

# July 2017 Newsletter

## *Around the Region*

### Next COG Board Meeting

The next COG Board Meeting is Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the COG Office.

### Next COG Board Meeting

Celebrate the 75th Anniversary of one of the Nation's largest WWII training camps, Camp Butner on Sept. 22 & 23. Opened in 1942, Camp Butner trained over 40,000 troops on a 40,000-acre military training facility. Now, the history of the Camp is incorporated throughout the Town of Butner. The event kicks-off on Friday, September 22 at 6:00 PM. The Butner Soldiers Memorial Sports Area will come to life with a social, dinner & USO style entertainment. (\$25/ticket available until sold out or Sept. 10) On September 23 at 10 AM, view a parade along Central Ave, hear Military Dignitaries and a Camp Butner Historian reflect upon the Camp's history, visit reenactment camps, tour historic Camp Butner sites and more. Saturday's events are free and open to the public. Visit [buntern.org/events](http://buntern.org/events) for details and tickets or call 919-575-3032.

## *Planning & Economic Development*

### Next KTRPO TAC/TCC Meeting

The Next TAC/TCC meeting will be Thursday, August 24th from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Kerr-Tar COG Office, 1724 Graham Avenue, Henderson, NC 27536. P5 Subcommittee will be meeting in July and August to discuss out P5 Prioritization Projects in preparation for the August 24th TAC/TCC meeting.

### Regional Planning Workshop

On Wednesday, June 28 the COG hosted a regional planning board workshop at McGregor Hall. This workshop was geared towards regional Planning Boards, Boards of Adjustment, and county and municipal planning staff. Three informative sessions were facilitated by Adam Lovelady, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government at UNC School of Government. The COG was pleased with the attendance at this event.



### Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies Committee



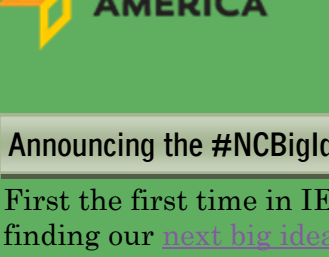
The COG is in the process of finalizing its Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) process. This process, began in January and involved lengthy discussions about improving the economic vitality of the region along with developing specific strategies to meet the regions needs. The CEDS is a requirement from the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and must be submitted every five (5) years. The COG sincerely thanks the members of the CEDS Committee for their participation throughout this process.

### North Carolina Lakes District Bike Plan

The COG plans to release maps of the North Carolina Lakes District Bicycle Plan later this month. This plan will connect the region through a series of interconnected bike paths, making note of the areas amenities and natural resources. The NCLD Bike Plan received approval previously from the COG's Transportation Advisory & Technical Coordinating Committees, Executive Board, and all five regional Boards of County Commissioners.



### City of Roxboro Receives 2017 National Main Street Accreditation



The COG shares in the joy with the City of Roxboro for being identified as one of 39 communities to receive National Main Street Accreditation by the National Main Street Center. Roxboro was recognized for demonstrating best practices in community revitalization. Roxboro is a municipality served by Kerr-Tar.

### Announcing the #NCBigIdea Challenge: We want to hear from YOU, NC

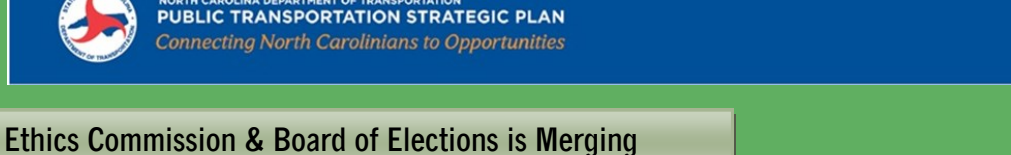
First the first time in IEI history, we are seeking the entire publics help in finding our [next big idea](#) to move forward on behalf of our state! We want you to answer this question: What is the single biggest challenge or opportunity we should work on to shape our states long-term economic prosperity? Consider yourself a 140-character communications whiz? Then share your big idea on Twitter using #NCBigIdea. For you more expressive folks, share your big idea using the online submission form at [NCBigIdea.org](#). The #NCBigIdea Challenge runs June 22 to July 31. The deadline for submissions is **July 31, 2017** at 11:59 p.m. The author of the winning idea receives an invite to a special televised town hall in March 2018! Complete details, along with submission guidelines and selection process, are available at [NCBigIdea.org](#).

### Online MetroQuest Survey for NC Public Transportation Strategic Plan

This summer, stakeholders and the public are invited to participate in an online survey for the North Carolina Public Transportation Statewide Strategic Plan. The survey can be accessed at <https://nctransitplan.metroquest.com/>, and will be available until the end of July.

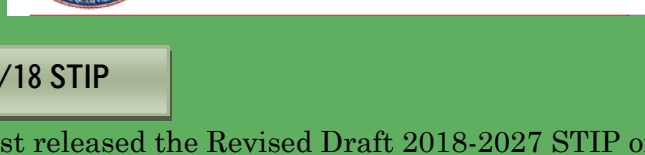
The N.C. Department of Transportation is developing the Public Transportation Statewide Strategic Plan to improve bus, rail, and paratransit services across the state by better matching transit services to the needs of North Carolinians.

For more information, please visit <https://www.ncdot.gov/nctransit/strategicplan/>



### NC Ethics Commission & Board of Elections is Merging

Sue Lundburg, the Education Attorney at the State Board of Elections and Ethics would like to share the latest newsletter with you. Click [here](#) for the full newsletter.



### Revised Draft 17/18 STIP

The NCDOT just released the Revised Draft 2018-2027 STIP on June 28, 2017.

The Revised Draft 2018-2027 STIP is now available on NCDOT's website at <https://www.ncdot.gov/strategictransportationinvestments/2018-2027.html>

This is an updated version of the state's draft 10-year transportation plan that was released in January. The plan was revised based on updated revenue projections and now includes an additional 144 projects totaling \$2.5 billion.

Kerr-Tar RPO committed projects in our Draft Division and Regional Programmed Projects that made it into the REVISED Draft 2018-2027 STIP are listed below. Please note that we have three more projects moving into the committed category, meaning that they are programmed for Right-of-Way or Construction in the first five years (2018-2022) of the 2018-2027 STIP.

The committed transportation projects in the Kerr-Tar RPO now total in excess of \$100,000,000.

These projects are:

#### O Franklin County

H090247 (R-3608)-US 401- NC 56 / NC 581 (NASH STREET) TO SR 1229 MAIN STREET). WIDEN TO MULTILANES. 1st 5 years of Revised Draft STIP (previously was in 2nd 5 years).

H111053 (U-6024)-US 401- BURKE BOULEVARD TO NC 56 / NC 581 (NASH STREET) IN LOUISBURG. CONVERT 5-LANE SECTION TO 4-LANE DIVIDED FACILITY WITH BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN ACCOMMODATIONS. 1st 5 years of Revised Draft STIP (previously was in 2nd 5 years).

H090195-D (R-2814D)-US 401-SR 1103(FLAT ROCK CHURCH ROAD/ CLIFTON POND ROAD) TO SR 1700 (FOX PARK ROAD)AT Louisburg. 1st 5 years of Revised Draft STIP (This project went from being unfunded to carryover to committed, as it is a sibling project to the committed R-2814-C project.)

#### o Granville County

H140487-C (U-6020)-NC 56- SR 1215 (WEST LYON STATION ROAD) IN BUTNER. REALIGN INTERSECTION. 1st 5 years of Revised Draft STIP (no change).

#### o Person County

H111010 (U-5969)-US 501-There are A,B and C segments to this project; A- SOUTH OF US 158 TO NC 157.; B- NC 157 TO SR 1596 (WEST MOREHEAD STREET); C- SR 1596 (WEST MOREHEAD STREET) TO SR 1601 (NORTH MAIN STREET). Total description: SOUTH OF US 158 TO SR 1601 (NORTH MAIN STREET) IN ROXBORO. CONVERT TO 4-LANE MEDIAN DIVIDED FACILITY, IMPROVE VARIOUS INTERSECTIONS WITH SOME CONSOLIDATION OF INTERSECTIONS, AND FILL IN SIDEWALK GAPS. ROW and Utility work as well as some construction in year 5 of 1st 5 years of Revised Draft STIP (change).

A130319 (AV-5818)-TDF-Person County Executive Airport- EXTEND RUNWAY TO TOTAL LENGTH OF 7000 FT, CONSTRUCT TAXIWAY EXTENSION AND RELOCATE SR 1311 (CATES MILL ROAD). 1st 5 years of Revised Draft STIP (no change).

#### o Vance County-Kerr Area Transportation Authority

T130114 and T130115 (T-C003A and T-C003B)-Both are under the number TA-6667 in the Draft STIP- EXPANSION VEHICLES. There are two Light Transit Vehicles (LTV), A and B. 1st 5 years of Revised Draft STIP (no change).

Kerr-Tar RPO carryover projects in our Draft Division and Regional Programmed Projects that made it into the REVISED Draft 2018-2027 STIP are listed below. Carryover projects are defined as projects that automatically carry over from P4.0 for evaluation in P5.0

#### o Granville County

H140487-A-NC56-FROM 33RD STREET TO EAST OF BUTNER TOWN LIMIT(AS SHOWN IN THE NC 56 CORRIDOR STUDY). WIDEN TO 4 LANES WITH A MEDIAN.

#### o Person County

H090073-B (R-2241B)-US 501-FROM SR 1521 (HALIFAX ROAD) TO SR 1329 (OLD NC 501) WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES, PART ON NEW LOCATION

H090073-C (R-2241C)-US 501-FROM SR 1329 (OLD NC 501) TO NORTH OF VIRGINIA STATE LINE. WIDEN TO MULTI-LANES.

These updates are from Mike Stanley, NCDOT STIP Central Region Manager.

There are 15 new transportation projects funded in Division 5(Kerr-Tar RPO is part of Division 5). The NCDOT will hold a public comment period on the updated version of the document. The public comment period on the 2018-2027 Revised Draft STIP runs from June 28 to July 12, 2017. Anyone who would like to provide comments should contact Diane Wilson at [pdwilson1@ncdot.gov](mailto:pdwilson1@ncdot.gov) or (919) 707-6073.

It is anticipated that the NCDOT Board of Transportation will approve the 2018-2027 STIP in August 2017.



## Aging

### Consider a Living Healthy Workshop

If you have conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease, chronic pain, anxiety, and/or depression, the Living Healthy Workshop can help you take charge of your life.

Classes will be held every Wednesday from July 12- August 16, 2017 at the Granville County Senior Center from 2pm to 4:30pm. There is no cost to sign up but registration is required. All participants receive a Health book and CD.

### Matter of Balance Class

A Matter of Balance Class will be held at the South Granville Senior Center, starting in August 2017. For more information, please call the senior center at (919) 528-0848.

A Matter of Balance is designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase activity levels among older adults. Participants learn to set realistic goals to increase activity, change their environment to reduce fall risk factors, and learn simple exercises to increase strength and balance.

### Healthy Eating Classes Completed

The Kerr Tar AAA has wrapped up the \$2,500 Triangle North Health Foundation Grant for Healthy Eating for Older Adults. Healthy Eating™ is a program for seniors age 60 and better who want to learn more about how nutrition and lifestyle changes can promote better health. The program focuses on heart and bone healthy nutrition strategies to help maintain or improve wellness and prevent chronic disease development or progression. Jillian Hardin and Melissa Catlett facilitated two six week workshops beginning in May at the Granville County Senior Center in Oxford. It ended with a trip to a restaurant where participants used what they learned to order and enjoy a healthy meal. The AAA is also calling for local Lay Leaders who are interested in leading classes in their community! If you or your staff is interested in becoming trained as a lay leader call the AAA.



### Scam Jam

On June 14, the Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging with the Person County Senior Center conducted a Scam Jam to help educate seniors to protect themselves from frauds and scams. This was a free educational and entertaining forum where seniors will learned to avoid todays scams and frauds, from identity theft to telemarketing and consumer and Medicare frauds. Speakers included representatives from the Senior Medicare Patrol from the North Carolina Department of Insurance, North Carolina Attorney General's Office, North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State as well as local Law Enforcement. Thirty participants attended this event at the Person County Senior Center in Roxboro, NC.



### Elder Abuse Walk

The third Annual Elder Abuse Awareness Walk on June 15<sup>th</sup> at Sothern Vance High school sponsored by the Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging and Vance County Department of Social Services put a spotlight on the mistreatment of the elderly and provided information on how to prevent it. According to the North Carolina

Division of Aging and Adult Services, in 2013 there were over 20,000 reports alleging the abuse, neglect or exploitation in North Carolina to County DSS offices. Of those, 70% were 60 years or older, 15% lived in a facility or shelter, and 85% lived alone or with family. "It is through events like the Elder Abuse Awareness Walk where we hope to educate the community to end or at least know the signs of

abuse so we can report suspected cases and help our older adults live in their community of choice for as long as possible with improved quality of life," says Jillian Hardin, Director, Kerr Tar Area Agency on Aging. Close to two hundred participants walked to raise awareness. Attendees had the opportunity to visit with vendors, attend presentations, win prizes and enjoy lunch. Everyone left armed with information and resources on how to spot and prevent elder abuse.



### Lowes Heroes

The Kerr Tar AAA teamed up with Lowes Home Improvement for its Lowes Heroes program. This year, we are reaching out to the Home Delivered Meals clients to educate this underserved population on Elder Abuse Awareness and Summer Heat Safety. On the morning of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the AAA staff worked alongside Lowes volunteers to assemble Heat Emergency Kits. The kit included items such as instant cold packs, flashlights, batteries, first aide kits, dust masks, and water. Lowes volunteer drivers delivered the kits to the service providers that afternoon. Jillian Hardin, AAA Director coordinated with the home delivered meals volunteers in Granville County to follow a route and helped deliver kits to clients in Stovall. AAA Staff and HDM volunteers will continue to deliver the Heat Emergency Kits to the remaining counties in the upcoming weeks.



### Volunteer Luncheon



The Kerr Tar AAA held its 3rd annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at the Henderson County Club on June 30th. Over 70 volunteers attended the event, which featured a delicious lunch, an inspiring message delivered by Doug Jenkins of Granville County and a special recognition for Melissa Catlett's 10 years of continuous service. All attendees were gifted with a pen and a rose.

## Workforce Development

### NCWorks Rebranded

Kerr-Tar WDB's services for young adults, funded by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), have been re-branded as NCWorks NextGen. The new brand supports an effort among North Carolina's 23 Workforce Development Boards to collectively communicate impact of WIOA Title I programs for young adults. The tagline included with the new logo is *Your Future Starts Here*. Click [here](#) to read more.



### July NCWorks Calendar

Please click [here](#) to view the July calendar for workshops offered at the local career centers.

## Executive Committee

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## Communities Served

Franklin County  
Granville County  
Person County  
Vance County  
Warren County

Town of Bunn  
Town of Butner  
City of Creedmoor  
Town of Franklinton  
City of Henderson  
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## Mission Statement

**Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments aims to promote regionalism that provides opportunities for local governments to enhance and improve the quality of life for our citizens through effective delivery of services and programs.**