an announcement that states persons with disabilities will be accommodated. Special provisions will be made if notified 48 hours in advance (i.e. having available large print documents, audio material, someone proficient in sign language, a translator or other provisions as requested). Both written and oral comments received are compiled by the planning staff and reviewed by the TAC.

#### Response to Public Comment

The TAC acknowledges public comments in two ways. The TAC may incorporate public comments and the MPO's response, as an appendix, to the specific planning document. Or, depending on the number of comments, the TAC may instruct the planning staff to respond in writing. Acknowledging public comments is a way to let the public know that its comments are being addressed and is part of the public participation feedback process.

#### Public Notification

Effective communication and timely information exchange with the public are essential for maintaining community understanding and successful implementation of transportation programs and projects. BGMPO public information dissemination efforts may vary depending on factors present, but will generally include: public notices and legal advertisement in newspapers of general circulation and on the BGMPO website; setting forth our nondiscrimination policy in meeting announcements and handouts; and distribution of informational project flyers directly to stakeholders and via email and social media.

Public notification will be conducted in accordance with Title VI and related Notice of Nondiscrimination regulations. The primary means of achieving this will be posting and disseminating the policy statement and notice. Additional measures may include verbally announcing our obligations and the public's rights at meetings, placards at places frequented

by targeted populations, and an equal opportunity tag-on at the end of radio announcements. The method of notification will be determined through an initial environmental justice screening of the area.

At a minimum, nondiscrimination information will be disseminated on our website and on posters in conspicuous areas at our office(s). Project-related information and the BGMPO Title VI plan is located online and a hard copy available at the BGMPO office. Translated copies will be made available upon request.

#### Public Involvement for Specific Planning Items

For particular planning issues (i.e. plan development and updates, studies, amendments to planning documents, etc.), the TAC will open a public comment period (3-6 weeks depending on the item) and may hold a public hearing. The notice for the public comment period and the public hearing are advertised in local newspapers, as well as any cable access channel. Local member jurisdictions are advised to publicize the public comment period/hearing in their local media as well. The notices will include an announcement that states that persons with disabilities will be accommodated. Special provisions will be made if notified 48 hours in advance (i.e. having available large print documents, audio material, someone proficient in sign language, a translator or other provisions as requested). Both written and oral comments received are compiled by the planning staff and reviewed by the TAC.

#### **Specific Requirements**

The Burlington / Graham MPO's Public Involvement Policy is designed to be consistent with the requirements of MAP-21, NEPA and the FTA/FHWA Guidance of Public Participation. These requirements are included in the appendix of the document.

#### MEETINGS AND OUTREACH

There is no one-size-fits-all approach to public participation. A variety of comprehensive and targeted public participation methods will be used to facilitate meaningful public participation. Methods for engaging stakeholders and target audiences - including traditionally underserved and excluded populations (i.e., minorities, youth, low-income, the disabled, etc.) - will include the following:

#### Public Relations and Outreach

The BGMPO notification and public participation aims to foster meaningful involvement of all people through shared decision-making in our transportation planning processes:

- Public events will be inclusive, collaborative, interactive, and informative for all.
- Media plans includes multiple channels of communication like email, social media, TV, and newspaper ads.

- Abstract objectives will be avoided in meeting announcements. Specific "attention-grabbing" reasons to attend will be used, such as "Help us figure out how to relieve congestion on NC 54?"
- Efforts will be made to show how the input of participants can, or did, influence final decisions.
- Attempts will be made to form stakeholder committees that reflect the diversity of the BGMPO population.

#### **Public Meetings**

"Public meeting" refers to any meeting open to the public, such as public hearings, open house project meetings and MPO TCC and TAC meetings.

- Public meetings will be conducted at times, locations, and facilities that are convenient and accessible.
- Meeting materials will be available in a variety of predetermined formats to serve diverse audiences.
- A variety of advertising means may be employed to inform the community of public meetings.
- Assistance to persons with disabilities or Limited English Proficiency will be provided as outlined in the BGMPO Title VI Plan.

#### **Small Group Meetings**

A small group meeting is a targeted measure where a meeting is held with a small group or individuals usually at their request or consent. Small group discussion formats may be integrated into larger group public meetings and workshops in an effort to make participants comfortable and more likely to contribute,

 If it is determined that a targeted group has not been afforded adequate opportunities to participate, the group may be contacted to inquire about possible participation methods, including unscheduled project meetings. Unless unusual circumstances or safety concerns exist, the meeting will be held at a location of the group's choosing.

#### **Community Surveying**

- Opinion surveys will occasionally be used to obtain input from stakeholders or the general public.
- Surveys may be conducted via email, project websites, at community events or by placing survey drop boxes in ideal locations.

• Surveys will be translated into languages other than English, when appropriate.

#### **POLICY ELEMENTS**

The BGMPO's Public Involvement Plan is comprised of a number of sub-policies. All planning programs and activities are required to go through the Transportation Advisory Committee's public process. In addition, the MPO has initiated public involvement programs for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), the Program of Projects (POP), the Major Investment Study (MIS), and the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

#### METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The BGMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Metropolitan Transportation Plans, Transportation Improvement Plans, thoroughfare plans, corridor plans, special studies, etc.) public participation and review process is designed to provide early and adequate opportunities for stakeholders to be involved throughout the transportation planning process. It is also designed to provide gradual progression from the general information (vision setting and formulation of goals, objectives and policies) pertaining to the plan to very specific information regarding alternatives and plan selection.

#### **Elements of the Public Participation Procedure**

The Public Participation Process for transportation plans consists of a series of innovative public participation techniques, including: an appointed advisory committee, public service announcements, a newsletter, public meetings, surveys, and the mass media. These techniques will be employed at various stages of the plan development:

- 1. The Burlington Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization will provide opportunity for early and meaningful public participation in the development and update of transportation plans.
- 2. Proactive participation techniques will be employed to involve citizens and provide full access to information and technical data. The technique will generally include, but not be limited to; public meetings/hearings, surveys, newsletters, public service announcements, mass media, etc.
- 3. Information dissemination, notification of meeting, publication of proposed plans will be integral elements of the public participation process.
- 4. The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) will initiate the transportation plan update process. Elements of the Transportation Plan, and/or amendments will meet all current Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) requirements.

- 5. The public comment period will be for a minimum 30-day public comment period, effective from the date of the public notice publication. Written comments will be received during the comment period and will be directed to the Lead Planning Agency (LPA). The Lead Planning Agency's contact person, phone number and e-mail address will be included in the public notice.
- 6. Public meeting(s) will be held to: communicate the vision for the transportation plan development; provide the public background information on the metropolitan transportation system and other issues as well as the proposed framework of the Transportation Plan update process; and to receive citizen input.
- 7. Public meetings (forums) designed to solicit public comment may be held at various locations around the metropolitan area to encourage the greatest public participation. Public meetings will be held at a location, which is accessible to persons with disabilities.
- 8. The TCC will assemble all comments and forward comments to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The TAC may choose to hold a public hearing before adopting the strategy and work program for the transportation plan. Comments regarding the draft strategy will be considered and addressed in adopting the final program.
- 9. Any significant revision and amendment to the transportation plan work program public review above. subject to the process as outlined The public participation component of the transportation plan will generally follow the same citizen input and review as outlined in this policy. Public input will be solicited to review and comment on any major transportation plan amendment proposal as well as analyses conducted as part of the amendment request. Adequate opportunity will be provided for public participation in the amendment of the transportation plan, and any significant revisions to the transportation plan will also be subject to public comment period as described in #7 of this policy.
- 10. The BGMPO will endeavor to involve the public at key decision points of the transportation plan development. Decision points are those stages where the TAC will be required to endorse or take action on particular work elements. These include, but are not limited to:
  - Formulation of vision, goals and objectives
  - Policy development
  - Review and approval of socio-economic and demographic projections
  - Review of land use information and scenarios
  - Review and determination of transportation deficiencies
  - Identification of transportation (facility) needs
  - Evaluation of alternatives and selection of preferred option
  - Plan recommendation and adoption

11. The process for developing, updating, and amending the Transportation Plan will generally follow the sequence and procedure illustrated in the Appendix.

#### METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is the document that describes the funding and scheduling of transportation improvement projects (highway, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit capital and operating assistance) using State and federal funds. The MTIP serves as the project selection document for transportation projects and, therefore, is the implementation mechanism by which the objectives of the transportation plan are reached. The following is the proposed public Participation procedure for the Burlington - Graham Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. When submitting a MTIP to the state for inclusion in the statewide program, MPOs self-certify that they have met all federal requirements.

#### <u>Plan Development</u>

The Burlington - Graham Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will prepare a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, which is consistent with current state and federal requirements and regulations. The Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law will also guide the public participation process. STI allows NCDOT to use existing funding more efficiently and effectively to enhance the state's infrastructure, while supporting economic growth, job creation and a higher quality of life. This process encourages thinking from a statewide and regional perspective while also providing flexibility to address local needs. The MTIP will be developed based on revenue estimates provided by NCDOT and the Regional STI Project Priority List developed by the local MPO agencies.

NCDOT developed guidance and specific standards for local methodology used in MTIP development. The guidance requested that each planning organization develop and implement a methodology that maintains transparency material availability, and process documentation and maximizes the opportunity for public review and input. The local input methodology details the approach and role of public input and is described in the BGMPO Local Input Points Methodology. The public input element of the MTIP and Project Priority List is presented as follows:

#### **Public Participation Process**

- 1. The BGMPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) will develop a draft Regional Priority List from the Local Project Priorities of the MPO jurisdictions.
- 2. The MPO Regional Priority List and Program of Projects (POP) will be published for a minimum 30-day public comment period and the notice will be published by the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) in the local newspaper and other media sources. The notices for the public comment period and the public hearing will include an announcement that states that persons with disabilities will be accommodated. The Regional Priority List will be on file in the City of Burlington Department of

Transportation, BGMPO office for public review and comment and include projects for member agencies and all public transportation providers in the BGMPO.

- 3. The BGMPO TCC will develop a draft MTIP from the approved Regional Priority List and Program of Projects and from revenue estimates provided by the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The TCC will forward the draft MTIP to the Transportation Advisory Committee. The TAC will publish the draft MTIP (including the STI ranking) for public review and comment.
- 4. Copies of a draft MTIP will be distributed to TAC members. Each jurisdiction will also have copies available for public review. The draft MTIP will follow the same notification procedures as outlined above for the Regional Priority List.
- 5. The public comments will be assembled and presented to the Burlington Graham TAC. The TAC may hold a public hearing on the draft MTIP. The public hearing will be held at a location, which is accessible to persons with disabilities. Public comments will be addressed and considered in the adoption of the MTIP.
- 6. Amendments to MTIP will be available for public review and comment, if resulting in substantial changes to the MTIP. A substantial change is classified as the addition or deletion of a project or if project costs increases by more than 35% or \$25 million from the cost used in STI scoring. Public comment on less significant project additions or deletions may be sought at the discretion of the TAC by majority vote. As long as a project's description, scope or expected environmental impact has not materially changed, the TAC may approve changes to project funding without a separate public meeting.
- 7. Written public comments and their responses will be published as an appendix to the final MTIP. The BGMPO will maintain a record of all public comment received through adoption of the Final STIP by the Board of Transportation (or longer as per the BGMPO record retention requirements).

#### MAJOR INVESTMENT STUDY

The major investment study supports decisions on significant federally funded transportation investments along a corridor or sub area level of the metropolitan area. The MIS identifies all reasonable strategies for the study area in order to meet its transportation demands and relieve any transportation problems. It is a detailed analysis designed to provide local decision-makers with more comprehensive corridor level technical analysis early in the transportation planning process.

The scope of a major investment study for the Burlington - Graham will be determined on a project-by-project basis. Therefore, the MPO will choose the appropriate public participation initiatives to meet the goals of the MIS. The public participation techniques that may be used are public informational meetings, newsletters, and media relations.

#### Unified Planning Work Program

Federal planning regulations require that each MPO prepare an annual work program known as the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP must identify the MPO planning tasks to be undertaken with the use of federal transportation funds, including highway and transit.

#### **Public Participation Process**

- 1. The Draft Unified Planning Work Program is reviewed by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). The TCC meetings are open to the public. The TCC then endorses a Draft UPWP and forwards the document to the TAC for public release.
- 2. The Draft UPWP is then reviewed and released for a 30-day comment period by the TAC. The Draft is also sent to the NCDOT Public Transportation Division and Transportation Planning Division for comments.
- 3. Once NCDOT approves the Draft UPWP, it is presented for TAC approval. The TAC will also accept public comments at this time. Upon TAC adoption, the Final UPWP is then forwarded to the NCDOT.

*NOTE:* This document will be monitored and updated on an annual basis for new or revised items/regulations.

#### PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

The Federal Transit Administration requires recipients of Section 5307 funding to develop an annual Program of Projects (POP) for public review. The project list will detail the project purpose, funding requests, and the local and Federal share. The BGMPO will work with transit providers and the NCDOT. For the FTA Section 5307 POP, it is a requirement of FTA for each MPO to conduct a public notice to solicit public comments for the utilization of Section 5307 funds.

#### **Public Participation Process**

- 1. The BGMPO issues a public notice opening the public comment period to receive comments on the proposed POP and allocation of funding.
- 2. The draft POP is reviewed by the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). The TCC meetings are open to the public. Staff will present any comments received during the public comment period.
- 3. After public review, the TCC will consider endorsement of the draft POP and recommend adoption by the TAC.

- 4. The Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) may hold a public hearing on the draft Regional Priority List and POP. The public hearing will be held at a location that is accessible to persons with disabilities. The TAC will approve and rank/prioritize a final Regional Priority List and POP after considering the public comments received.
- 5. The TAC will consider public comments prior to considering the POP for approval and adoption and incorporation of the funding and projects in its annual budget and work program. The adopted program will be the final program of activity for the fiscal year, unless amended by the TAC.

*NOTE:* This document will be monitored and updated on an annual basis for new or revised items/ regulations.

#### MODIFICATIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Occasionally, the need may arise which requires minor modifications to the MTIP, MTP, UPWP, PIP or other planning documents. Changes can be categorized in three ways: Administrative Modification, Minor Amendments, or Major Amendments.

Administrative Modifications shall be for the purpose of correcting an administrative error or informational change; minor modifications to project descriptions, project cost, and/or funding source; adjustment of a project start and completion date. These do not require a formal public involvement process.

*Minor Amendments* shall be considered to be minor in nature. Examples include small projects with few impacts, and technical/preliminary/ exploratory studies. These do not require a formal public involvement process outside the regular meeting structure of the MPO.

Major Amendments shall be considered to be significant enough so as to require public review and comment. Examples include the addition or deletion of a regionally significant project or a substantial change in the design concept or design scope of a project included in transportation plans. Major amendments require a 10-calendar day formal public comment period. The comment period shall be advertised in the local newspaper and on the MPO's web site.

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#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For any questions, comments or for further information regarding the BGMPO Public Participation Plan, please contact the BGMPO office.

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## BURLINGTON - GRAHAM DRAFT P6.0 NEW SUBMITTAL PROJECT LIST February 13, 2020

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2	2 29.82	24.85	20.37	Burlington	H190629	Improve Intersection (10)	I-40/University Drive Intersection	I-40	University Drive
3	3	31.38	24.51	Burlington	(H190395)	Modernize Roadway (16)	NC 49	Henry Road	I-85/I-40 Southbound Ramps
4	1	29.5	21.31	Burlington	H191047	Modernize Roadway (16)	US 70	NC 62	Oneal Street
5	5	26.78	10.88	Graham	H190638	Improve Intersection (10)	NC 54	West Elm street	
6	5	26.13	18.65	Graham	H190448	Access Management (11)	NC 87	Albright Avenue	Swepsonville-Saxapahaw road
7	7	24.15	21.79	Burlington	H190383	Construct Roadway on New Location (5)	NC 62 Extension	NC 62	Oneal Street
8	3	23.82	17.74	Whitsett	H190438	Realign Offset Intersections (21)	US 70	Brightwood Church Road	Penn Lo Drive
9	9	23.51	17.94	Gibsonville	H190583	Improve Intersection (10)	Burlington Road (Hwy 70)	Burlington Road	Ashley Woods Drive
10	)	22.96		Burlington	H190403	Improve Multiple Intersections (25)	NC 49	I-85/I-40	NC 54
11	1	21.4	17.31	Burlington	H190655	Widen Existing Roadway (1)	US 70	West of University Drive	Springwood Church Road
12	2	19.92	16.72	Graham	H190445	Access Management (11)	NC 54 Access Management	W Elm Street	NC 119
13	3	17.33	13.53	Mebane	H190577	Widen Existing Roadway (1)	NC 119 Road Widening	Kimrey Road	Trollingwood Hawfields Road
14	1		22.62	Burlington	H190596	Widen Existing Roadway (1)	NC 87(Webb Ave) Widening	US 70	East Haggard Avenue
15	5		22.29	Mebane	H190570	Widen Existing Roadway (1)	Mebane Oaks Road Widening	Old Hillsborough Road	I-5711
16	5		20.59	Burlington	H190386	Contruct Roadway on New Location (5)	Rural Retreat Road Extension	Rural Retreat	Springwood Village Drive
17	7		15.96	Burlington	H190376	Widen Existing Roadway and Construct Part on New Location (6)	Grand Oaks Boulevard Extension	NC 62	Whites Kennel Road
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1	1		24,53	Burlington	B190497	Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	Fairchild Greenway	Historic Burlington Train Depot	Cummings HS & Broadview MS
2	2			Graham	B190566	Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	East Elm Street & NC 87 Bundled Sidewalk	East Elm Street from Albright to Parker	NC 87 from West Harden to Williamson
3	3		21.25	Graham	B190565	Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facilty (2)	Townbranch SUP	Elm Street	Bill Cooke Park
4	1		21.08	Gibsonville	B190593	Protected Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	Westbrook Avenue Sidewalk	Meadow Street	Cook Road
5	5		20.61	Burlington	B190617	On-Road Bicycle Facility (4)	Mebane Street Bikeway	Cummings HS & Broadview MS	City Park
6	6		20.22	Burlington	B190496	Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (2)	City Park Bikeway	Downtown Burlington	O'Neal St/Woodland Avenue
7	7		19.21	Burlington	B190620	Protected-Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	Gum Creek Greenway	Trollinger Ave/Oak St Intersection	Forestdale Dr/Church St Intersection

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8		18.84	Burlington	B190605	Protected-Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	N Williamson Ave Sidewalk	University Drive	Elon Athletic Campus entrance
9		18.81	Burlington	B190616	Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (2)	Alamance Crossing Greenway	Edgewood Ave/Church St Interection	Davidson Park
10		18.21	Elon	B190605	Protected-Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	N Williamson Ave Sidewalk	University Drive	Elon Athletic Campus entrance
11		18.17	Gibsonville	B190594	Off-Road/Separated Linear Bicycle Facility (2)	Burlington Avenue MUP	Cook Road	Chase Street
12		17.8	Elon	B190610	Protected-Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	Church Street Sidewalk	W. Haggard Avenue	W. Lebanon Avenue
13		17.45	Graham	H190337	Construct Roadway on New Location (5)	Bruce Turney Street	NC 87	East Crescent Square Road
14		16.58	Graham	B190555	Protected-Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	Ivey Road Sidewalk	NC 54 & NC 87	NC 87 & Moore Street
15		16.38	Burlington	B190622	Protected-Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	Sharpe Road Sidewalk	Ross Street	Rauhut Street
16		16.14	Gibsonville	B190589	Protected-Linear Pedestrian Facility (7)	Church Street Sidewalk (Hwy 61)	Timbergate Drive	Forest Drive
17		13.21	Burlington	B190619	On-Road Bicycle Facility (4)	Edgewood Avenue Bikeway	Central Ave/Davis St Intersection	Edgewood Ave/Church St Intersection
Transit								
1			GoTriangle	T190598	Park & Ride (7)	GoTriangle, PART, & OCPT Park & Ride	Somewhere in the vicinity of I-40 Mebane	and Mebane-Oaks Rd in
Rail								
1			NC Rail Division	R190652	Other passenger rail improvements (point) (6)	Carolinian Equipment Replacement	Carolinian Corridor, Burlington G MPO, Capital Area MPO, Charlot Chapel Hill Carrboro MPO, Greel Point Urban Area MPO, Peanut E Area MPO, Upper Coastal Plain Area MPO	tte Regional TPO, Durham nsboro Urban Area MPO, High Belt RPO, Rocky Mount Urban
2	2 NC Rail Division		NC Rail Division	R190772	Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line) (1)	Piedmont Corridor #1	Piedmont Corridor. Burlington Gr MPO, Capital Area MPO, Charlot Chapel Hill Carrboro MPO, Greei Point Urban Area MPO, Winston	tte Regional TPO, Durham nsboro Urban Area MPO, High
3			NC Rail Division	R190774	Freight rail corridor improvement or construction (line) (1)	Piedmont Corridor #2	Piedmont Corridor. Burlington Gr MPO, Capital Area MPO, Charlot Chapel Hill Carrboro MPO, Greet Point Urban Area MPO, Winston	tte Regional TPO, Durham nsboro Urban Area MPO, High
4			NC Rail Division	R190778	Passenger rail service (line) (5)	NS/NCRR H Line	NS/NCRR H Line. Burlington Gra	aham MPO, Capital Area MPO
5			NC Rail Division	R190351	Highway-Rail crossing improvement (point) (3)	Buckhorn Road	US 70 to I-85/I-40 Interchange	
6			NC Rail Division	R190451	Highway-Rail crossing improvement (point) (3)	Mattress Factory Road	E Washington Street to US 70	

#### NCDOT PROJECTS LOCATED IN BGUMPO - UNDER DEVELOPMENT

TIP/WBS#	Description	Let/Start Date	Completion Date	Cost	Status	Project Lead
SS-4907BQ 44757.1.1 44757.2.1 44757.3.1	Intersection improvements (All Way Stop) at SR 1005 (Greensboro-Chapel Hill Road) at SR 2369 (Sylvan School Road) and SR 2371 (Pleasant Hill Road) in <b>Snow Camp.</b>	8/15/17	Jun. 2020	\$22,500 R/W \$153,000 CON	4-way stop installation and flasher completed 4/17/18, utility relocations complete, construction delayed to Apr. 2020	Derek Dixon
48172	Planning and design of SR 1446 (Rockwood Ave.) from existing end of maintenance to NC87 in <b>Glen Raven</b> . Develop roadway, hydraulic and ROW plans	9/6/18	TBD	\$500,000	Planning activities underway, Express design has been requested (Feasibility Unit)	Tamara Njegovan Stephen Robinson
SS-4907CK 48306.1.1 48306.3.1	Install all-way (4-way) stop at intersection of NC 62 at SR 2029/SR 2030 (Old NC 49). Upgrade existing overhead flasher to flash all-red on all intersection approaches.	7/11/19	Jul. 2020	\$110,000	No re-alignment, signs and flashers only, construction schedule pending, waiting on materials	Dawn McPherson
I-5711 50401.2.1 50401.3.1	Interchange improvements at I-40/I-85 and SR 1007 (Mebane Oaks Rd) in <b>Mebane</b>	3/17/20	FY2022	\$16,976,000	Final design activities underway, ROW acquisition underway - 100% complete	Laura Sutton
47786 SM-5707B 47903.2.1	Intersection improvements on SR 1007 (Mebane Oaks Rd) at SR 2126/2128 (Old Hillsborough Rd) south of <b>Mebane</b> . Improvements include addition of left and right turn lanes, radii widening, signal installation, resurfacing, and pavement markings.	Apr. 2020	Jun. 2020	\$898,500	Design complete, ROW acquisition underway - 100% complete with right of entry, Utility relocations pending	Chad Reimakoski Derek Dixon

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TIP/WBS#	Description	Let/Start Date	Completion Date	Cost	Status	Project Lead
SS-6007B 48887.1.1 48887.3.1	All-Way Stop installation at SR 1529 (Durham Street) and SR 1530 (Elmira Street)	Apr. 2020	Jun. 2020	\$32,400	Funds approved 9/5/19.	Dawn Mcpherson
SS-6007A 48886.1.1 48886.3.1	All-Way Stop installation with overhead flashers, and rumble strips installation at NC 49 and SR 1005 (West Greensboro Chapel Hill Road).	Jun. 2020	Oct. 2020	\$61,200	Funds approved 9/5/19.	Dawn Mcpherson
SM-5707D 48585.1.1 48585.3.1	Intersection improvements at NC 100 (University Drive) at SR 1301 (Shallowford Church Road/Williamson Avenue) in <b>Elon</b> . Construct right turn lane on SR 1301 (Shallowford Church Road) at NC 100 with 150 feet full storage and 100' taper.	Dec. 2020	Mar. 2021	\$68,000	Funds approved 3/7/19 and released 3/12/19, Planning and design activities underway	Chad Reimakoski Derek Dixon
48798	Installation of crosswalks and pedestrian signals and update curb ramps at the intersection of US 70 (South Church Street) and Edgewood Avenue (non-system).	Dec. 2020	Mar. 2021	\$150,394	Funds approved and released 6/6/19, Planning and design activities underway	Dawn McPherson Derek Dixon
B-5728 45684.1.1 45684.2.1 45684.3.1	Replace Bridge #112 over Reedy Fork Creek on NC87 in Ossipee	3/16/21	FY2023	\$5,800,000	Planning and design activities underway	Kevin Fischer
U-6010 47145.1.1 47145.2.1 47145.3.1	Intersection improvements at US 70 (South Church Street) and SR 1226/SR 1311 (University Drive) in <b>Burlington</b>	4/20/21	FY2023	\$5,200,000	Planning and design activities underway, ROW acquisition underway	Brian Ketner
U-6017 47162.1.1 47162.2.1 47162.3.1	Intersection improvements at NC 54 (East Harden St.) and NC 49 (East Elm St.) in <b>Graham</b>	4/20/21	FY2023	\$1,216,000	Planning and design activities underway	Chad Reimakoski

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TIP/WBS#	Description	Let/Start Date	Completion Date	Cost	Status	Project Lead
U-6013 47158.1.4 47158.2.4 47158.3.4	Widen NC 119 to multi-lanes from SR 1981 (Trollingwood-Hawfields Rd)/ SR 2126 (Old Hillsborough Rd) to Lowes Blvd (non-system) in <b>Mebane</b> .	7/19/22	FY 2024	\$8,700,000	Planning and design activities underway	Chris Smitherman
U-6014 47159.1.1 47159.2.1 47159.3.1	Widen SR 1716 (Graham-Hopedale Rd) to multi-lanes with Bicycle/Pedestrian accommodations from SR 1720 (West Hanover Rd) to Morningside Drive in <b>Burlington</b>	7/19/22	FY 2024	\$15,200,000	Planning and design activities underway	Chad Reimakoski
U-6011 47146.1.1 47146.2.1 47146.3.1	Intersection improvements at US 70 (South Church Street) and SR 1158 (Huffman Mill Rd) in <b>Burlington</b>	8/15/23	FY2026	\$1,300,000	Planning and design activities underway	Brian Ketner
U-5844 50234.1.1 50234.2.1 50234.3.1	Construct multi-lanes on NC62 from SR 1430 (Ramada Road) to US 70 (South Church Street) in <b>Burlington</b>	11/21/23	FY2026	\$10,900,000	Planning and design activities underway	Chad Reimakoski
U-6009 47144.1.1 47144.2.1 47144.3.1	Widen and construct center turn lane on US70 (West Church St) from Tarleton Ave. to Fifth Street in <b>Burlington</b>	6/18/24	FY2026	\$11,319,000	Planning and design activities underway	Chad Reimakoski
B-6052 48709.1.1 48709.2.1 48709.3.1	Replace bridge 68 over NCRR / Norfolk Southern Railroad on SR 1928 (Trollingwood Road) in <b>Haw River</b>	1/20/26	FY2027	\$3,000,000	PE funding approved 5/6/19	Kevin Fischer

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#### NCDOT PROJECTS LOCATED IN BGUMPO - UNDER DEVELOPMENT Completion Let/Start Description **Project Lead** TIP/WBS# Cost Status Date Date I-6009 Interchange improvements at I-40/I-85 and SR 1158 (Huffman 6/18/26 FY2027 \$1,936,000 PE funding approved 6/5/18 Brian Ketner Mill Road). Construct additional right turn lane on I-40 WB 47962.1.1 47962.2.1 Ramp and improve operations at SR 1308 (Garden Road) intersection in Burlington 47962.3.1 I-6059 FY2030 Interchange improvements at I-40/I-85 and SR 1981 3/21/28 \$12,400,000 PE funding scheduled for Laura Sutton 48689.1.1 (Trollingwood-Hawfields Road) in Mebane 12/16/23 48689.2.1 48689.3.1

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#### North Carolina Department of Transportation

#### Active Projects Under Construction - Alamance Co.

Contract Number	TIP Number	Location Description	Contractor Name	Resident Engineer	Contract Bid Amount	Availability Date	Completion Date	Work Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Progress Schedule Percent	Completion Percent
C203676	B-5239	REPLACE BRIDGE #126 OVER MILL RACE AND BRIDGE #119 OVER HAW RIVER ON NC-87.	DANE CONSTRUCTION INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$4,786,122.27	3/15/2018	3/29/2020	3/15/2018	10/10/2020	68.12	69.97
C203782	I-5309 I-5836	PAVEMENT REHAB. ON I-40/I-85 FROM EAST OF THE GUILFORD COUNTY LINE TO 0.2 MILES EAST OF NC-54 IN GRAHAM.	APAC - ATLANTIC INC THOMPSON ARTHUR DIVISION	Howell, Bobby J	\$11,966,430.84	4/25/2016	11/30/2017	7/5/2016	12/13/2019	100.00	98.56
C203844	U-3109A	NC-119 RELOCATION FROM I-40/85 TO SR-1921 (MEBANE ROGERS RD/ STAGE COACH RD).	THALLE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	Howell, Bobby J	\$45,389,069.36	6/26/2017	1/28/2021	8/3/2017	7/23/2021	82.50	62.61
C203984	B-5347	REPLACE BRIDGE #170 OVER A PRONG OF BIG ALAMANCE CREEK ON SR-1145 (POND RD).	MOUNTAIN CREEK CONTRACTORS INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$1,182,371.52	3/15/2018	3/9/2019	4/16/2018	4/25/2019	100.00	90.65
C204025	I-5954	PAVEMENT REHAB. ON I-40/I-85 FROM EAST OF NC-54 IN GRAHAM IN ALAMANCE COUNTY TO WEST OF SR-1114 (BUCKHORN RD) IN ORANGE COUNTY.	APAC - ATLANTIC INC THOMPSON ARTHUR DIVISION	Howell, Bobby J	\$9,699,053.68	4/1/2018	6/29/2019	4/29/2019	12/6/2019	100.00	99.34
C204026	I-5956	PAVEMENT REHAB. ON I-40/I-85 FROM EAST OF SR-3056 (ROCK CREEK DAIRY RD) TO WEST OF SR-1226 (UNIVERSITY DR).	APAC - ATLANTIC INC THOMPSON ARTHUR DIVISION	Ingram, PE, J. Paul	\$4,067,357.08	8/28/2017	7/1/2018	4/30/2018	8/31/2019	100.00	98.42
C204106	U-3109B	NC-119 RELOCATION NORTH OF SR-1921 (MEBANE ROGERS RD) TO SOUTH OF SR-1918 (MRS WHITE RD).	THALLE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.	Howell, Bobby J	\$8,151,660.80	8/27/2018	11/28/2020	10/4/2018	11/28/2020	80.20	25.37
C204111	U-6015	BURLINGTON - GRAHAM SIGNAL SYSTEM.	ALS OF NORTH CAROLINA LLC	Howell, Bobby J	\$7,938,392.20	10/29/2018	8/15/2021	2/11/2019	8/15/2021	38.00	18.93
DG00392		RESURFACE 26 SECONDARY ROADS IN ALAMANCE AND 1 SECONDARY ROAD IN GUILFORD COUNTY SR 3349	RILEY PAVING INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$1,059,904.41	4/2/2018	10/12/2018	8/2/2018	12/15/2018	100.00	65.12
DG00393		RESURFACE SR 1101, SR 1118, SR 1119, SR 1124, SR 1125, SR 1127, SR 1128 SR 1130, SR 1134, SR 1135, SR 1137, SR 1141, SR 1143, ETC.	RILEY PAVING INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$1,084,520.40	4/2/2018	10/12/2018	6/18/2018	12/7/2018	100.00	99.97
DG00426		RESURFACE A PORTION OF NC 87 AND PORTIONS OF 3 SECONDARY ROADS	RILEY PAVING INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$3,463,032.95	7/9/2018	11/1/2019				
DG00431		RETREAT 29 SECONDARY ROADS IN ALAMANCE CO.	WHITEHURST PAVING CO INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$868,412.06	4/1/2019	10/12/2019	2/18/2019			
DG00432		RESURFACE A PORTION OF US 70 AND 6 SECONDARY ROADS IN ALAMANCE COUNTY AND A PORTION OF 1 SR IN GUILFORD CO.	RILEY PAVING INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$1,878,598.12	7/9/2018	11/1/2019	3/29/2019	1/10/2020	100.00	97.02
DG00441		DECK OVERLAYS W/LATEX MODIFIED CONCRETE - VERY EARLY STR BRDG JNT REPL ON BRIDGE #71-ALAMANCE AND # 90,#195,#261 - GUILFORD	EXTREME CONCRETE CUTTING OF GAFFNEY LLC	Howell, Bobby J	\$1,248,556.25	6/4/2018	9/24/2018	8/8/2018	12/22/2018	100.00	94.13
DG00445		INSTALLATION OF ADA COMPLIANT CURB RAMPS AT VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS	LITTLE MOUNTAIN BUILDERS OF CATAWBA COUNTY INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$319,319.80	6/25/2018	2/15/2020	8/6/2018	2/15/2020	100.00	92.94
DG00457	U-5752	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT US 70 (CHURCH STREET) AND SR 1301 (ST. MARKS CHURCH ROAD)	SHARPE BROTHERS A DIVISION OF VECELLIO & GROGAN INC	Howell, Bobby J	\$1,790,372.74	9/4/2018	3/31/2020	10/23/2018	3/31/2020	100.00	95.43

#### North Carolina Department of Transportation

#### Active Projects Under Construction - Alamance Co.

Contract	TIP	Location Description	Contractor Name	Resident Engineer	Contract Bid	Availability	Completion	Work Start	Estimated	Progress	Completion
Number	Number				Amount	Date	Date	Date	Completion	Schedule	Percent
									Date	Percent	
DG00473	U-5843	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT US 70 (CHURCH ST.) AND SR 1716 (GRAHAM-HOPEDALE RD)	P & S GRADING LLC	Howell, Bobby J	\$2,495,284.62	4/1/2019	4/1/2020	3/19/2019	4/1/2020	100.00	31.88
DG00477		RESURFACE US 70 (CHURCH ST.) FROM 5TH ST TO 380' W OF SR 1928 (JIMMY KERR RD.), US 70WB (FISHER ST.)FROM BEG OF SPLIT TO END OF SPLIT	RILEY PAVING INC	Robinson, Stephen J	\$3,614,442.95	7/8/2019	10/30/2020	7/29/2019	10/30/2020	25.00	31.17
DG00479		MILL AND RESURFACE A PORTION OF NC 54 AND PORTIONS OF 9 SECONDARY ROADS	APAC - ATLANTIC INC THOMPSON ARTHUR DIVISION	Robinson, Stephen J	\$2,142,415.27	6/17/2019	10/30/2020	6/26/2019	10/30/2020	22.00	21.58

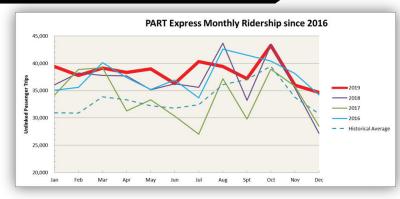


# What's Happening at PART

# **Updates for February 2020**

Top 20 PART Express Stops - In Session Season 2019 (Aug, Sept, Oct)								
	Seasona	l Ranking	Avg. Daily Boardings					
Stop Name / Location	Current	Previous	Boardings	Served by Route				
Coble Transportation Center	1	1	662.98	1,2,3,4,17,20,21,22,23,27				
Greensboro Depot Slip 16	2	2	259.23	2 ,4, 10				
Winston-Salem Transportation Center	3	3	156.35	1, 5, 6 ,17, 28				
High Point Terminal (Outer Slip)	4	4	145.89	3, 9				
Mebane Cone Health Park & Ride	5	5	51.15	4				
Four Seasons Mall	6	6	46.28	2, 4				
Manning Dr at UNC Hospitals	7	7	40.09	4				
High Point Amtrak Station	8	9	30.63	5				
4th & Chestnut	9	10	27.03	1, 17				
Ambulatory Care Center	10	14	25.94	4				
Mount Airy Park & Ride	11	13	23.22	6				
Graham Park & Ride	12	8	20.68	4				
Alamance Regional Medical Center	13	11	18.73	4				
Columbia & Rosemary	14	24	18.24	4				
Freeman Mill & Florida (West)	15	16	17.47	2				
Alamance Community College	16	20	16.79	4				
Centennial & Charlotte (Northbound)	17	18	16.17	3				
Baptist Medical Center (Meads Hall)	18	15	15.89	6, 17, 18				
Hwy 68 N & Sutton Way (La Fiesta)	19	17	13.26	3				
E Washington & Eugene	20	27	13.1	2				

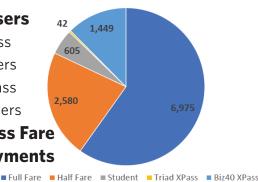




December PART Express
Ridership totaled 34,650
(27% Increase over last Dec)

# **TouchPass Users 923** TouchPass Smartcard Users **1,373** TouchPass Mobile App Users

TouchPass Fare
Payments





#### **PART Express Operator of the Month**

Congrats to our longest tenured driver, James (JW) Gilley, who has been with us going on 18 years, since PART Express started! Thanks for all you do to keep things running smoothly.



#### In The Region

Participate in the 2030 Downtown Greensboro Vision

**TouchPass** 

- Burlington Metro Leads Growth in the Triad
- Join the GTA Scavenger Hunt to win prizes

# **STAY CONNECTED**

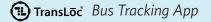
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# **Updates for February 2020**

#### **PART Express Customer Satisfaction Survey Results**

PART conducted our yearly Customer Satisfaction Survey October 7th through November 1st. There were 287 completed surveys. There were 22 questions including demographic questions. Below are some of the results.

#### How would you rate your level of satisfaction with PART? Highly satisfied 89.8% Somewhat satisfied Satisfied! Satisfied What do you hope to see regarding PART bus system? Somewhat dissatisfied Top 3 Ranking by Passengers: Highly dissatisfied 17% 1. Shelters at Bus Stops 2. Benches at Bus Stops 15% 20% 3. 30-Minute Service All Day (Rt 1,2,3) How long have you used PART Services? ■ Benches at Bus Stops ■ Shelters at bus stops ■ 30-Minute Service Rt 1,2,3 Sunday Service 1.2.3 32% New this year Regional Fare/Pass 20% 27% Less than 6 months ■ 6 mo-1 year ■ 1-3 years Are you currently using TouchPass? = 3-5 years ■ 5 years or more 77% Have 36% **Transitioned** Smartcard to Use ■ Mobile App TouchPass! Riding PART is relaxing, reliable and With the extended comfortably apply to I like riding the bus because I don't have city knowing I can get to and from work with out issues. can snooze or read instead of dealing with would spend on gas for one week. lways friendly and helpful.

**General Comments** 



# **Updates for February 2020**





Visit www.partnc.org/carpool to learn more

#### **Share the Ride NC at Surry Community College**

Colleges and Universities across the Piedmont Triad have been aligning with PART to develop Share the Ride NC Carpooling sub-sites for their institutions. PART helps with promoting the program to students as well. Surry Community College has recently joined into this initiative and will go live with their site in the coming months to help address transportation to campus.

Current STRNC partnerships include: Alamance Community College, Davidson Community College, Elon University, Wake Forest University, Forsyth Technical Community College, Guilford College, University at NC Greensboro, Guilford Technical Community College, and High Point University.

# PART Selected as Winner in 2020 APTA Photo Invitational

The American Public Transportation Association recently announced its selection of 12 winners for the 2020 Photo Invitational which will be shared one at a time as APTA's "Photo of the month" in Passenger Transport, on APTA's social media accounts, at APTA.com, and on the walls of APTA's DC headquarters. The winning photo is ---->



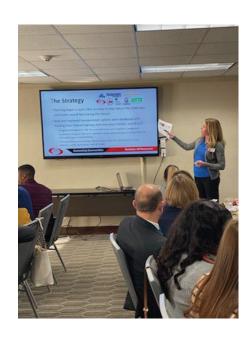
Photographer: Jon Eric Johnson

#### **Presentation to Forsyth County Hotel Association**

Thanks to the Forsyth County Hotel Association for having PART present at their monthly meeting.

Brooke Kochanski, PART Manager of Marketing, gave an update on Business 40 Mitigation and the impact PART services have made including reducing vehicles that travel into Downtown Winston-Salem during the closure!

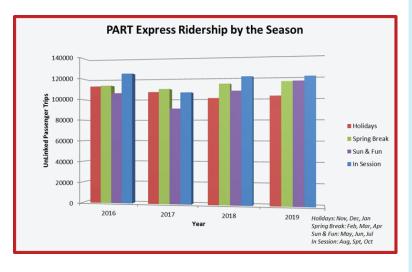
View more information at www.partnc.org/biz40



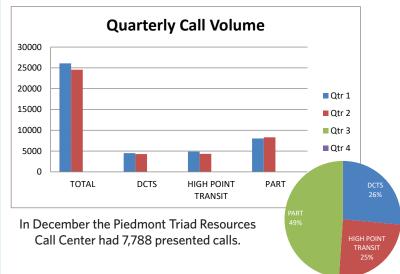


# **Updates for February 2020**

#### **PART Express Data**



#### **Piedmont Transit Resources Call Center**



Winston-Salem

**Transportation Center** 

40

PART Routes

WSTA Routes

WINSTON-SALEM

### **FEATURED ROUTE OF THE MONTH - ROUTE 5**

**Route 5 NC Amtrak Connector** provides a link between Winston-Salem and High Point for passengers needing access to the train. This service has been provided since 2004 by a partnership with North Carolina Department of Transportation. You do not have to be a train passenger to ride the service, it is open to the general public for riding as well. Visit www.partnc.org/route5 for more info.

Miles Round Trip - 41 # of Stops - 3

Travel Time (One Way) - 45 mins

**Transit Connections** - WSTA, Greyhound, Baptist Shuttle, WFU Downtown Shuttle, Trans Aid, WSSU Rams Shuttle, High Point Transit

**Connecting Communities** 

Winston-Salem to High Point



PART is a participant in the NC Last Mile Program

The program gives passengers on the NC Rail/Amtrak Raleigh-to-Charlotte (Piedmont train) the option of a free pass to help them reach their final destination through public transportation.

