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RESOLUTION RENAMING "MONROE BYPASS/CONNECTOR" TO "MONROE PARKWAY" R-2009-55

WHEREAS, the proposed Monroe Bypass/Connector is a combination of two projects previously analyzed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), the Monroe Connector and the Monroe Bypass; and,

WHEREAS, NCDOT began planning for the Monroe Connector in 1999 and completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in 2003; and,

WHEREAS, in 2005, at the request of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO), the North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) adopted the Monroe Connector as a candidate toll facility and the DEIS was rescinded; and,

WHEREAS, in 2006, the MUMPO recommended that the Monroe Bypass and Monroe Connector be combined into a single environmental study and that the combined study be administered by the NCTA; and,

WHEREAS, the NCTA Board adopted combining the Monroe Bypass with the Monroe Connector in November 2006 with the overall purpose of improving mobility in the US 74 corridor within the project study area as well as provide a facility for high-speed regional travel; and,

WHEREAS, the Monroe Bypass/Connector extends from US 74 at I-485 in eastern Mecklenburg County to just west of the Town of Marshville in Union County and is approximately 21.1 miles; and,

WHEREAS, in 2007 the NCTA requested that the Union County Chamber of Commerce coordinate an effort to solicit input for the naming of the Monroe Bypass/Connector; and,

WHEREAS, in April 2007 the City of Monroe Transportation Committee made a recommendation to City Council to rename the Monroe Bypass/Connector to the "Monroe Parkway"; and,

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2007 the Monroe City Council voted unanimously to endorse the name of the Monroe Bypass/Connector as the "Monroe Parkway"; and,

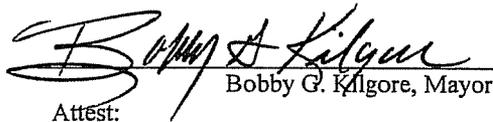
WHEREAS, the NCTA has requested that all members of MUMPO formally adopt a name for the Monroe Bypass/Connector through a resolution; and,

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2009 the City of Monroe Transportation Committee provided a recommendation to City Council that the Monroe Bypass/Connector be renamed as "Monroe Parkway."

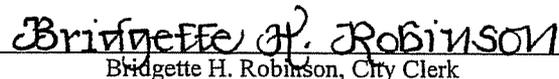
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Monroe City Council has selected the "Monroe Parkway" as their first choice in renaming the Monroe Bypass/Connector.

Adopted this 2nd day of June, 2009.




Bobby G. Kilgore, Mayor

Attest:


Bridgette H. Robinson, City Clerk



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September 17, 2009

Jennifer Harris, PE
Staff Engineer
North Carolina Turnpike Authority
1578 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1578

SUBJECT: MUMPO Action on a Preferred Alternative

Dear Ms. Harris:

At its September 16, 2009 meeting, the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) voted to endorse Alternative D as its preferred alternative for the Monroe Connector/Bypass project. The MPO's action also included a statement of support for the proposed interchange with US 601 in Monroe, and was consistent with the recommendation of its Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) as well as with TCC comments made on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) dated June 15, 2009.

Sincerely:

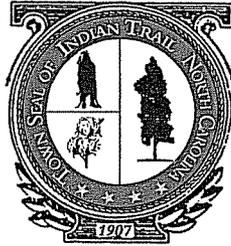
Robert W. Cook, Secretary

cc: R. Lee Myers, MPO Chairman
Anthony Foxx, MPO Vice-Chairman
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Bill Coxe, Technical Coordinating Committee Vice-Chairman

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Trena Sims

December 16, 2009

Ms. Christy Shumate, AICP
NC Turnpike Authority
1578 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1578

Dear Ms. Shumate:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Town of Indian Trail's Resolution Renaming "Monroe By-Pass/Connector/Parkway" #R091208-3. This Resolution presents the Indian Trail Town Council's selection of either "Union Parkway" or "Union County Parkway" to be considered for the official name of the proposed by-pass.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Trena S. Sims".

Trena S. Sims
Interim Town Clerk

Enclosure

**RESOLUTION RENAMING “MONROE BYPASS/CONNECTOR/PARKWAY”
R091208-3**

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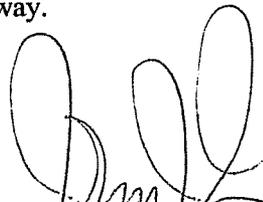
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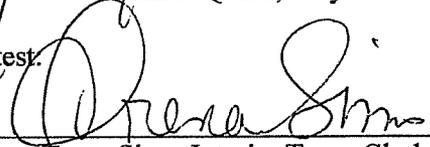
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Indian Trail Town Council has selected the “**Union Parkway**” as their first choice and “**Union County Parkway**” as their second choice in renaming the Monroe Bypass/Connector/Parkway.

Adopted this 8th day of December, 2009.





John J. Quinn, Mayor

Attest. 

Trena Sims, Interim Town Clerk

Gibilaro, Carl

From: Shumate, Christy [christy.shumate@ncturnpike.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 3:24 PM
To: Gibilaro, Carl
Subject: FW: Monroe Connector/Bypass project

From: Glover, Gerold F
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 12:36 PM
To: Shumate, Christy
Subject: RE: Monroe Connector/Bypass project

[Sorry for the delay, but you are correct about need for no further work.](#)

From: Shumate, Christy
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2009 11:16 AM
To: Glover, Gerold F; Wilkerson, Matt T
Cc: cgibilaro,
Subject: Monroe Connector/Bypass project
Importance: High

Good morning!

We are preparing the Final EIS for the project and trying make sure I's are dotted and T's are crossed. I just wanted to confirm with you that you discussed the need to survey portions of the project east of US 601 (R-2559/Monroe Bypass) with OSA and they agreed that new surveys were not necessary because they had previously been conducted and much of the right of way remains the same in that area.

Thanks!
Christy

Christy Shumate, AICP
Senior Transportation Planner

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February 23, 2010

MEMORANDUM

TO: Matt Wilkerson
Office of Human Environment
NCDOT Division of Highways

FROM: Peter Sandbeck *PBS for Peter Sandbeck*

SUBJECT: Archaeological Inventory and Evaluation for the US 74 Monroe Connector, R-3329,
Mecklenburg and Union Counties, ER 02-9791



Thank you for letter of January 11, 2010, transmitting the above referenced report.

For purposes of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we concur that the following archaeological sites, 31UN210, 31UN211, 31UN342, 31UN344-31UN350, 31UN352-31UN357 are not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. These properties do not retain the level of integrity nor do they possess the potential to yield significant new information pertaining to either the prehistory or history of North Carolina.

The report authors further state that additional work is recommended at site 31UN351, Fowler/Hasty/Secret cemetery; this work would entail the machine-assisted, controlled removal of topsoil to assist in the delineation of the cemetery. We concur with this recommendation and offer the opinion that our office would like the opportunity to review and comment on the draft cemetery delineation plan as well as any plan detailing the removal of the burials as avoidance is not possible. These plans must be submitted and approved by our office before any ground disturbing activities are scheduled to take place in the area suspected of containing either marked or unmarked graves.

The above comments are made pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's Regulations for compliance with Section 106 codified at 36 CFR Part 800.

Thank you for your cooperation and consideration. If you have any questions concerning the above comment, please contact Renee Gledhill-Earley, environmental review coordinator, at 919.807.6579. In all future communication concerning this project, please cite the above referenced tracking number.



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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April 22, 2010

John F. Sullivan, III, P.E., Division Administrator
North Carolina Division Office
Federal Highway Administration
310 New Bern Avenue, Suite 410
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your letter requesting our review of the transportation conformity determinations for the 8-hour ozone and carbon monoxide conformity determinations for the updated 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and FY 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Cabarrus-Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), the Gaston Urban Area MPO, and the Mecklenburg-Union MPO; and the FY 2009-2015 TIPs for the donut areas of Lincoln, Iredell, Gaston, and Union counties in the North Carolina portion of the Charlotte bi-state nonattainment area. As allowed by the Transportation Conformity Rule, the South Carolina portion of this nonattainment area implements transportation conformity independent of the North Carolina portion of this area. We have completed our review, and recommend a finding of conformity for both the 8-hour ozone and carbon monoxide standards for the updated 2035 LRTP and FY 2009 -2015 TIPs.

On August 15, 1997, and subsequently on July 1, 2004, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published revisions related to the "Criteria and Procedures for Determining Conformity to State or Federal Implementation Plans of Transportation Plans, Programs, and Projects Funded or Approved Under Title 23 U.S.C. or the Federal Transit Act," or Transportation Conformity Rule (40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 93). These revisions outline the criteria that must be met for the 8-hour ozone standard. EPA has reviewed the conformity determinations related to the 8-hour ozone standard and carbon monoxide (as appropriate) for the 2009-2015 TIPs, and has concluded that all of the criteria, including those outlined in the July 1, 2004, conformity rule revision entitled, "Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments: Conformity Amendments for New 8-hour Ozone and PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards, Response to March 1999, Court Decision and Additional Rule Changes," (69 FR 40004) have been met.

EPA notes that the District of Columbia (D.C.) Circuit court issued a decision on July 11, 2008, vacating the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR). North Carolina v. EPA, 531 F.3d 896 (D.C. Cir. 2008). On September 24, 2008, EPA and other parties in the case filed motions for rehearing asking the D.C. Circuit to reconsider its decision in the case. On

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December 23, 2008, the court granted EPA's motion for rehearing to the extent it agreed to remand CAIR without vacating it. However, the court made no other changes to the July 11 opinion, remanding the case to EPA for further rulemaking consistent with this opinion. Therefore, the CAIR rule remains in place, but EPA must promulgate another rule consistent with the court's July 11 opinion.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review the conformity determinations for the updated 2035 LRTP and FY 2009-2015 TIPs for the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO, the Gaston Urban Area MPO, and the Mecklenburg-Union MPO; and the FY 2009-2015 TIP for the donut areas of Lincoln, Iredell, Gaston, and Union counties in the North Carolina portion of the Charlotte Bi-State Nonattainment area. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Dianna Smith of the EPA Region 4 staff at (404) 562-9207.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Scott Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

R. Scott Davis
Chief
Air Quality Modeling
and Transportation Section

cc: Eddie Dancausse, FHWA NC
Loretta Barren, FHWA NC
Heather Hildebrandt, NC DAQ
Keith Melton, FTA Region 4



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North Carolina Division

May 3, 2010

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In Reply Refer To:
HDA-NC

Mr. Eugene A. Conti, Jr.
Secretary, North Carolina Department of Transportation
1501 MSC
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Secretary Conti:

We reviewed the Metrolina Area Transportation Conformity Determination Report for the:

- Mecklenburg Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO), the Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO 2035 Long Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs)
- MUMPO, Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO FY 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Programs (TIPs)
- Projects from the FY 2009-2015 State TIP for the county donut areas of Gaston, Iredell (partial), Lincoln and Union

The MUMPO, Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO made conformity determinations on the 2035 LRTPs/FY 2009-2015 TIPs and the North Carolina Department of Transportation made conformity determinations on projects from the FY 2009-2015 State TIPs on the following dates:

- MUMPO on March 24, 2010
- Gaston MPO on March 23, 2010
- Cabarrus Rowan MPO March 24, 2010
- The NCDOT (for the county donut areas of Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln and Union) on March 22, 2010

The MUMPO, the Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO FY 2009-2015 TIPs are direct subsets of the 2035 LRTPs.

The Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration have reviewed these documents. We have also coordinated our review with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 and have enclosed their comments to this letter.

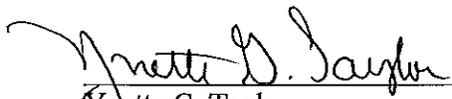
Based on our review and the comments provided to us by the EPA, we find that the following conform to the purpose of the State Implementation Plan (or interim emissions tests, in areas



where no State Implementation Plan is approved or found adequate by EPA) in accordance with 40 CFR Part 93:

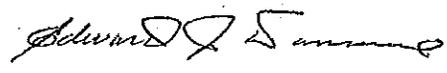
- The MUMPO, the Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO 2035 LRTPs
- The MUMPO, Gaston MPO and the Cabarrus Rowan MPO FY 2009-2015 TIPs
 - *Including MUMPO TIP amendments for projects R-2248E and R2123CE*
- Projects from the FY 2009-2015 State TIP for the county donut areas of Gaston, Iredell (partial), Lincoln and Union

Sincerely,



Yvette G. Taylor
Regional Administrator
Federal Transit Administration

Sincerely,



For John F. Sullivan III, P.E.
North Carolina Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration

Enclosure