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PUBLIC REVIEW OF PROPOSED TRANSIT PLAN

KERNERSVILLE, NC, October 7, 2016 – The Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization (NWPRPO) wants to hear from citizens in Surry and Yadkin Counties, and the rural portions of Stokes and Davie counties about which top-priority transportation projects that they think should be submitted to compete with other transportation improvements across the state for funding in the next the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The STIP is NCDOT's 10-year transportation plan, and it is updated every two years. The N.C. Board of Transportation approved the current STIP, for year 2016 to 2025, in June.

The law establishes the Strategic Mobility Formula, which uses a data-driven approach to provide more flexibility in funding transportation improvements on the statewide, regional and division level with the goal of meeting the state's top priorities while still addressing individualized local needs.

To help determine these priorities, the NWPRPO is asking local residents to provide their thoughts on which transportation improvements are most important. Projects can be as large-scale as an interstate improvement or as small as a new turn lane or traffic signal, and can be for any mode of transportation, including public transit, bicycle/pedestrian, ferry, aviation and rail. A list of current projects can be found on at www.ptrc.org/nwprpo.

Citizens can provide comments by calling the NWPRPO Coordinator at (336) 904-0300, emailing comments to ejernigan@ptrc.org or mailing written comments to:

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