### ROCKYRURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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### **AGENDA: TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

### **1. Ethics Statement**

Anita Blair, Chairperson

2. Amend/Adopt Agenda(ACTION NEEDED) Anita Blair, Chairperson
<b>3. Approval of Minutes from May 2021</b> Artion NEEDED) Anita Blair, Chairperson
<b>4. FY23 PWP DRAFT</b> (INFORMATION) Lee Snuggs, RRRPO
5. Misenheimer Solar LLC(INFORMATION) Lee Snuggs, RRRPO
6. Connect Beyond(ACTION NEEDED) Lee Snuggs, RRRPO
We discussed the Connect Beyond plan during our January combined TCC\TAC meeting. Since we met virtually and could not vote, we tabled our response until this meeting. We are being asked to endorse the Connect Beyond plan and recommendations. The Connect Beyond plan is focused on long-range

### 7 Transit Providers

future transportation planning.

a. ACTS	Tanya Byrd
b. SCUSA	Randy Shank
c. UCT	
8. NCDOT Updates	
a. County Updates	Division Staff

- b. Mobility & Safety Division.....Regional Traffic Staff
- c. Corridor Development Engineer..... Scott Miller

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d. Transportation Planning Division..... Roger I. Castillo

- 9. Old Business
- 10. New Business
- 11. Public Comment
- 12. Adjourn

Next Meeting: <u>*Tuesday~ May 10, 2022*</u>

### LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ~RoseBriar~

### RIVER RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

### **Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Anita Blair (Chairperson – Misenheimer), David Edwards (Vice Chair – Wadesboro), J. Andy Bailey (NCDOT-Planning Division), Scott Miller (NCDOT), Jay Almond (Badin), Bridgette Helms (Stanfielf), Susan Almond (New London), Scott Efird (Locust), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), Ken Swaringen (Stanly County Airport), Scott Howard (Norwood), and Lee Snuggs (RRRPO).

**Members Absent:** Michael Ferris (Albemarle), Tanya Byrd (Anson County), Bob Remsburg (Stanly County), Minnie Staton (Polkton), Jason Ritter (Richfield), Joey Estridge (Ansonville), and Lynn Griffin (Peachland).

**Others Present:** Stuart Basham (NCDOT-Div. 10-Alt.), Pate Butler (NCDOT), Neda Fahim (NCDOT-Div 10), Travis Preslar (NCDOT), Teresa Robinson (NCDOT), Bailey Emrich(Stanly County), and Lisa Park (RRPO).

Welcome The meeting convened at 10:00 am. Quorum was established.

#### 1. Ethics Statement

The Ethics Statement was read to members by Chairperson Anita Blair.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Bjorn Hansen to approve the agenda. It was seconded by David Edwards and unanimously approved.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from March 2021

A motion was made by Scott Howard to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Susan Almond and unanimously approved.

### 4. FY22 PWP Adoption .......(ACTION NEEDED) Lee Snuggs, RRRPO

The final FY22 PWP will need to be adopted in May, 2021 to guarantee funding for the FY22 budget. A motion was made by David Almond to approve the FY22 PWP and recommend it to the TAC board. It was seconded by Scott Howard and unanimously approved.

5. FY21 PWP Amendment.....(ACTION NEEDED) Lee Snuggs, RRRPO A motion was made by Bridgette Helms to amend the FY21 PWP and recommend to the TAC board. It was seconded by Scott Howard and unanimously approved.

### 6. Safety Project/Funding Presentation......(INFORMATION) Neda Fahim, NCDOT Pate Butler, NCDOT

A very informative powerpoint, Metrolina Regional Traffic Safety Programs, was presented to the group. The traffic safety department is responsible for most things traffic safety related including, but not limited to, speed limits, ordinances, traffic signal recommendations, safety improvement projects, HSIP investigations, fatal crash investigations, and TIP recommendations. Several safety projects in the RRRPO region were presented and discussed.

### 7. Transit Providers:

a. UCT: Bjorn Hansen (Please See Below)

### 8. NCDOT Updates:

- a. County: Division Staff
  - NC 24/27 Widening Project (R-2530B) The widening of NC 24/27 from Albemarle to Lake Tillery. Work is underway on the project with utility crews making good progress. Currently working on grading, sewer line work, culvert construction, and temporary walls. Project is currently shown as being 39% complete. It is scheduled to be complete at the end of 2023.
  - NC 24/27 Bridges (B-4974) Painting work is underway and contractor is working on final details. Construction of the bridge is approximately 98% complete. Completion is scheduled for the late Spring of this year.
  - NCDOT Spring Litter Sweep I am pleased to report that NCDOT crews, contractors, and volunteers have collected more than 5 million pounds of litter from our roadsides across the State this year. This amount

includes a record 1.4 million pounds of roadside trash removed during our April 10-24<sup>th</sup> Litter Sweep. NCDOT would like to thank everyone who participated in this effort to keep our great State clean.

 NCDOT Bike/Ped Planning Grants – NCDOT is accepting applications for the 2021 Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Grants Initiative. The program provides funding for municipalities across the State to develop comprehensive bicycle or pedestrian plans. All North Carolina municipalities are eligible to apply for a standard bike or pedestrian plan. In addition, the following options are available:

- Counties with populations less than 50,000 may apply for a bicycle or pedestrian plan.
- Smaller municipalities with populations less than 10,000 can also apply to develop a combined bicycle and pedestrian plan.
- Municipalities with a population less than 5,000 may apply for a Project Acceleration Plan an abbreviated plan focusing primarily on priority project identification and implementation.
- Municipalities (and Counties with populations less than 50,000) with a bicycle or pedestrian plan in place may also apply to update their plan if it is at least five years old.
- The deadline for applications, to be submitted electronically, is 5 pm on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Award recipients will be notified by September, 2021. For more information, contact Bryan Lopez at balopez@ncdot.gov or at 919-707-2606.
- b. Transportation Planning Division: Andy Bailey (Please See Below)
- 9. Old Business: None
- 10. New Business: None
- 11. Public Comment: None
- 12. Adjourned at 11:10 am.

Scott Efird made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Susan Almond. The motion was unanimously approved.

### Adopted: This the 8th day of March, 2022.

Anita Blair, TCC Chairperson

Lee Snuggs, Secretary

Our recorder malfunctioned/died when I went to retrieve the May RRRPO meeting recordings. There were updates by the following members, but I was unable to include their input in the minutes.

Transit Providers: UCT: Bjorn Hansen Transportation Planning Division: Andy Bailey

### FY 2023 (July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023) PLANNING WORK PROGRAM ANNUAL FUNDING SOURCES TABLE Rocky River RPO

		RPO PROGRAM FUNDS			
TASK	WORK CATEGORY	LOCAL	State	FEDERAL	
CODE	WORK CATEGORY				TOTAL
		20%	0%	80%	
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I. DATA C	OLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT				
I-1	DATA COLLECTION AND ASSESSMENT	\$ 4,100	<b>\$</b> -	\$ 16,400	<b>\$ 20,500</b>
I-1.1	Highway				
I-1.2	Other Modes				
I-1.3 I-1.4	Socioeconomic Title VI				
	SPORTATION PLANNING				
II-1	COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP	\$ 4,700	<b>\$</b> -	\$ 18.800	\$ 23,500
II-1.1	Develop CTP Vision	<del><b>\$</b>4,700</del>	φ -	<del>ຈ 10,000</del>	<del>\$ 23,500</del>
II-1.1 II-1.2	Conduct CTP Needs Assessment				
II-1.2 II-1.3	Analyze Alternatives and Environmental Screening				
II-1.4	Develop Final Plan				
II-1.5	Adopt Plan				
<b>II-2</b>	PRIORITIZATION	\$ 2,000	<b>\$</b> -	\$ 8,000	\$ 10,000
II-2.1	Project Prioritization				
II-3	PROGRAM AND PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	\$ 3,154	<b>\$</b> -	\$ 12,615	\$ 15,769
II-3.1	STIP Participation				
II-3.2	Merger / Project Development				
<b>II-4</b>	GENERAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING	\$ 5,500	<mark>\$ -</mark>	\$ 22,000	<mark>\$ 27,500</mark>
II-4.1	Regional and Statewide Planning				
II-4.2	Special Studies, Projects and Other Trainings		_		
III. ADMI	NISTRATION OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AN		S		
III-1	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,800	<b>\$</b> -	\$ 15,200	\$ 19,000
III-1.1	Administrative Documents			, , , , ,	, ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
III-1.2	TCC / TAC Work Facilitation; Ethics Compliance				
III-1.3	Program Administration				
IV. DIRE	CT COSTS				
IV-1	PROGRAMMATIC DIRECT CHARGES	\$ 2,000	<b>\$</b> -	\$ 8,000	<b>\$ 10,000</b>
IV-1.1	Program-wide Direct Costs				
IV-2	ADVERTISING	<mark>\$ 100</mark>	<b>\$</b> -	<mark>\$ 400</mark>	<mark>\$ 500</mark>
IV-2.1	News Media Ads				
IV-3	LODGING, MEALS, INCIDENTALS	<mark>\$ 400</mark>	<mark>\$ -</mark>	<b>\$ 1,600</b>	<mark>\$ 2,000</mark>
IV-3.1	Hotel Costs				
IV-3.2 IV-3.3	Meal Costs				
	Incidentals	¢ 40	¢	¢ 400	¢ 000
IV-4 IV-4.1	POSTAGE Mailings	<mark>\$ 40</mark>	<mark>\$ -</mark>	<mark>\$ 160</mark>	<mark>\$ 200</mark>
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IV-5	REGISTRATION / TRAINING	<mark>\$ 300</mark>	<mark>\$ -</mark>	<b>\$ 1,200</b>	<mark>\$ 1,500</mark>
IV-5.1 IV-5.2	Conference Registration Meeting / Workshop / Training Fees				
IV-6	TRAVEL	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
IV-6.1	Mileage Reimbursement	<b>v</b> 000	<u>Ψ</u>	Ψ 2,000	Ψ <u>2</u> ,000
IV-6.2	Car Rental Costs				
IV-6.3	Other Travel Expenses				
V. INDIR	ECT COSTS				
V-1	INDIRECT COSTS	<b>\$</b> -	<b>\$</b> -	\$ -	\$ -
V-1.1	Incurred Indirect Costs				
	RATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 26 594	¢	\$ 106 375	¢ 122 060

RPO OPERATIONAL EXPENSE TOTAL \$	\$ 26,594	\$-	\$106,375	\$132,969
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Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization November 17, 2021

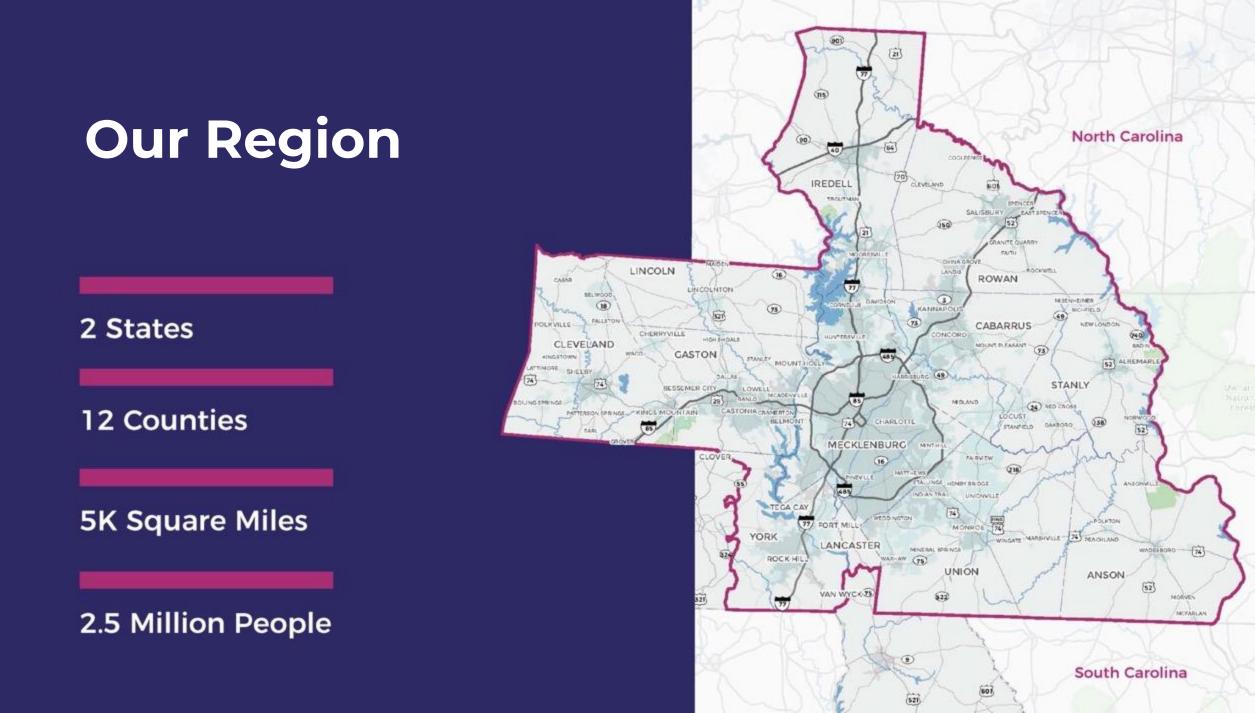
CONNECT Beyond A Regional Mobility Initiative

## CONNECT Beyond -Plan Review and Request for Action

# **Requested Action**

### Policy Board to Endorse the CONNECT Beyond Plan and Recommendations

This Board Action was recommended at the November 4<sup>th</sup> TCC Meeting





# **Project Priorities**



Increase Economic Competitiveness











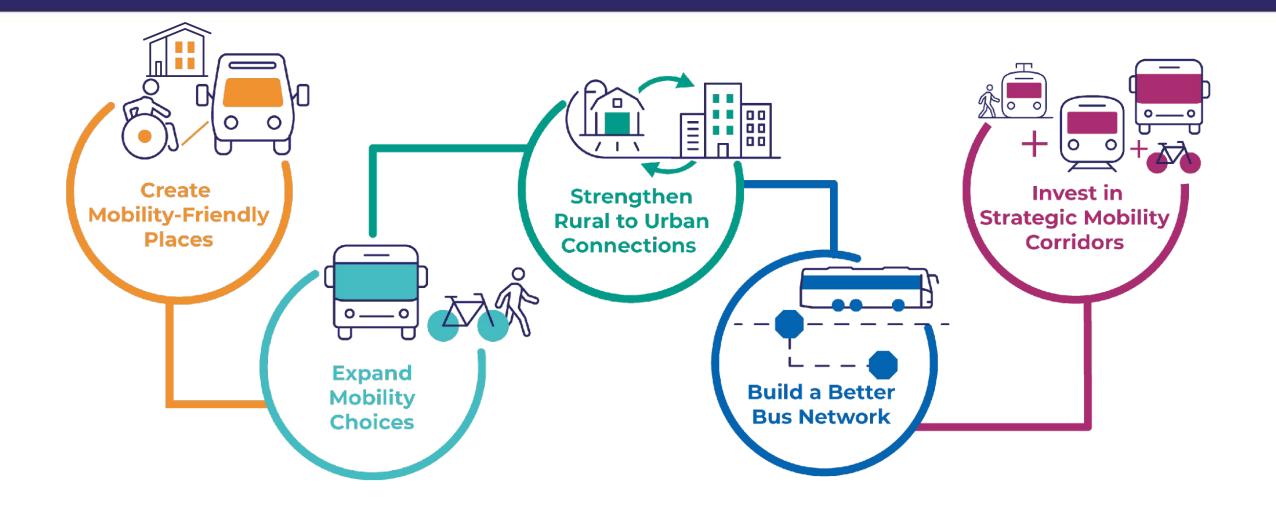


Improve Transportation Choices

**Enhance Public** Transit

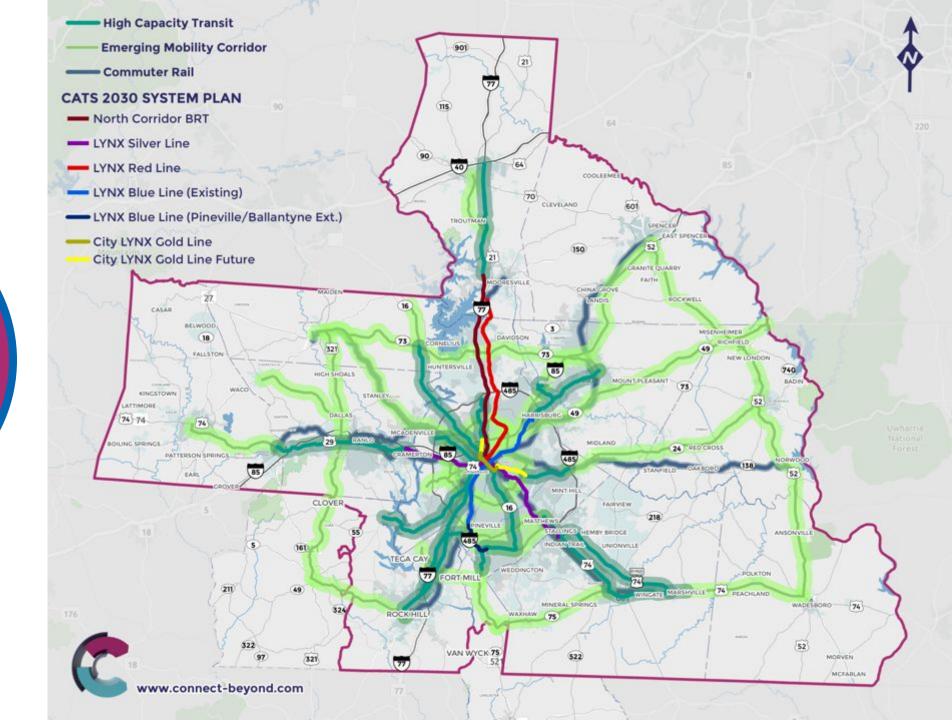
# Mobility Moves

Create | Expand | Strengthen | Build | Invest









# Plan in Process

### <u>Released Draft Recommendations in July 2021 – Two Month Comment</u> <u>Period</u>

- Received over 300 comments both written and through Q&A sessions
- CONNECT Beyond Project Team participated in over 30 meetings, presenting Draft Recommendations and engaging stakeholders on feedback

### **CRTPO Meetings about CONNECT Beyond Plan**

- Project Team presented Draft Plan Recommendations at both CRTPO TCC and Policy Board meetings in September
- Project Team met with CRTPO Transportation staff in October
- TCC recommended endorsement at November meeting

# Why is this Important to CRTPO?

- CRTPO is at the center of the plan's 12-county region and is crucial to its successful implementation
- The 2019 Staffing and Resources Study strongly recommended that CRTPO work toward integrating transit planning into its overall planning process – implementing CONNECT Beyond recommendations would help fulfill this goal
- CRTPO's Strategic Plan calls for support of CONNECT Beyond activities

# Plan Support

### **Plan Sponsors**

- <u>October 13</u> Centralina Regional Council endorsed CONNECT Beyond Plan
- October 27 Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) endorsed CONNECT Beyond Plan

### **Plan Partners**

- <u>November-December 2021</u> Transportation Planning Organizations, including CRTPO:
  - Accept/endorse CONNECT Beyond Plan
  - Incorporate implementation activities into work plans/ relevant comprehensive plans

# **Next Steps**

### Implementation Oversight

- Stakeholder engagement on implementation of near-term recommendations
- Coordination with MPOs, RPOs, transit providers.
  - MPOs/RPO Coordination Meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>
- Regional Transportation Demand Management program early activities
- Funding & Partnerships work group expansion and relaunch
- **Transit education** through Centralina Learns (Mobility Hubs and Livability Corridors)
- Seek New Revenues
  - To support CONNECT Beyond Implementation Manager
  - NCDOT TDM
  - NCDOT CONCPT grant(s)

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# THANK YOU

Jason Lawrence, CATS Jason Wager, Centralina Regional Council



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

### **Emergency Management**

Roy Cooper, Governor Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary William C. Ray, Director

21 February 2022

### NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY (NOFO): North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Emergency Management Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund

NCEM is now accepting Applications for grants funded thru the Emergency Management Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund. Eligible applicants are State agencies, units of local government and nonprofit corporation to facilitate transportation resilience against natural disasters. Applications must be received by NCEM no later than Close of Business (5pm) on **31 March 2022**.

#### Who?

The State is seeking applications for Emergency Management Transportation Resiliency Grants. State Agencies, units of Local governments (municipal/county/state-recognized tribal) and nonprofit corporations may submit applications for projects to the State Emergency Management Long-Term Recovery Group, who will convene a panel to score and rank the projects. Nonprofit corporation projects are limited to nonsectarian or nonreligious purposes or facilities which addressed such items in the section below.

#### What?

Funds can be used to ensure transportation resilience against natural disasters. Total available funding for this grant program is \$15,000,000 with the anticipated number of grants available between 5-30. Projects can be 100% funded with <u>no cost share</u> and are paid on a <u>reimbursement</u> basis.

Proposals are expected to fully explain how the project will mitigate the damages or access to transportation infrastructure from natural disasters. Funds may be used for any of, and activities consistent with, the following:

- 1) Projects that update and prepare transportation infrastructure for storms, mudslides, and flooding events taking projections of future risk into consideration.
- 2) Risk assessments for critical transportation routes, building on existing and future reports such as the I-95 and I-40 Flood Resilience Feasibility Study.
- 3) Creating community-informed flood risk and vulnerability assessments that identify resilience gaps and project opportunities for transportation routes in North Carolina to help maintain vital transportation functions following flooding events.

Mailing Address: 4236 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-4236 www.ncdps.gov www.ReadyNC.gov



**Office Location:** 1636 Gold Star Drive Raleigh, NC 27607 Phone: 919-825-2500 Fax: 919-825-2685

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#### Where?

Applications must be submitted in full to the following email address: <u>NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov</u> Application will be reviewed for completeness with completed applications scored and ranked.

#### When?

Key Target Dates:	
21 February 2022	NOFO Released
31 March 31 2022	Application Deadline
30 April 2022	NC Review Panel Scoring completed
15 May 2022	Selected Applicants Begin to be Notified
May-July 2022	Complete and Sign grant agreements

#### How?

The Period of Performance (POP) is up to 36 months, starting on the date of the recipient's award. This process starts with the application Submission as outlined below.

#### Application/Submission Information and Instructions

Application deadline 31 March 2022 (5:00PM)

Application to be submitted to <u>NCEMLTR.grant@ncdps.gov</u> with subject line "Applicant name - NCEM Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Grant"

Application email should include a pdf attachment containing the following. Please follow the 6-point outline below and include information for each number as completeness will be used as part of the selection: (scoring weight in brackets):

- 1) Applicant Name, Address, Contact Information, and Project Name, Nonprofit corporations should also include the "Certificate of Existence from the NC Secretary of State, bylaws, and documentation to support ownership or right for project specific facility. (10)
- 2) General description of the Project. (15)
- 3) Describe how the project provides resiliency or the assessment will inform changes to transportation infrastructure. (35)
- 4) Scope of Work (SOW) and cost estimate for the project to achieve #3 above, including an understanding of how the estimate was achieved. (20)
- 5) Timeline from approval of Grant to project completion. (10)
- 6) How and who will manage the project if awarded and their qualifications. (10)

Characteristics of competitive proposals include:

- Efforts to mitigate against frequent disruptions to transportation infrastructure from nature disasters.
- Clear benefit for residents, businesses, and other entities within a community with priority on those where loss or limited access to transportation infrastructure poses a risk for life, health, and safety.
- A demonstrated likelihood of success and feasibility demonstrated by reports, engineering

reports and analysis by professional engineers, etc.

- A current (within the last six months) estimate of probable cost or another similar document
- Link to a comprehensive planning effort with community support.
- Sustainable outcomes that can be maintained following use of funds.
- A reasonable strategy for implementation.

For more information, contact:

Joe Stanton – Assistant Director Long-term Recovery	Joe.Stanton@ncdps.gov	919-218-6325
Jeff Welker – Grants Manager	Jeffrey.Welker@ncdps.gov	984-222-4159

Projects that are selected will require applicants to sign a Grant Agreement (MOA) and will be expected to comply with the terms of the agreement, including reporting and interim and final inspections as necessary or risk timely payment or funding. Also, applicants will be required to submit the below listed OSBM required documents/forms with the signed MOA if awarded a grant under this fund:

- <u>W-9 (09 NCAC 03M .0202</u>)
- <u>Electronic Payment / Vendor Verification Form (09 NCAC 03M .0202)</u>
- Conflict of Interest Policy (<u>G.S. 143C-6-23.(b)</u>)
- Sworn (Notarized) No Overdue Tax Debt Certification (G.S. 143C-6-23.(c))

# **NCDOT TPD NEWS**

#### NCDOT TPD RRRPO Newsletter

### Anson County CTP

Initial data gathering and informational maps are underway for the Anson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). Steering committee meetings are expected to begin soon.

### Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund Grants 2022

Eligible applicants are invited to apply for transportation grants through the Emergency Management Transportation Infrastructure Resiliency Fund allocated as a part of the 2021 state budget.

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See for more details:

https://www.ncdps.gov/transportationinfrastructureresiliencyfundgrants2022

### Complete Streets Implementation Guidance

On February 11, 2022, NCDOT released updated guidance and resources to support implementation of the Complete Streets Policy. These materials were developed by the NCDOT Division of Highways (DOH) and Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) in coordination with many internal stakeholders as well as MPOs, RPOs, and other external partners.

The new and revised materials released provide clarity, a more streamlined project evaluation process, and improved standards for the consideration and integration of complete streets elements.

More information is available at: https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/BikePed/ Pages/Complete-Streets.aspx

"Connecting people, products and places safely and efficiently with customer focus, accountability and environmental sensitivity to enhance the economy and vitality of North Carolina...."

- NCDOT Mission Statement

### **FHWA News**

FHWA is seeking suggestions for market-ready innovations to deploy in 2023 in round seven of Every Day Counts (EDC-7). State, local, Tribal, and industry partners, as well as the public, are encouraged to submit innovative technologies or practices that can help provide safer roads for all users, address equity as part of project planning deliverv. and and support sustainable resilient and infrastructure nationwide.

Your ideas can help make every day count to ensure the Nation's infrastructure built is better. faster. smarter. Check and thewebsite for details:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ innovation/everydaycounts/



March 2022

### Traffic Forecasts (TF)

Project Level Traffic Forecasting is an essential part of the planning process. The traffic forecast informs the design of STIP projects. There are currently no traffic forecasts under development in the RRRPO area.

Upcoming	Date
3rd Quarter Invoice and Work Summary Due	May 10, 2022
Last day to submit adopted FY 23 PWP	May 16, 2022
Last day to submit revised FY 22 PWP with signatures	June 29, 2022

### **Contact Us**

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### **NCDOT Statewide Plans:**

To learn more, click on the following links:

- •NC Moves 2050 Plan (or go to ncdot.gov/ncmoves)
- NCDOT Strategic Transportation Corridors (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Strategic Transportation Corridors)
- •NCDOT Comprehensive State Rail Plan (25-Year Vision) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: rail plan)
- •<u>NC Statewide Multimodal Freight Plan (2015-2040)</u> (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
- •Great Trails State Plan (or go to ncdot.gov and search: Great Trails)
- •Connecting North Carolinians to Opportunities (Public Transportation Strategic Plan—2018) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: public transportation plan)
- •NCDOT Resilience Strategy Report (2021) (or go to ncdot.gov and search: resilience strategy report)
- •Statewide Pedestrian & Bicycle Plan (2013) (or go to ncdot.gov/biceped/walkbikenc)

#### **Helpful Links:**

Click on links below to learn more:

NCDOT home page—<u>ncdot.gov</u>

- •Real-Time Traffic—<u>DriveNC.gov | North Carolina Traffic & Travel Information</u>
- •Report a pothole—<u>NCDOT Contact Us Form</u>
- •NCDOT: State Transportation Improvement Program ncdot.gov/sti
- •Interactive Bicycle Routes Map-https://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/ncbikeways/default.aspx-