



RRRPO NEWS

July-September 2013



TAC Chairman:
 Mayor Mike Riemann
 Village of Misenheimer

TAC Vice-Chairman:
 Vacant

TCC Chairman:
 Mayor Calvin Gaddy
 Mayor
 Town of New London

TCC Vice-Chairman:
 Jay Almond
 Manager
 Town of Badin

Upcoming Meetings

<p>TCC (staff)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 12, 2013 Division 10 Albemarle 10-12</p>	<p>TAC (elected)</p> <p>Thursday, November 21, 2013 Stanly Community College Locust 6-8</p>
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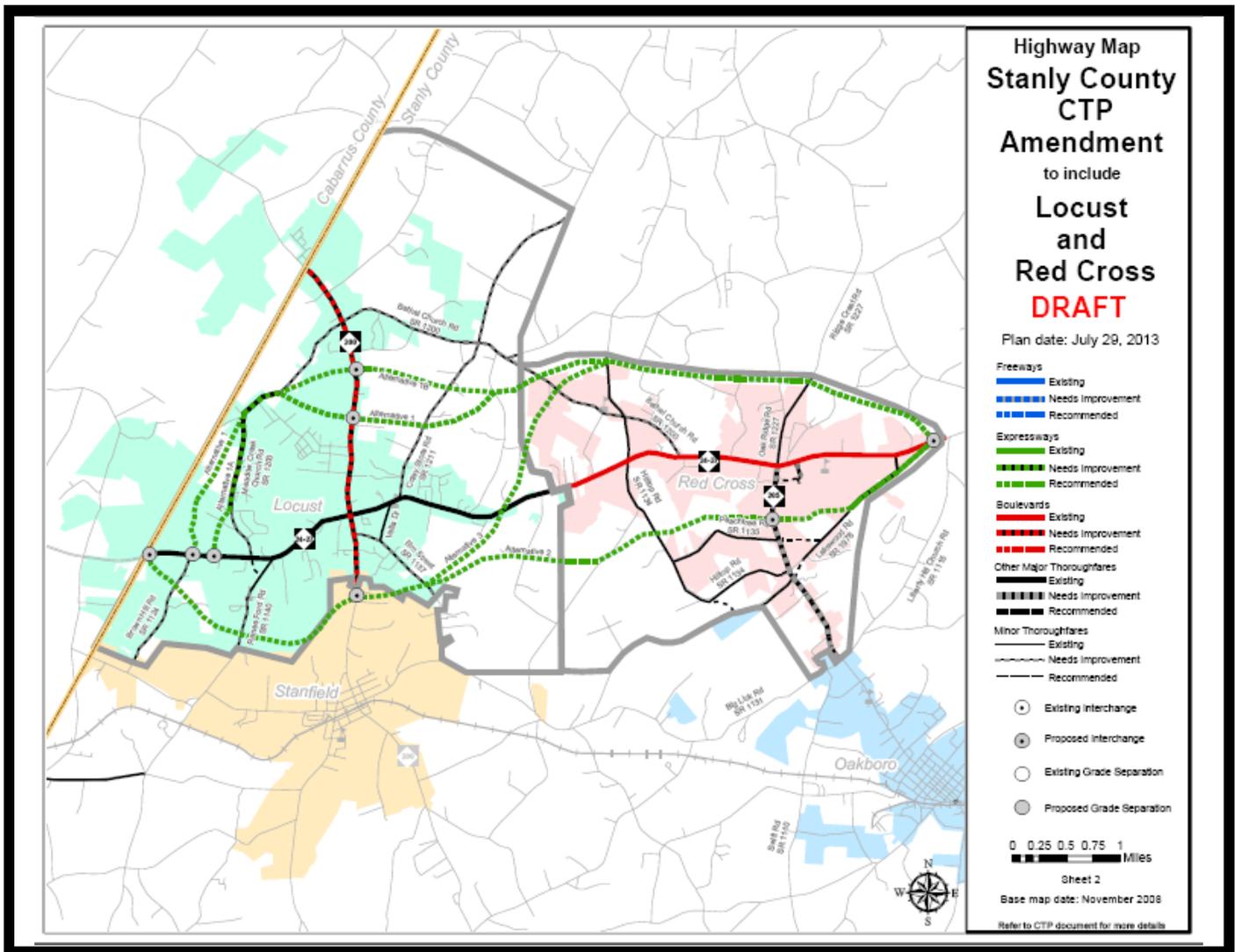
Transportation Planning— City of Locust and Town of Red Cross

Stanly County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendment (CTP)

The CTP focus group has been very busy over the summer, meeting to discuss various options for bypassing the City of Locust and the Town of Red Cross. The focus group has broadened its membership to include both Towns of Oakboro and Stanfield staff because alignments could impact other communities.

NCDOT and RPO staff went to Stanly County Commissions, City of Locust Council and Town of Red Cross Council meetings in September to provide an update. There was lively discussion between juridical leadership and staff which will help shape the way the planning process moves forward.

The focus group is tasked with reviewing all the alignments and making recommendations on which ones to keep, tweak or delete. Recommendations will be presented to the jurisdictions that are impacted and, then, there will be public workshops. Once all the work is completed, jurisdictions will be asked to adopt the CTP.



Grant Opportunities!



Bicycle-Pedestrian Planning

Are you a community that wants to improve walking and bicycling? The N.C. Department of Transportation is here to help. The department is now accepting proposals for its 2014 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative, which provides funding for municipalities across the state to develop comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian plans. Smaller communities with populations of fewer than 5,000 can apply to develop combined bicycle and pedestrian plans.

The deadline for application submittal is Thursday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. Award recipients will be notified in June 2014.

Rather than being focused upon a specific project, the plans represent a comprehensive strategy for expanding bicycle and pedestrian opportunities within a given municipality. Plans address facilities, programs, services and regulations that encourage safe walking and bicycling.

For more information on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative, contact Helen Chaney at (919) 707-2608 or hmchaney@ncdot.gov.

<http://www.ncdot.gov/bikeped/>



Health-Planning Assistance

Eligible planning services include, but are not limited to:

- Walkability assessments of a small area, group of intersections, greenways, etc. ;
- Computer visualizations to illustrate proposed projects;
- Pedestrian system inventories;
- Accessibility analyses of priority destinations;
- Code or plan review and recommendations for adding health considerations.

A total of \$25,000 is available for this effort, however, health-related planning assistance projects will typically fall within the range of \$2,000 - \$10,000 per project. This information is not meant to restrict applications, but is provided to give some guidance as you prepare your project scope.

Application and instructions can be downloaded at from the Centralina Council of Government's website (www.centralina.org) or by clicking on this [link](#). Contact Michelle Nance at 704-372-2416 with any questions.

Applications must be typed and submitted to Michelle Nance at mnance@centralina.org by 5:00 pm on Oc-

Upcoming Work:

- RPO staff will be working on the Strategic Transportation Investment list.
- RPO staff will continue participating in the CCOG Connect process.
- RPO staff will continue coordinating and facilitating the Locust-Red Cross CTP.