

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

July Meetings Are Canceled!!

TCC:

Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Division 10 Office
716 West Main Street
Albemarle, NC

TAC:

Thursday, September 19, 2013
Horne Library, SPCC
Polkton, NC

TAC Chairman:

Mike Riemann
Mayor
Village of Misenheimer

TAC Vice-Chairman:

Bobby Sikes
Commissioner
Anson County

TCC Chairman:

Calvin Gaddy
Mayor
Town of New London

TCC Vice-Chairman:

Jay Almond
Manager
Town of Badin

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Strategic Mobility Formula HB 817

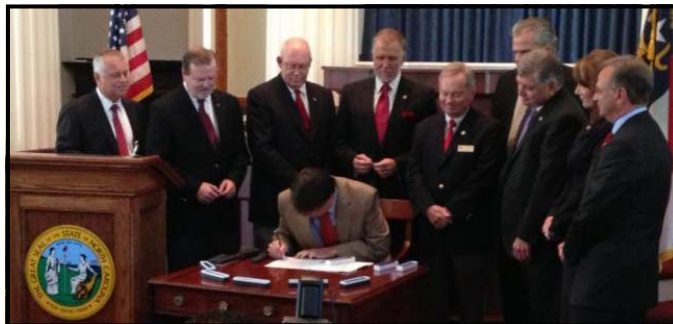
Raleigh, NC– The N.C. Department of Transportation has a new, more efficient way of funding infrastructure investments that will better connect citizens to opportunities, increase jobs, and enhance economic development. Governor Pat McCrory signed into law the Strategic Mobility Formula, House Bill 817.

NCDOT will work closely with the N.C. Department of Commerce, local municipalities, and metro and regional planning organizations to identify projects that spur economic growth throughout the state through a new data-driven process.

"Our goal is to better connect people to jobs, health care, education, and recreation centers, as well as to maintain and attract new business," said Transportation Secretary Tony Tata. "The Strategic Mobility Formula allows us to make a stronger investment in our people and our state sooner by focusing on reducing congestion and travel time, while increasing economic competitiveness, freight and multimodal connectivity."

The Strategic Mobility Formula replaces the state's outdated Equity Formula, which was implemented in 1989 and did not provide sufficient flexibility to meet North Carolina's current needs. The new formula takes a tiered approach to funding transportation improvements, with the statewide level receiving 40 percent of available funding (\$6 billion), the regional level receiving 30 percent of available funding (\$4.5 billion) and the division level also receiving 30 percent of available funding (\$4.5 billion) over the next 10 years.

The new formula is scheduled to be fully implemented by July 1, 2015. For more information, visit www.ncdot.gov/strategicmobilityformula/.



RPO/MPO Ethics Requirements: Senate Bill 411

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

- TCC members are **no** longer covered under the State Ethics Act (GS Chapter 138A). Local government employees serving on TCCs are no longer required to comply with any of the provisions of that Act – for example, they are no longer required to file Statements of Economic Interest, are not subject to the lobbyist gift ban, and do not have to take state ethics education training.

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- TAC members still have to file a Statement of Economic Interest.
- TAC members **no** longer have to take ethics education.

The City of Locust and Town of Red Cross Kicked-off their Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Transportation planning for the western portion of Stanly County is underway. The City of Locust, Town of Red Cross, Stanly County, Rocky River Rural Planning Organization (RPO), and North Carolina Department of Transportation staff are working together to gather data, engage the community and analyze information to make multi-modal recommendations. The adoption maps will contain recommendations for Highway, Pedestrian, Bicycle, Transit and Rail projects. These maps, once completed, will be presented for adoption to the jurisdictions, endorsement by the RPO and adoption by the Board of Transportation.



Did you miss it?



RealityCheck2050 was a great success with representation from across the Metrolina region. If you were not able to attend, local follow up sessions will be happening this fall. Below are the tentative dates. Each day will have a morning, afternoon and evening session.

Stanly County.....September 10, 2013

Anson County.....September 17, 2013

Union County.....October 17, 2013

More information will be forwarded.

<http://connectourfuture.org/>

Upcoming Work:

- RPO staff will be participating in a Strategic Mobility Funding Workshop.
- RPO staff will continue participating in the CCOG Connect process.
- RPO staff will continue coordinating and facilitating the Locust-Red Cross CTP.

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