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PUBLIC CALL FOR TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

KERNERSVILLE, NC, July 18, 2017 – 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 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).

Projects can be as large-scale as an interstate improvements or as small as a new turn lane or traffic signal, and can be for any mode of transportation, including public transit, bicycle/pedestrian, aviation and rail.

The prioritization process is a result of the Strategic Transportation Investments law which allocates available revenues based on data-driven scoring and local input. The resulting projects form the STIP, which identifies projects that will receive funding during a 10-year period. STI mandates ongoing evaluation and improvement to ensure the planning process is responsive to North Carolina's diverse needs. More information about the STIP and how transportation projects are funded is available online at <https://www.ncdot.gov/strategictransportationinvestments/>.

Project submittals will be accepted through August 13th, 2017 for 2020-2029 STIP. Citizens can learn more about the prioritization process at a local level and provide comments by completing a short survey at www.ptrc.org/nwprpo (preferred), calling the NWPRPO Coordinator at (336) 904-0300, emailing comments to ejernigan@ptrc.org or mailing written comments to:

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