

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

Meeting Date: February 21, 2019 **Agenda Item Number:** #9

Action Requested: Review of the Draft 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Programming Process.

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

The N.C. Department of Transportation's transportation plan – called the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) – identifies the construction funding and scheduling for transportation projects at the state level over a 10-year period. Although federal law requires the plan to be updated every four years, the department proactively updates it every two years to ensure it accurately reflects the state's current financial situation.

The Strategic Transportation Investments law also mandates ongoing evaluation and improvement to ensure the process continues to be responsive to North Carolina's diverse needs. This is accomplished through what is known as a "prioritization work group," which is primarily comprised of professional engineers and transportation planners.

The data-driven process to update the State Transportation Improvement Program for 2020-2029 – called strategic prioritization – began in fall 2017 when NCDOT and local planning organizations gathered public feedback on projects and later submitted projects to be evaluated – or scored – for the plan.

On January 10, 2019 NCDOT released the results of the “Division Level” Prioritization Process. This includes projects at the Division Needs category that were eligible for inclusion in the draft of the 2020-2029 STIP. The attached list comprises projects identified for funding at the Statewide, Regional Impact and Division Needs categories.

On January 10, 2019, NCDOT also released the draft of the 2019-2029 STIP (See attached spreadsheet).

NCDOT will hold a public comment period this spring to seek input on the document. The Board of Transportation is expected to approve the Final 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program in the summer of 2019.