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RRRPO NEWS

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Upcoming Meetings:

TCC (STAFF)

Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Division 10

716 West Main Street

Albemarle, NC 28001

10am to noon

TAC (ELECTED)*

Thursday, May 21, 2015

Stanly Commons

1000 North 1st Street

Albemarle, NC 28001

6pm to 8pm

*TAC members, please fill out your ethics requirements by April 15, 2015 to avoid a \$500 fine! http://www.ethicscommission.nc.gov/sei/blankForm.aspx?type=MPO_RPO

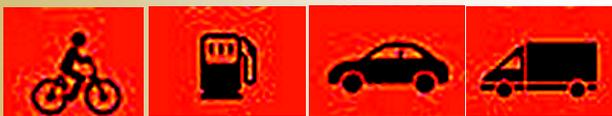
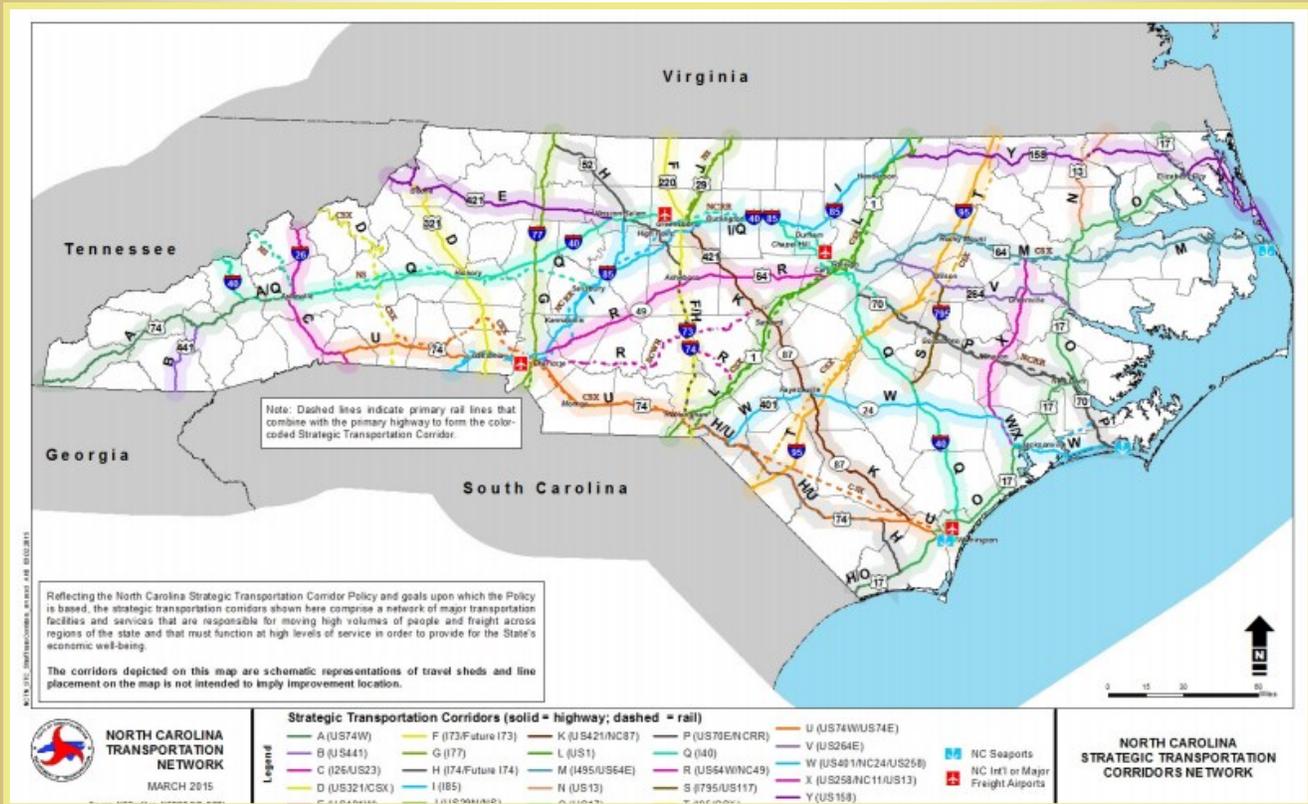


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Strategic Transportation Corridors

The new Strategic Transportation Corridors (STC) policy was adopted at the BOT meeting on March 5, 2015. The number of corridors changed from 55 to 25 routes.

Highway 24-27 was removed from the STC. This means that it is no longer designated as an expressway by NCDOT. Because of the shift in NCDOT policy, the Stanly County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (City of Locust and Town of Red Cross) will have more options to discuss. The Advisory Committee met in late March and will determine recommendations for the public to review. For more information, see <http://www.rockyriverpo.org/planning/>



Transit UPDATE

Stanly County: RRRPO staff successfully wrote a \$60,000 5310 Grant for Senior Services to be implemented by SUCSA.

Anson County: Transit Administration Facility study has been completed and a recommendation on a new location for an administration building will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners.

Union County: The 5310 Grant process is being conducting by Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS). Union and RRRPO staff are working on an application to supplement dollars lost due to reclassification of its population from rural to urban.



Monroe Bypass Update

Design

The Contractor is continuing to work towards completing the design for the project. Right-of-way plans have been completed on 5 of the 6 sections of the project, with only the western-most section remaining (US-74 near I-485 in Stallings & Indian Trail).

Right of Way

The NCDOT's consultants are continuing to acquire necessary right-of-way throughout the project corridor. Currently, there are 491 required parcels; on these, we have 169 approved appraisals, 127 offers made and 83 settlements. Eight additional properties have been condemned.

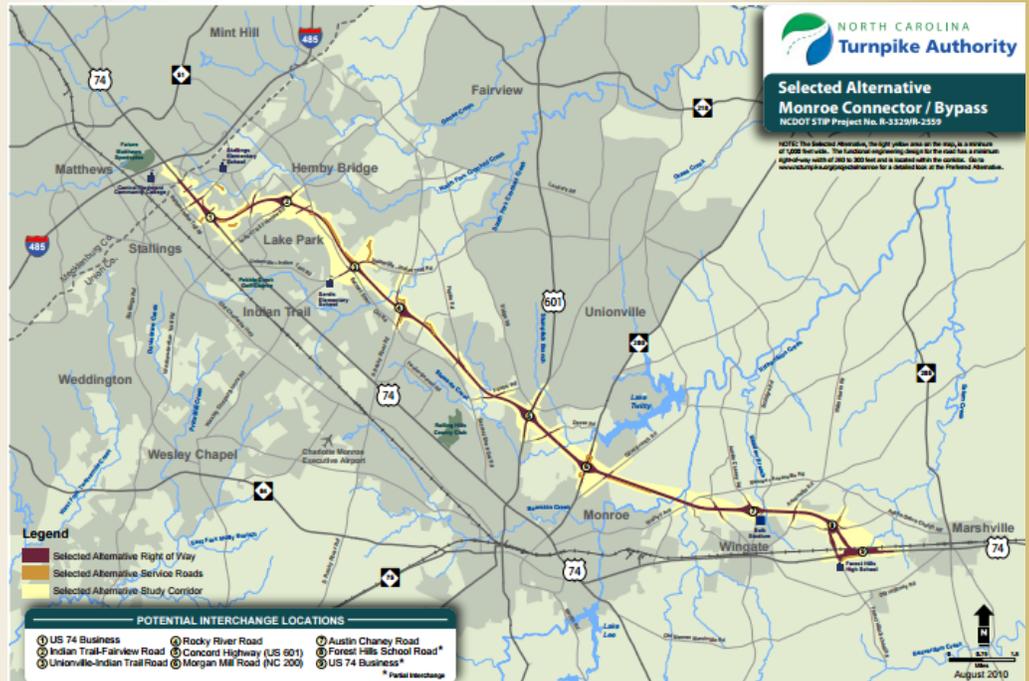
Construction

Contractor hopes to begin construction in the eastern portion of the project as early as May 2015, but this is dependent on

getting the 404 permit, approved erosion control plans and utilities relocation. Over two-thirds of the project should be under construction by the end of this calendar year barring legal delays from the lawsuit or unforeseen circumstances with the permit.

Lawsuit

The NC AG's Office said the District Court is scheduled to hear legal briefs from both sides by the end of April 2015, with an answer following 2-3 months later.



New North Carolina Board Member

The N.C. Board of Transportation added five new members as they were sworn in for four-year terms by N.C. State Supreme Court Justice Paul Newby Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at a ceremony in Raleigh. Three other members of the Board were sworn in to extend their service with another term. Tracy Dodson will be servicing Division 10 - Mecklenburg, Union, Anson, Cabarrus and Stanly counties .