

COG Calendar:

- Next COG Board Meeting, June 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.
- Next KTREDC Meeting, June 21st @ 8:30 a.m.
- Next TAC/TCC Meeting, August 24th @ 3-5 p.m.

Around the Region

COG Board Meeting

COG Board Meeting will be held at the COG office on **June 22, 2017** at 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker, Joe Fredosso, from Mighty River LLC will discuss Regional Broadband Initiative. Also, final 2017/2018 Budget will be approved.

KTREDC Meeting

The KTREDC Meeting will be held at the COG office on **June 21, 2017** @ 8:30 a.m.

WIZS Radio

On Wednesday, **June 21st, 2017** tune in to WIZS Radio to hear from the Workforce Development Department at Kerr-Tar COG.

Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC Meetings

Our next Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC Meeting will take place on Thursday, **August 24, 2017** from 3-5pm at the KTCOG office, 1724 Graham Ave, Henderson, NC. We will be discussing our transportation projects for Prioritization P5 (all modes). Further details coming soon...

Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse in Rural Communities

Webinar recording discusses the challenges and strategies in stemming the rate of substance abuse in rural communities. Introduces the Rural Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse Toolkit, designed to help communities implement substance abuse programs. Presents several examples of state level programs focused on increasing access to naloxone and training for first responders to recognize and prevent overdoses. [Click here to read...](#) Additional links: [Audio Recording](#), [PowerPoint Handout](#), [Webinar Transcript](#)

COPS Grants

The Community Oriented Policing Services Office (COPS) is releasing several grant opportunities for local and state law enforcement agencies. [COPS grants](#) are vital to local law enforcement agencies, and it's equally vital municipalities are ready to submit applications as soon as grants released. Good grant management starts long before a grant application is due. While waiting for the COPS grants RFPs to hit, make it your municipality's responsibility to know exactly what agencies' will be asking for under these funding opportunities – and why. The following three COPS grants programs are ripe for action by police grant writers now. Below that is advice for preparing applications and creating project proposals. [Click here to read the article...](#)

Around the Region Continued

New Grant Funding to Train and Supply EMS & Others to Respond to Opioid Overdose

Under CARA, there is new grant funding local governments can use to train and supply EMS and others in emergency opioid overdose response. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention is accepting applications for more than \$10 million in funding for the 2017 First Responders Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) program to address emergency opioid overdose incidents. Between \$250,000 and \$800,000 per year over four years is available to states, tribes and local governmental entities to train and provide resources to first responders and other key community sectors to administer life saving treatment for known or suspected opioid overdose. Grantees will train and provide resources to carry and administer a drug or device approved or cleared under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for emergency treatment, such as naloxone. Grantees must also establish processes, protocols, and mechanisms for referral to appropriate treatment and recovery communities. Applications are due July 31, 2017. [Learn more about emergency opioid overdose training grants on SAMHSA's website.](#)

Our Town Creative Placemaking Grants from NEA

The Our Town grant program supports creative placemaking projects that help to transform communities into lively, beautiful, and resilient places – achieving these community goals through strategies that incorporate arts, culture, and/or design. Creative placemaking is when artists, arts organizations, and community development practitioners deliberately integrate arts and culture into community revitalization work - placing arts at the table with land-use, transportation, economic development, education, housing, infrastructure, and public safety strategies. This funding supports local efforts to enhance quality of life and opportunity for existing residents, increase creative activity, and create or preserve a distinct sense of place. Through Our Town, subject to the availability of funding, the National Endowment for the Arts will provide a limited number of grants for creative placemaking. Our Town requires partnerships between arts organizations and government, other nonprofit organizations, and private entities to achieve livability goals for communities. Our Town offers support for projects in two areas: 1) Arts Engagement, Cultural Planning, and Design Projects. These projects represent the distinct character and quality of their communities. These projects require a partnership between a nonprofit organization and a local government entity, with one of the partners being a cultural organization. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$200,000. And 2) Projects that Build Knowledge About Creative Placemaking. These projects are available to arts and design service organizations, and industry, policy, or university organizations that provide technical assistance to those doing place-based work. Matching grants range from \$25,000 to \$100,000. [Click here for details...](#)

Kerr-Tar Council of Governments Revolving Loan Fund

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments administers a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) to assist existing businesses as well as new entrepreneurs in securing financing they are otherwise unable to secure through traditional channels. The primary goal of the RLF program is to create new jobs in the region. Preference is given to businesses that will add full-time skilled or semi-skilled positions. The source of funding is the Federal Economic Development Administration (EDA). Some specific guidelines may apply. The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments welcomes partnering with other lenders to assist local area business to succeed and thrive. For more information contact [Mark Warren](#). Click [here](#) to view the brochure or [here](#) for an application.

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments Loan Committee

The Kerr-Tar's Loan Committee met on May 16, 2017 in Henderson and approved two micro-enterprise loans. The first loan applicant received a \$10,000 loan for machinery and equipment associated with a lawn care company in Macon and the second loan applicant received \$25,000 for equipment for a start-up hauling company in Henderson. Kerr-Tar is pleased to offer these loans to assist entrepreneurs in the region. Please contact Mark Warren, RLF Specialist for more information at: mwarren@kerrtarcog.org or 252-436-2040, ext. 2049 for more information about qualifying for loan funds.

Planning & Economic Development

Prioritization P5.0 News

For the P5.0 Updated Schedule (5/23/17) for 2017-2018 please [click here](#).

Help us identify potential new projects for Prioritization P5.0! Please return KTRPO forms to [Ann Stroobant](#) by **June 23, 2017** as per instructions included in the links below:

- Please [click here](#) for Background and what we look for in Identifying Candidate Projects
- Please [click here](#) for the KTRPO Bike/Pedestrian Potential Project Submittal Form
- Please [click here](#) for the KTRPO Highway Potential Project Submittal Form
- If you have identified projects in other modes, please let Ann Stroobant know using the contact information on the submittal forms

Triangle Regional Freight Plan

The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) are required to do freight plans for their areas. Near us, the MPOs in Raleigh (CAMPO) and Durham (DCHC) are working on the Triangle Regional Freight Plan to develop freight recommendations for their joint 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The consultants working with CAMPO, CDHC and NCDOT are Parsons Brinckerhoff and Baseline Mobility. This particular plan is nearing completion with a final workshop in June/July 2017 (The date has not been determined yet).

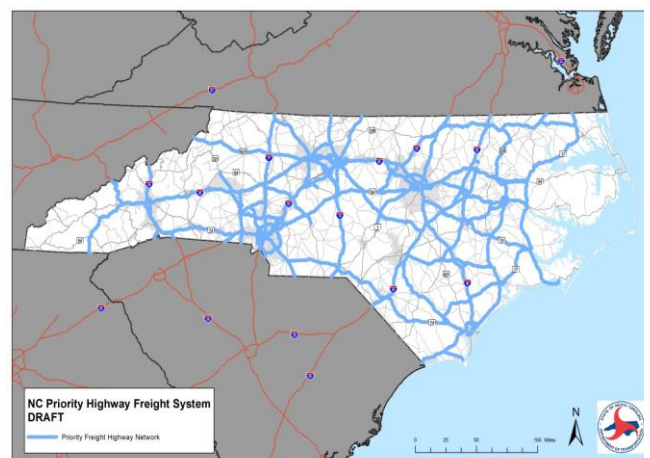
If you have comments for the Triangle Regional Freight Plan or the NC Statewide Freight Plan, please send them to Ann Stroobant (astroobant@kerrtarcog.org or telephone at 252-436-2040 x 2004) by **June 16, 2017**.

FTA Announces \$55M Funding for Low- or No-Emission

The main purpose of the Low-No Program is to support the transition of the nation's transit fleet to the lowest polluting and most energy efficient transit vehicles. The Low-No Program provides funding to State and local governmental authorities for the purchase or lease of zero-emission and low-emission transit buses, including acquisition, construction, and leasing of required supporting facilities. Only \$31.5 million is available under the Continuing Resolution that expires on April 28, 2017. Synopses and full announcement are posted on Grants.gov site as opportunity [FTA-2017-003-LowNo](#). Proposals must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov website by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on **6/26/2017**. Click [here](#) for more details.

NC Statewide Freight Plan

This plan was part of the FAST Act 2015 (Federal Highways Fixing Americas Transportation Act) and is updated every 5 years. The critical freight corridors have already been determined by Congress. The projects forming the additional Critical Urban and Critical Rural Freight Corridors will be selected from programmed projects submitted and selected through the prioritization process. The NC Statewide Freight Plan is due to be completed in December 2017. Consultants Cambridge Systematics and Baseline Mobility are working with NCDOT on the plan. Potential Critical Freight Corridors are shown, [here](#), on the interactive map.



CCX Transportation and Freight Master Plan

The Carolinas Gateway Partnership (CGP), the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), and North Carolina Department of Commerce (NCDOC) are partnering with CSX to develop the Carolina Connector Intermodal Facility (CCX) in Edgecombe County that will provide intermodal access to Rocky Mount, the Twin Counties (Nash and Edgecombe County), the Triangle, and all of eastern North Carolina. A Master Plan of transportation corridor improvements and conceptual land uses surrounding CCX will be prepared. Dewberry is the main consultant on this project. For more information on the CCX Transportation and Freight Master Plan, please click [here](#).

STIP Meeting

On May 16, 2017 David Keilson, our Division 5 Planning Engineer, and Mike Stanley, the STIP Central Region Manager, met with Kerr-Tar RPO staff and interested members to discuss the Draft 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This meeting discussed the STIP Process which identifies the transportation projects that will receive funding during a 10-year period, as well as any questions and concerns that attendees had related to the Draft STIP that will now be finalized in August. The possibility of Alternate criteria was also discussed to investigate the possibility of modifications to STI scoring for P5.0. Please [click here](#) to see the Kerr-Tar projects in the Draft 2017-2028 STIP so that you can check to see if you have concerns on any specific project. Please click [here](#) to see the NCDOT Strategic Transportation Investments website to learn more about the STI and why it is so important.

GISP Workshop, Cary, NC on May 18, 2017

Ann Stroobant, Regional Planner and RPO Coordinator, and Michael Kelly, Kerr-Tar Planning Director, attended a GISP Certification Workshop focusing on the steps for obtaining certification sponsored by the APWA in Cary, NC on May 18, 2017.



Regional Workshop for ALL Planning Staff

Please join us on **June 28, 2017** at McGregor Performing Arts Center for a regional workshop facilitated by: Adam Lovelady, Assistant Professor of Public Law and Government at UNC School of Government. Professor Lovelady will offer informative sessions on recent zoning law changes within North Carolina; the proper roles of Planning Boards and Boards of Adjustment; and how these boards can effectively manage growth in their respective regions. This event will be from: 10:00AM – 2:00PM, with lunch provided. If a member of a Planning Board, Board of Adjustment, or work in a local government Planning Department and interested, please RSVP to either: mkelly@kerrtarcog.org or sjacob@kerrtarcog.org or 252-436-2040.0

NC Bike Summit - November 3-4: Wilmington, NC

The 2017 NC Bike Summit promises to be packed full of information useful to bicycle advocates, transportation planners, business owners, elected officials, tactical urbanists, public health practitioners, and livability and sustainability professionals. The mission of the summit is to: Foster collaboration; Educate and Inform; and Promote bicycling as a valid form of transportation and as an economic driver. Visit <http://www.bikewalknc.org/nc-bicycle-summit/>

Planning & Economic Development Continued

May 25th, 2017 Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC Meeting

At the May 25 meeting, the Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC approved a resolution appointing our former Transportation Planning Board Member, Mr. James W. Crawford, Jr. to KTRPO Board Member Emeritus (non-voting) in appreciation of Mr. Crawford's dedication and service to the people of the region and the state of North Carolina. In addition, Joey Hopkins, Division 5 Engineer, presented the Road Gang Award signed by Secretary Trogdon, in recognition of Mr. Crawford's outstanding service to the NC Department of Transportation over many years.

If you are interested in this meeting, please [click here](#) to see the May 25, 2017 meeting packet. Members and guests also had a presentation by Sarah Lee and David Wasserman from the Strategic Office of Prioritization (SPOT) and by David Keilson, Division 5 Planning Engineer on the topic of the Prioritization Process-its history, background, scoring and what makes a good project. Please [click here](#) to view the slide presentation given at the meeting.



Mr. James W. Crawford, Jr. is presented with a copy of the adopted resolution appointing him Board Member Emeritus (non-Voting) by Commissioner Jimmy Clayton, TAC Chair, at the May 25 Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC meeting.



Mr. James W. Crawford, Jr. is presented with the Road Gang Award, signed by Secretary Trogdon, by Joey Hopkins, NCDOT Division 5 Engineer at the May 25 Kerr-Tar TAC/TCC meeting.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS)

May 24, the COG hosted its third Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) meeting at the House of Ribeyes in Oxford. Committee members participated in a Vision Statement exercise. Committee members also had an opportunity to hear a presentation by Mr. Griffen Rice and Ms. Ashely Tucker, two dual degree candidates from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's NC Growth Center. The students presented an economic analysis report on the Kerr-Tar Region. The COG is pleased to have Griffen and Ashley take part in the region's CEDS process.



Workforce Development

Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training Alliance Cruisers 2017 Event

SAVE THE DATE: The Advanced Manufacturing Skills Training Alliance Cruisers 2017 event is scheduled for **June 21, 2017** from 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. There will be two panel discussions hosted, a tour of Franklinton High School, and local Workforce Development Boards and Vance-Granville Community College will have information tables related to career pathways. We will also serve lunch. Please click [here](#) to view the Save the Date flyer! Check back for more information coming soon. We look forward to seeing you there!!

Youth Summit 2017

North Carolina's Workforce Development Boards sponsored the 11th annual Youth Summit – *Young Adults One Voice* – on April 7-8. This year's Summit was held at the Embassy Suites of Research Triangle Park for the second consecutive year. 298 individuals attended the event.

Seven young adults, along with four staff from service providers, participated in this year's Summit. For the second year, Warren County Schools used the venue to promote their NASA Science, Engineering, Math and Aerospace Academy. They performed drone demonstrations, passed out materials, and spoke to Summit participants young and old and the benefits of STEM education programs. Warren County Schools representatives were among the 24 vendors and facilitators that participated in the event. We thank them for their generosity. Also following a recent trend set by the Youth Summit Planning Committee, pre-conference activities included tours of five area universities and 1 business.

Congressman G.K. Butterfield's office was represented by Director of Community Engagement, Annette Taylor, to help welcome participants to the Youth Summit. The WDB appreciates all of the support of local representatives and service providers for making this a special event for young adults across the state. Contact Ben Foti for more information about this event and other activities of the NCWorks NextGen program.



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Save the Date – Region K World Elder Abuse Awareness Walk

Please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the 3rd Annual Region K World Elder Abuse Awareness Walk to be held on **June 15, 2017**. This year the event will be hosted by Vance County. Start time is 8:30 am with Registration; Walk to start at 9:30 am. Location has been set as, Southern Vance High School, 925 Garrett Road Henderson, NC. If you have any questions or wish to register as a vendor please contact [Kim Hawkins](#), Regional Ombudsman at (252)436-2050 or 1(866)506-6223.

Scam Jam

Person County Senior Center, 87 Semora Road Roxboro, NC, is hosting a Scam Jam on **Wednesday, June 14th**. Learn from the experts how to protect yourself from Medicare Scams, Internet Fraud, Charity Fraud, Identity Fraud, Investment Fraud, and more. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. For more information contact [Colleen Puceta](#).



Aging Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

In appreciation of all the Aging Volunteers, the Aging Department at Kerr-Tar COG will be hosting its second annual Volunteer Lunch at the Henderson Country Club, Friday, **June 30th, 2017**.



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