

**Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Action Request**

Meeting Date: February 21, 2019 **Agenda Item Number:** #6

Action Requested: Consideration of Resolution of Support designating US 52 from I-40 to the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway Western Loop as Future I-285.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: **Attachments:** Yes No **X**

In accordance with the Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law, projects classified on an interstate or primary route are eligible for Statewide Mobility and/or Regional Impact funding as specified in G.S. §136-189.10 (1) and (2). Any designation as a future interstate or primary route must be approved by the State Traffic Engineer in accordance with the North Carolina Administration Code (NCAC) 19A:02B.0104 (b). Future interstate designations also require approval from Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), unless specifically approved by Congress. AASHTO reviews future interstate designations at their spring and fall meetings; therefore, for consideration as a future interstate route for North Carolina Department of Transportation’s (NCDOT) Prioritization 6.0 process (P6.0), AASHTO must approve the designation no later than their meeting in Fall 2019.

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project U-2826 was initially developed to provide improvements for the safety and capacity on US 52 through Winston-Salem. This project include four components (see below), 3 of which have already been completed.

- U-2826 A - Liberty St. bridge replacements - **Complete**
- U-2826 B - Split diamond consolidation Salem Parkway and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. - **Complete**
- U-2826 C - Upgrade US 52 from I-40 to Winston-Salem Northern Beltway to interstate standards
- U-2925 - Salem Creek Connector – **Complete**

U-2826 C is included in the Developmental Years of the 2018-2027 STIP and thus will be re-evaluated during the P6.0 development process. Based on the P5.0 scores this project received, it is not anticipated that this project would score well enough to be included in the 2020-2029 STIP. As we look at P6.0, this project could benefit from the “Future Interstate Completion Factor” (FICF) if the corridor is approved by FHWA as Future I-285. Without this official designation, the FICF cannot be applied to this project; thus, resulting in a lower quantitative score.

If supported by the TAC, a resolution of support will be provided to the NCDOT Division 9 Office to aid in efforts to have this roadway designated as Future I-285.

Recommendations From:

TAC Vote: Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

Motion Description:

**RESOLUTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
SUPPORTING DESIGNATING US 52 FROM I-40 TO THE WINSTON-SALEM
NORTHERN BELTWAY WESTERN LOOP AS FUTURE I-285**

A motion was made by TAC Member _____ and seconded by TAC Member _____ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, Project U-2826 is included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and would improve safety and capacity along US 52 through Winston-Salem from I-40 to the Northern Beltway, Western Loop; and

WHEREAS, 3 of the 4 projects associated with STIP Project U-2826 have been already been completed; and

WHEREAS, U-2826C is included in the Developmental Years of the 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program, and thus is subject to be re-evaluated during P6.0; and

WHEREAS, future evaluations of this project under P6.0 would benefit from the “Future Interstate Completion Factor” (FICF); and

WHEREAS, all future interstate designations must be approved by the State Traffic Engineer in accordance with state codes and also be approved by both the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization supports designating US 52 from I-40 to the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, Western Loop as Future I-285.

Adopted on this the 21st day of February, 2019.

Larry T. Williams, Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Margaret C. Bessette, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee

