In March 2023, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) submitted applications for twelve (12) rail corridors for consideration under the USDOT Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)’s Corridor Identification and Development Program. Two (2) of these corridors would provide direct connection with Winston-Salem and our MPO communities: Winston-Salem, NC to Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC to Charlotte, NC.

In addition to the Corridor ID and Development Program, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act provided funding for several other rail programs.

Director Jason Orthner of North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division joins us today to speak about the Corridor ID and Development Program, other rail funding opportunities, and statewide initiatives.