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MPO and TCC officer elections
will be conducted during the
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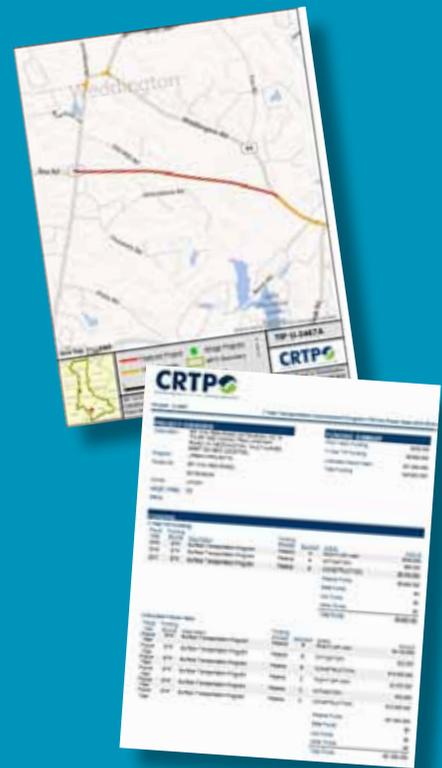
NCDOT **DRAFT** STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM HAS BEEN RELEASED



NCDOT released its draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) on December 4. The draft STIP identifies the transportation projects and strategies that NCDOT proposes to undertake throughout the next ten years. The Draft STIP's list of proposed projects is the result of the Prioritization 3.0 process completed in August 2014. An interactive map of proposed projects throughout the state can be viewed on NCDOT's website by clicking:

[HERE](#)

CRTPO is required to approve a Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) that is incorporated without change into the STIP. The release of the DRAFT STIP will initiate a variety of activities that CRTPO must undertake before the MTIP is adopted in the spring of 2015 including; internal reviews and assessments, public involvement efforts, financial analysis, and demonstration of air quality conformity. Additionally, the programming of Surface Transportation Program – Direct Attributable (STP-DA) and Toll Facility Bonus Allocation funds will need to be considered in the adoption of CRTPO's MTIP.



CRTPO TIP DATABASE

TIP project information is currently available in formats that are not user friendly. Staff enlisted the assistance of Parsons Brinckerhoff to create a web-based application to help provide clearer information about TIP projects to the TCC, MPO and general public via the CRTPO website. This database will help manage TIP project updates, standardize TIP project mapping, and provide TIP information through a web-based application. Please visit our new database at:

<http://tip.crtpo.org>



Northeast Corridor

Transportation Update

The City of Charlotte and NCDOT are working collaboratively on eight active transportation projects within the northeast corridor located between Uptown Charlotte and the UNC Charlotte campus. Several of these projects are intended to support the LYNX Blue Line Extension light rail project; however, these projects will enhance mobility and connectivity across all modes once they are completed. For more information, please click:

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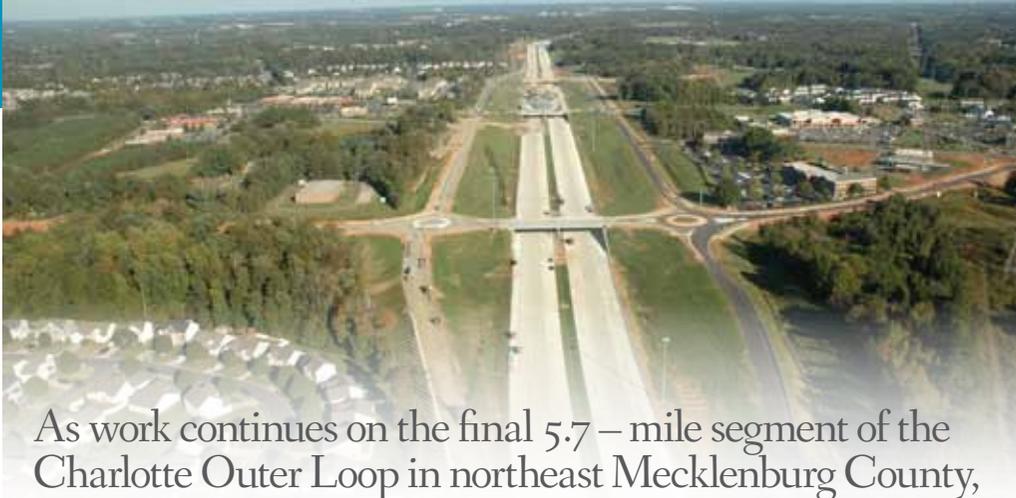
NCDOT STATEWIDE PRIORITIZATION Workgroup

Neil Burke has been appointed to NCDOT's Prioritization 4.0 Workgroup, representing the CRTPO. The Workgroup is charged with updating and improving the process by which transportation projects are analyzed for funding priority. Specifically, the Workgroup's tasks are as follows:

- make recommendations to NCDOT for implementation of the next prioritization phase, known as Prioritization 4.0;
- provide input to improve the scoring methodologies for project data, criteria, percent weights, and formulas associated with the highway and non-highway prioritization process; and
- provide input to improve the project submittal process.

Other Workgroup participants include MPO/RPO Staff from around the state, key NCDOT staff and division engineers, the Metro Mayors Coalition and the Association of County Commissioners. The work group meets twice a month in Raleigh with the goal of presenting revisions to criteria and scoring weights for Prioritization 4.0 to the North Carolina Board of Transportation in the summer of 2015.

I-485 OUTER LOOP PROJECT UPDATE



As work continues on the final 5.7 – mile segment of the Charlotte Outer Loop in northeast Mecklenburg County,

the N.C. Department of Transportation and contractor Blythe Construction are faced with lower temperatures and seasonal limitations that will slow the project's completion. Although the Department and the contractor were planning to complete work by the end of December, engineers now are anticipating the completion will be spring 2015.

NCDOT will continue to work with the contractor to do as much as possible to accelerate the completion, with the recognition that inclement conditions may still impede that process. The Department will continue to make every effort to finish this critical segment of the Outer Loop so motorists can reach their destinations sooner and more efficiently. (Source: NCDOT News Release, October 24, 2014)

All lanes of the widening project along the southern portion of I-485 between I-77 and Rea Road will be open by the end of 2014, with some additional pavement work to occur in the Spring of 2015.

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