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CITIZENS INVITED TO REVIEW DRAFT TRANSPORTATION PROJECT SCORES FOR REGIONAL IMPACT AND DIVISION NEEDS PROJECTS

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

For the next 14 days, the NWPRPO is asking citizens in Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties to offer feedback on draft project scores in the Regional and Division Needs categories. A full listing of projects and their assigned scores can be found by visiting http://www.ptrc.org/nwprpo. Also available for viewing is the method the NWPRPO developed to determine how to assign these points.

The public can provide comments by emailing the NWPRPO Coordinator at lholdsworth@ptrc.org or mailing written comments to:

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When the public input period ends, the 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 project rankings and point assignments as necessary.

The Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization works cooperatively with the NC Department of Transportation and local officials to enhance transportation planning opportunities for rural areas in Davie, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin Counties. For more information on the NWPRPO and the STI process, please visit our webpage at www.ptrc.org/NWPRPO.

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