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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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## CITIZENS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS

**KERNERSVILLE, NC, February 8, 2018** – Citizens in Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization (NWPRPO) area are encouraged to participate in implementing the <u>Strategic Transportation Investments law</u>. The STI law directs RPOs to assign points to local highway and non-highway mode projects considered important to their area. These points, when combined with a data-driven score, are used in determining the final score for each project on the Regional and Division levels. Projects on the Statewide level are scored using data only.

The NWPRPO is asking citizens to offer feedback on two key areas:

- The method the NWPRPO developed to determine how to assign these points; and
- The number of points the NWPRPO plans to allot to different types of projects, including highway, aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, ferry, public transportation and rail.

When the 14-day public comment period ends, NWPRPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) members consisting of county and municipal staff and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members consisting of elected officials will carefully consider the input received and amend the methodology as necessary. Rational for including, or failure to include public comments in the final document will be published on the NWPRPO website.

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 1398 Carrollton Crossing Drive, Kernersville, prior to the NWPRPO TAC Meeting. For more information on the NWPRPO and the STI process, please visit our webpage at <a href="https://www.ptrc.org/nwprpo">www.ptrc.org/nwprpo</a>.

Citizens can provide comments by calling the NWPRPO Coordinator at (336) 904-0300, emailing comments to <a href="mailto:ejernigan@ptrc.org">ejernigan@ptrc.org</a> or mailing written comments to:

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