

Good afternoon,

Due to scheduling changes in the STI P6 Prioritization process, **the UCPRPO TAC meeting scheduled for Wednesday May 22, 2019 has been CANCELED**. The next meeting is scheduled for:

TAC Meeting
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
3:00pm – 5:00pm
Wilson Operation's Center – Room TBD
1800 Herring Ave.
Wilson, NC
252-296-334

In the mean time I wanted to provide a quick update:

STI Prioritization P6.0 Process Delayed 3 Months:

The NCDOT Division of Planning and Programming has modified the schedule of the STI Prioritization 6.0 (P6.0) process. The begin and ending dates of all activities leading up to the release of the next Draft STIP in 2021 will be delayed three months. Basically, every element in the schedule has been pushed back three months. Therefore, the deadline to submit projects into the next evaluation round is now December 20, 2019 versus September 20, 2019 which provides us extra time to consider potential projects.

Staff is currently meeting with members to identify any transportation projects eligible to be submitted into the STI Prioritization P6.0 process. I have attached our current DRAFT project list. Please take the time to review and let me know if there are any additional projects that need to be considered. The attached DRAFT document includes the following:

- Page 1: These are projects that have been “committed” and do NOT need to be re-prioritized. These projects are expected to be fully funded and move to right-of-way acquisition and/or construction within the next 6 years.
- Page 2: These are “carry over” projects and are automatically entered into the next Prioritization process (P6.0) but will need to be re-prioritized.
- Page 3: These are projects we are recommending being “re-submitted” into the Prioritization P6.0 process to be evaluated for potential funding within the next STIP.
- Page 4: These are projects that are on the UCPRPO list that have not scored well or have other factors that make the projects not likely to receive funding in the next P6.0 round. These are the projects we anticipate NOT submitting into the next Prioritization round. **Please review these projects and let me know as soon as possible if you feel there is a project listed on this list that needs to be re-considered for submittal into STI P6.0.**
- Page 5: This is a list of projects that the public and members have recommended for consideration.

We anticipate final TAC adoption of the final project list at either the September 11th or November 13th TAC meeting in order to be able to meet the new December 20, 2019 deadline.

Delayed NCDOT Board of Transportation (BOT) STIP FY2020-FY2029:

The NCDOT BOT has delayed the adoption of the FY2020-2029 STIP from their June meeting to their September meeting. Since the approval of an updated STIP is only required every 4 years by FHWA and NCDOT is on a 2-year update cycle, this should pose no problems. The current 2018-2027 STIP will be maintained (and amended as necessary) until the adoption of the 2020-2029 STIP by the Board is complete and the STIP is approved by FHWA. The Department is currently in the process of completing the sale of GARVEE bonds and Build NC bonds. In addition, the NC General Assembly is completing their budget that includes key provisions that will affect the STIP. A delay in the approval will allow work on the bond sale and the budget to be completed and any needed changes can be incorporated into the project scheduling prior to the adoption of the STIP.

Local Match for Bike/Pedestrian facilities in the adopted House Budget:

As you may recall, the UCRPO adopted a Resolution of Support for the Elimination or Reduction of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Match for smaller communities under the population of 25,000 in May 2018. The NC House recently passed HB 966v3 – 2019 Appropriations Act (House Budget) on May 3, 2019. The House Budget currently provides for lowering the local match from 20% to 5% for communities with a population of less than 25,000 and to 10% for communities with a population between 25,000 and 50,000. Your support for our small rural communities is greatly appreciated. Hopefully the reduction of the local match ends up in the final adopted budget. Attached is a document with the exact verbiage. The complete budget text is located here: <https://webservices.ncleg.net/ViewBillDocument/2019/4239/0/H966-PCS10621-MGxfap-6>

Thank you for your support and please let me know if I may help in any way!
James