## Action Request

**Meeting Date:** July 20, 2023  
**Agenda Item Number:** 8

**Action Requested:** Review of an Approval for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Greensboro MPO for the Continued Transfer of Planning Responsibility and Authority of the Portion of the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area (UZA) located within the Guilford County Limits

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

23 USC 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act require that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be designated for each urbanized area and that if necessary the boundaries of the MPO be expanded after each decennial Census to cover the Census defined urbanized area (UZA).

As a result of the 2000 United States Census, portions of the Winston-Salem UZA went into western Guilford County for the first time. The Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO and Greensboro Urban Area MPO met and agreed on a new Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) map that kept the entire UZAs within each MPO. There was no transfer of planning responsibilities and no MOA at that time. Simply, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Transportation Planning Division reviewed the new MAB map and gave their approval.

With the 2010 United States Census, the Winston-Salem UZA expanded farther into Guilford County taking in very small portions of the Town of Oak Ridge. In 2012, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO and Greensboro Urban Area MPO developed and informally agreed on a new MAB map. The 2020 United States Census resulted in a different expansion of the Winston-Salem UZA into Guilford County east of Kernersville. In 2023, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO and Greensboro Urban Area MPO again agreed that the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO would not encroach into Guilford County and remain entirely in Forsyth County. The Greensboro UZA did not expand into Forsyth County and thus was not an issue.

A MOA is needed between the Winston-Salem MPO and the Greensboro MPO to formally approve of the transfer of planning responsibility and authority of the portion of Winston-Salem Urbanized Area (UZA) located within the Guilford County Limits (see attached).

### TAC Vote

**Motion by:** ___________________  
**Second by:** ___________________

**Vote:** For ________  
**Against ________**
RESOLUTION APPROVING OF A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) WITH THE GREENSBORO URBAN AREA MPO FOR THE CONTINUED TRANSFER OF PLANNING RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY OF THE PORTION OF THE WINSTON-SALEM URBANIZED AREA (UZA) LOCATED WITHIN THE GUILFORD COUNTY LIMITS

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, 23 USC 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act require that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be designated for each urbanized area and that if necessary the boundaries of the MPO be expanded after each decennial Census to cover the Census defined urbanized area (UZA); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the 2000 United States Census, portions of the Winston-Salem UZA went into northern Guilford County for the first time. The Winston-Salem Urban Area and Greensboro Urban Area MPOs agreed on a new Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) map; and

WHEREAS, with the 2010 United States Census, the Winston-Salem UZA expanded farther into Guilford County taking in very small portions of the Town of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Winston-Salem and Greensboro MPOs developed and informally agreed on a new MAB map; and

WHEREAS, with the 2020 United States Census, the Winston-Salem UZA expanded farther into a different portion of western Guilford County east of Kernersville; and

WHEREAS, the MPOs also agreed that the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO would not encroach into Guilford County and remain entirely in Forsyth County; and

WHEREAS, the Greensboro UZA did not expand into Forsyth County and thus was not an issue; and

WHEREAS, it has been mutually agreed upon that both the GUAMPO and WSUAMPO will continue to carry out federal planning requirements for the urbanized area currently within their planning boundaries, pursuant to 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5305 and 23 CFR Part 450, and;

WHEREAS, federal transportation planning requirements for the portions of the Winston-Salem UZA that lie within the planning boundary of the GUAMPO shall be provided by the GUAMPO in cooperation with the WSUAMPO; and

WHEREAS, allocation and distribution of federal (PL) planning funds and STBG-DA funds for the GUAMPO will be based upon the Greensboro Urbanized Area as defined by the 2020 Census and may be utilized anywhere within the GUAMPO Boundary; and
WHEREAS, allocation and distribution of federal (PL) planning funds and STBG-DA funds for the WSUAMPO will be based upon the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area as defined by the 2020 Census and may be utilized anywhere within the WSUAMPO Boundary; and

WHEREAS, allocation and distribution of federal transit planning funds for the GUAMPO will be based upon the Greensboro Urbanized Area as defined by the 2020 Census and may be utilized anywhere within the GUAMPO Boundary. The MPO and local transit providers have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding through which transit planning funding is shared among transit; and

WHEREAS, allocation and distribution of federal transit planning funds for the WSUAMPO will be based upon the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area as defined by the 2020 Census and may be utilized anywhere within the WSUAMPO Boundary. The MPO and local transit providers mutually develop a distribution of transit planning funding; and

WHEREAS, data collection for planning activities shall be conducted jointly by the MPOs as outlined in the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plans and subsequent Metropolitan Transportation Plans. Data is used as input to the Triad Regional Model and is housed at the offices of PART; and

WHEREAS, a MOA is needed between the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO and the Greensboro Urban Area MPO to formally approve of the transfer of planning responsibility and authority of the small portions of Winston-Salem Urbanized Area (UZA) located within the Guilford County Limits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Winston-Salem Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee approves of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Greensboro Urban Area MPO for the transfer of planning responsibility and authority of the small portions of the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area (UZA) located within the Guilford County Limits. Adopted on this the 21st day of September, 2023.

Mike Horn, Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Kelly Garvin, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee
Memorandum of Agreement Between the
Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO)
and the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
(WSUAMPO) for the
Continued Transfer of Planning Responsibility and Authority of the
Portion of the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area Located Within Guilford
County and Located Within the Greensboro Metropolitan Area Boundary

23 USC 134 and Section 8 of the Federal Transit Act require that a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) be designated for each urbanized area and that if necessary the boundaries of the MPO be expanded after each decennial Census to cover the Census defined urbanized area.

As a result of the 2020 Census, portions of the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area have been defined as being located within the GUAMPO.

It has been mutually agreed upon that both the GUAMPO and WSUAMPO will continue to carry out federal planning requirements for the urbanized area currently within their planning boundaries, pursuant to 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5305 and 23 CFR Part 450, as follows:

1) Federal transportation planning requirements for the portions of the Winston-Salem UZA that lie within the planning boundary of the GUAMPO shall be provided by the GUAMPO in cooperation with the WSUAMPO; and

2) Allocation and distribution of federal (PL) planning funds and STBG-DA funds for the GUAMPO will be based upon the Greensboro Urbanized Area as defined by the 2020 Census and may be utilized anywhere within the GUAMPO Boundary; and

3) Allocation and distribution of federal (PL) planning funds and STBG-DA funds for the WSUAMPO will be based upon the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area as defined by the 2020 Census and may be utilized anywhere within the WSUAMPO Boundary; and

4) Allocation and distribution of federal transit planning funds for the GUAMPO will be based upon the Greensboro Urbanized Area as defined by the 2020 Census and may be utilized anywhere within the GUAMPO Boundary. The MPO and local transit providers have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding through which transit planning funding is shared among transit; and

5) Allocation and distribution of federal transit planning funds for the WSUAMPO will be based upon the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area as defined by the 2020 Census and may be utilized anywhere within the WSUAMPO Boundary. The MPO and local transit providers mutually develop a distribution of transit planning funding; and

6) Data collection for planning activities shall be conducted jointly by the MPOs as outlined in the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plans and subsequent Metropolitan Transportation Plans. Data is used as input to the Triad Regional Model and is housed at the offices of PART.
Signatures

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TAC Chair
Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan
Planning Organization

Date of Approval by TAC: ___________________

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Mike Horn
TAC Chair
Winston-Salem Urban Area
Metropolitan Planning Organization

Date of Approval by TAC: ___________________