



WHAT: Kerr-Tar RPO TAC and TCC Meeting

WHEN: August 9, 2011. 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

WHERE: Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Office
1724 Graham Avenue
Henderson, NC 27536

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AGENDA FOR NEXT KTRPO TAC/TCC MEETING

2040 Statewide Plan

The N.C. Department of Transportation is launching an effort to guide transportation planning for the next 30 years. They are updating the Statewide Long Range Transportation Plan (called the 2040 Plan), which will help guide North Carolina's transportation policy focus and assist in determining transportation needs in 2040 and how to best meet them. The Kerr-Tar RPO sits on the 2040 Plan Steering Committee and Public Involvement and Public Policies and Procedures advisory committees. The input of all RPO members is critical to the success of the plan. In addition to highways, the plan will address aviation, ferries, rail, bicycles, pedestrian facilities, and public transportation. Information about the 2040 Plan including tasks completed and information on future activities will be reviewed at the meeting. Additional updates and surveys can be found at: www.ncdot.gov/performance/reform

2016 and 2017 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)

KTRPO has received notice from NCDOT that there will be a call for projects in our air quality non-attainment counties to program *Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)* projects. At this point we have not received guidance about the expansion of the non-attainment areas into Vance or Warren counties. NCDOT has directed the RPO to use the previous target allocation figures as guidelines for programming 2016 and 2017 CMAQ projects. In the most recent cycle, KTRPO project funding allocations per year were:

\$618,464 for program year 2013

\$633,565 for program year 2014

\$644,638 for program year 2015

Or, an average of \$632,222 of which \$483,499 is programmed. Guidance on how CMAQ projects will be prioritized has been released and will be distributed at the meeting.

Kerr-Tar Qualitative TIP Project Ranking Criteria

In the past year or so we've taken steps to develop and prepare for the upcoming round of TIP project rankings. Part of this process is to develop a means to rank projects. The following is a proposal that we will be discussing at our next TAC/TCC meeting on August 9. If you have any comments or questions in advance of that meeting, please let me know.

Quantitative data (V/C ratio, accidents, pavement condition, etc) will be entered by SPOT and evaluated relative to projects across the state. The SPOT ranking will be returned to us in late September. The qualitative process is required to give local voice to the process and reflect local priorities.

In the course of the past two years, we have covered several areas of concern including economic development, safety, the impact of the built environment on our transportation corridors; bicycle and pedestrian needs, and above all, project funding. A survey of TAC and TCC members in 2010 asked members about their greatest transportation-related concerns. That survey was used to help inform the following suggested set of qualitative questions about the projects we will rank and included with this notice. The SPOT rankings released in September can be coupled with the qualitative criteria developed locally.

Our rankings will then be assigned points (100 maximum, 4 minimum) on a sliding scale up to a total of 1300 points.

We propose reserving 100 points for each county to assign to projects without or outside the region at their discretion. This way, if local officials would like to add points to a project that has received 50 points, they can add up to 50 points to that project for the total maximum of 100 points.

Here are our proposed criteria for ranking:

- Economic impact (high/medium/low) 5/10/20 points
- Enhances regional access (yes/no) 0/20 points
- Does the project address an identified significant safety issue (yes/no) 0/20 points
- Improving Efficiency (up to 40 points)
 - Have resources been invested in the planning and design of the facility (yes/no) 0/5 points
 - Improves connectivity (yes/no) 0/5 points
 - Land use and local site design regulations protect the function of the facility (yes/no) 0/5 points
 - Does the project improvement prolong the life of an existing facility and delay the need for a new facility (yes/no) 0/5 points

- Does the project facilitate an improvement to the mobility of non-drivers (yes/no) 0/5 points

To see how projects scored in the last cycle, a file is attached listing the projects we will re-rank in this cycle. Their “score” is located on the far right-hand side of the spreadsheet.

Imagine 2040: Triangle Region Scenario Planning Initiative

The KTRPO is working with the Durham Chapel Hill Carrboro (DCHC) MPO this project. The objective is to project and visualize growth in the Triangle region and parts adjacent regions including Kerr-Tar. The parts of the Kerr-Tar region included in the study are those included in the Triangle Travel Demand Model (TDM) area and includes parts of Person, Granville, and Franklin counties.