

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

Meeting Date: October 18, 2018 **Agenda Item Number:** 3

Action Requested: Consideration of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WSUAMPO) Prioritization 5.0 Division Needs Local Point Assignments

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

The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies the construction funding for and scheduling of transportation projects at the state level over a 10-year period. The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proactively updates the STIP every two years to ensure it accurately reflects the State's current financial situation.

The Strategic Transportation Investments law 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 the strategic prioritization process. The Strategic Prioritization Process 5.0 began in June 2017 when NCDOT and local planning organizations asked for public feedback and later submitted projects to be evaluated for the 2020-2029 STIP.

NCDOT has released the preliminary scores for projects evaluated for the 2020-2029 STIP. Projects that were not selected in the Statewide and Regional Impact categories are considered in the Division Needs category. Projects in this category are scored and ranked based on quantitative and qualitative criteria per the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WSUAMPO) adopted methodology.

From August 30 through November 29, NCDOT's 14 divisions, as well as metropolitan and regional planning organizations, will rank Division Needs category projects, which involves assigning "local input points." NCDOT will then combine the local input points assigned by each group to generate the total score for each project. The draft STIP is the scheduled to be released in January 2019.

The WSUAMPO has a pool of 1800 local input points at the Division Needs category. The maximum number of points that can be applied to any given project at each level is 100.

MPO staff evaluated the projects in accordance to the TAC approved qualitative and quantitative criteria. The highest ranked Division Need project in each mode (Highway, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Public Transit and Aviation) received 100 points. The MPO staff and the NCDOT Division 9 Office coordinated and strategically assigned the remaining local input points. MPO staff initiated a public review period from September 7, 2018 through October 10, 2018. A public drop-in meeting was also held on September 27, 2018 from 4pm to 7pm at the Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building, 3rd floor conference room.

All public comments, local point assignments, projects, and evaluations, are published on the MPO's STI webpage: <http://www.cityofws.org/departments/transportation/planning/sti-spot-prioritization>

Recommendations From:

TAC Vote: Motion by: _____ **Second by:** _____

Vote: For _____ **Against** _____

Motion Description:

RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE WINTON-SALEM URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (WSUAMPO) PRIORITIZATION 5.0 DIVISION NEED LOCAL POINT ASSIGNMENTS

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, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) created the Strategic Prioritization Process in response to a State mandate to create a professional data-driven approval process for transportation project selection; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) legislation requires that Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) develop a ranking process to evaluate all eligible project categories (highway, non-motorized, public transportation, aviation, rail and ferry) and prioritize projects ranked by the MPO that fall in the “Regional Impact” and “Division Needs” categories; and

WHEREAS, MPOs were given the opportunity to assign points to projects to be used as part of the equation used by NCDOT’s Strategic Planning Office to develop priorities for projects across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO (WSUAMPO) has a pool of 1800 points at the Division Need category, with the maximum number of points that can be applied to any given project limited to 100; and

WHEREAS, WSUAMPO staff evaluated all Division Need projects according to the Transportation Advisory Committee approved qualitative and quantitative criteria, with the highest ranked Division Need project in each mode (Highway, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Public Transit and Aviation) receiving the maximum allowance of Local Input Points (100 points); and

WHEREAS, the WSUAMPO staff and the NCDOT Division 9 staff coordinated and strategically assigned the remaining local input points; and

WHEREAS, MPO staff initiated a public review period from September 7, 2018 through October 10, 2018 and held a public drop-in meeting on September 27, 2018 from 4pm to 7pm and all public comments, local point assignments, projects and evaluations, are published on the WSUAMPO’s STI webpage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the list of Division Need projects (Highway, Bicycle and Pedestrian, Public Transit and Aviation) receiving local input points in conjunction with the NCDOT Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) process.

Adopted on this the 18th day of October, 2018.

Larry T. Williams, Chairman
 Transportation Advisory Committee

Margaret C. Bessette, Secretary
 Transportation Advisory Committee