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MPO Issues Combo Call for Projects

On October 31, 2022, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) announced its annual Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) Call for Projects, bundled with a brand new funding source: the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). Through November 30, 2022, MPO member agencies are encouraged to send in applications for funding projects that tackle congestion and reduce emissions. As in past years, funding will be allocated to the projects with the greatest emissions reductions over the project lifecycle, as determined by an analysis by Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection (OEAP).

WSUAMPO has been directed by NCDOT to use FY 2023’s allocation amount for CMAQ as a placeholder until they finalize the FY 2024 allocation. By combining calls, WSUAMPO estimates being able to fund nearly $2.7 million in projects:

- **$1,794,028** (FY 2024 CMAQ Allocation - Predicted)
- **$875,770** (FY 2022 CRP Allocation - Official)

CMAQ and CRP fund very similar types of projects. For example, both fund the construction of non-motorized facilities, the acquisition and installation of alternative fuel infrastructure, and travel demand management projects. The programs differ in a few ways, including the purchase of more efficient vehicles; CRP funds only the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles - no gasoline or diesel vehicles may be purchased with CRP money. Unlike CMAQ, CRP can also be used for efficient streetlighting.

Why combine calls?

- **Peers.** MPOs including CRTPO (Charlotte), FBRMPO (Asheville), and WMPO (Wilmington) have bundled their CRP call with other federal funding sources.
- **Urgency.** Due to the continuing resolution at the federal level, FY 2022 funding under the CRP was disbursed toward the end of FY 2022, effectively shortening the amount of time available to obligate CRP funds by a year. By using the established CMAQ application, criteria, and process, we’ve avoided a few months of delay in approving new sets of criteria. Plus, final CMAQ selections are due to NCDOT by mid-March.
- **Efficiency.** We love our member agencies! Rather than issue one separate call after another, combining the applications will save everyone time. Planners will apply their knowledge of program and project timelines and requirements to determine which funding source will be allocated to each project.
- **Similarity.** CMAQ and CRP share similar objectives and project eligibilities.

Questions about CMAQ or CRP? Contact Hunter Stassak at hunters@cityofws.org or (336) 747-6894.
PARTNER UPDATE
State and regional partners gear up for busy planning season

Triad Travel Counts Recruitment Hits Local Mailboxes; Early Response Rates Encouraging

Thousands of Triad-area residents have received mailers for Triad Travel Counts, a regional household travel survey that will inform the future of transportation in the Winston-Salem Urban Area and surrounding communities for the next decade. Residents who received a mailer were asked to answer a few simple questions about their household before they share their travel patterns for a day through a smartphone app, online, or over the phone. The information gathered on travel patterns, origins, and destinations will inform the regional model used to help make recommendations on roadway, bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects for our region.

As of October 25, 2022, 1,361 households have agreed to participate in the survey, equating to a ~7.4% recruitment rate when compared with the number of mailers sent out. The first travel day for approximately one-third of registered participants occurred on November 1, 2022. A second wave of mailers is scheduled to go out around the start of the new year.

Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization encourages residents who receive a recruitment mailer to volunteer and share their travel insights at TriadTravelCounts.com.

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division To Host Quarterly Multimodal Updates Webinar

NCDOT’s Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) is holding its next quarterly Multimodal Updates Webinar on Thursday, November 10 at 11 am. These meetings are designed to inform partners on planning, policy, and programming initiatives that the IMD is leading. Expected topics include: the multimodal planning grant program, feasibility studies grant programs, Complete Streets, transit visioning workshop highlights, equity mapping tools, micromobility planning, and more! The aforementioned multimodal planning grants are usually solicited in the winter or spring of each year, so agencies are encouraged to attend to get helpful information in advance of the opening date.

You can join the webinar at: https://meet.goto.com/797607149

MPO Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Project Authorization Available for Review

In accordance with federal law, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization has made available the annual Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) authorizations for Fiscal Year 2022 for public review. The list identifies project number, date of authorization, type of work, amount of work, and whether the project is state or federally funded. Both general authorizations and transit authorizations can be viewed at: https://www.cityofws.org/2820/

TRANSPORTATION TRIVIA

Send your answer to Hunter Staszak by e-mail at hunters@cityofws.org to be recognized in the next issue.

The operation of motor vehicles and runoff from surface transportation infrastructure can pollute and negatively impact our water. Interestingly, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Area is part of THREE river basins, meaning our transportation infrastructure impacts water bodies in three major basins. Those river basins are the Roanoke, Yadkin-Pee Dee, and the basin named for the only North Carolina river to drain directly into the Atlantic Ocean.

Can you name that river basin?
PLANNING UPDATE

Congestion Management Process Update clears public review and MPO opens Public Comment Center

Public Comment Center Opens, Provides Convenient Avenue for Public Input

With the release of the monthly public review documents on October 13, 2022, WSUAMPO debuted its online Public Comment Center at wsuampo-cows.hub.arcgis.com. Now, in addition to making the documents available for e-mail or mail-in comment through the City website or public libraries, users of the Winston-Salem Urban Area transportation system may now submit comments through an easy-to-use, survey-based portal.

When navigating to the site, users are immediately greeted with a survey listing that month’s items for review. Users have the option to select a single document of interest or choose an option to comment on multiple documents. Depending on the document selected by the user, a set of conditional questions will appear. For example, individuals who choose to comment on the CMP Update (left) are asked to comment on targeted sections of the CMP that were updated. As an item requiring a public hearing before approval, users are also invited to check ‘Yes’ or ‘No’ in response to whether or not they’d like to share their comment at the meeting of the TAC.

The Public Comment Center has a wide range of capabilities, some of which have already been explored. For example, the ArcGIS Hub has used the embed tool to host the Metroquest Survey for the 2024-2033 STIP created by NCDOT. As another example, the Hub is being used to solicit feedback from future users of the Long Branch Trail Extension through the use of a map-based survey where folks can drop a pin to describe points of interest along the trail corridor, and share transportation needs and desired amenities.

The public review booklets on display at local public libraries now have posted QR codes linked to the Center to invite comment on the enclosed documents. The long-standing public participation page on the City website also invites people to explore the new Public Comment Center.

Questions about the Public Comment Center? Contact Hunter Staszak, hunters@cityofwfs.org or Matthew Burczyk, matthb@cityofwfs.org.

Congestion Management Process Nears TAC Approval

After receiving feedback from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) on its 2020 Congestion Management Process (CMP), WSUAMPO staff went to work on an update to bring the CMP document into compliance with federal regulations.

The CMP outlines a systematic and regionally accepted approach for managing congestion that provides accurate, up-to-date information on system performance, and suggests and assesses strategies for managing congestion.

Per feedback from FHWA staff, the 2022 Update successfully lays out a framework for a biennial Status of the Systems Report, clearly articulates each proposed strategy’s benefits on the system, and identifies appropriate parties for funding and implementation responsibility for each project.

After a lengthy public input period spanning two months and a public review meeting hosted on October 13, 2022, the CMP Update is now due for adoption by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) on November 17, 2022.

Questions about the CMP Update? Contact Hunter Staszak, hunters@cityofwfs.org or (336) 747-6894.
STAFF UPDATE

Celebrating the careers of our dedicated Transportation staff

Matthew Burczyk Promoted to Principal Planner Post

After thirteen years of service to the City of Winston-Salem and Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO as Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Matthew Burczyk, AICP stepped into the Principal Planner role on September 19, 2022. During his time as Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, Winston-Salem experienced impressive expansions of its bicycle and pedestrian network, developed high quality and ambitious Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plans, and launched a successful shared micromobility program. Matthew’s favorite project thus far has been the Salem Parkway Multi-use Path, which will soon be constructed after a decade of public involvement, design, and funding. When asked what excites him about the Principal Planner role, Burczyk stated, “I’m excited to expand my involvement in regional planning and work to connect with the public on transportation planning issues and the MPO’s role in community development.”

Reid Hutchins Continues Planning Career in King

On October 3, 2022, Senior Engineering Technician Reid Hutchins said farewell to the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation and MPO after more than four years of service to our community. During his time with WSDOT, Reid worked on many different projects, including Strollway Phase I and II, bus shelter expansion and installation, traffic calming projects, WSTA Route Study, University Parkway sidewalk design, and the Congestion Management Process Update. When asked his favorite part about working for WSDOT, Reid replied, “the welcoming and helpful staff. I learned a lot in the time that I worked for the City and I am thankful that the environment lent itself to allowing me to learn and take on new tasks, while also making important decisions that impacted the City and citizens.” WSDOT’s “goodbye” to Reid Hutchins is more of a “see you later,” as he continues his career in the WSUAMPO City of King as City Planner. As City Planner for King, Reid Hutchins will work with permitting, zoning cases, inspections, GIS, and CAD work. WSUAMPO looks forward to following his accomplishments in the planning field!

WSDOT Celebrates Rodd Ring’s Near-30-Year Career

On December 1, 2022, the Union Station parking lot will appear noticeably duller, as employees pulling in for the workday will no longer be greeted by the orange splash of color provided by Rodd Ring’s Jeep. Ring’s absence will also be felt in several other ways, as he takes nearly 30 years of experience in parking operations, streetfighting, traffic calming, transportation safety, and the inner workings of the department into retirement.

Nearly three decades ago, Ring started as an Engineering Technician with the Streetlighting program. He went on to start the Vehicle-for-Hire program when it was transitioned to DOT. Later, Ring served as the Traffic Maintenance Supervisor over the signs, markings, and signal maintenance crews. As Transportation Operations Manager, Rodd oversaw the on and off street Parking Program, Streetlighting Program, Vehicle for Hire Program, Traffic Calming Studies, safety investigations, and a multitude of other tasks. Just as Rodd is certain to be missed by his coworkers, he will also miss the WSDOT Team: “I have always enjoyed my fellow DOT and City coworkers. A great group of folks that care about each other.” While Rodd will be retiring from WSDOT, he’s not quite ready to leave the world of DOT entirely: he will move into a position with NCDOT Division 9.

Rodd’s Retirement Party will be held at Union Station on November 18, 2022; the event is expected to be well attended by Rodd’s many colleagues and friends from WSDOT, WSUAMPO, and the City.
MAPPING

Driver, pedestrian, and bicycle injuries and fatalities continue to rise across the nation. Here are the 10 most dangerous intersections in the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO.

10 Most Dangerous Intersections
(2017-2021 Fatality, Serious or Minor Injury Crashes, NCDOT Planning Level Data)

2. North Point Blvd. & University Pkwy.
3. Main Street & Jefferson Church Rd.
4. I-40 W Near NC-109
5. US-421 & Jonestown Rd.
6. Indiana Ave. & Akron Dr.
7. I-40 & I-285
8. Glenn Ave. & Patterson Ave.
10. Clemmons Village Rd. & Thomasville Rd.

Did you know?
The Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts new statewide safety targets at the beginning of each calendar year. Stay tuned for public review documents advertising the proposed targets this winter.
November

2:00 pm: Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting
Virtual

4:15 pm: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Virtual

CMAQ and CRP Call for Projects Closing Date
Application packages due by end of day

January

North Carolina Transportation Summit 2023
All day event
Raleigh, NC

2:00 pm: Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting
Virtual | Time and Date Subject to Change

4:15 pm: Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Virtual | Time and Date Subject to Change
**Voting Members**

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  Mayor, Town of Lewisville
- Denise D. Adams, TAC Vice Chair
  Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Winston-Salem
  Allen Joines
  Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
  Robert Clark
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  Rick Morris
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  Wesley Hutchins
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  Fleming El-Amin
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  Andrew Perkins, Jr.
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**Non-Voting Members**

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