

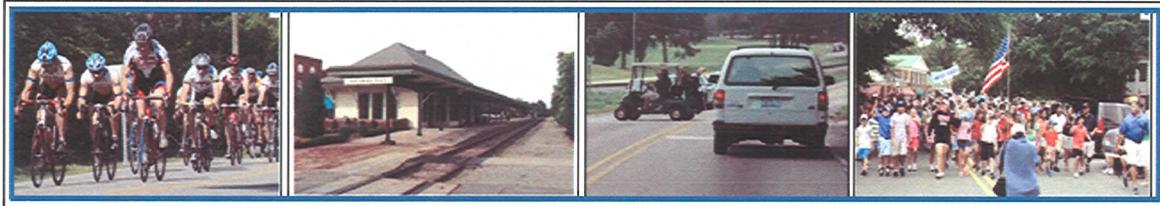


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Dear Moore County Transportation Stakeholders,

A request to re-classify the US 1 Strategic Highway Corridor (SHC) from its current designation as a future freeway facility was received by NCDOT in February of this year. After review by staff, it was determined that there was insufficient information to make a final decision at this time. As such, the Department deferred making a decision until the Moore County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is complete.

The following is an update to address questions about the requested designation and the Moore County CTP.

- **NCDOT understands the controversies and difficult decisions surrounding the development of the CTP.** In recognition of these challenges, NCDOT is carrying out a full analysis using an area-wide travel demand model in combination with other traffic analysis tools to determine what improvements may or may not be needed on the US 1 and other corridors from an operational and safety standpoint -- *including non-freeway facilities*. The process will be carried out as part of the CTP study, and will be directed through the CTP project engineer and collaborated locally.
- **Reclassification of any corridor must be carefully considered to maintain statewide mobility.** NCDOT will soon have three primary tools to monitor, plan, and budget for the state's multimodal transportation system: the North Carolina Multimodal Investment Network (NCMIN), the Statewide Travel Demand Model, and the 2040 Plan. Together, these tools are used to ensure that state, regional and local transportation systems can accommodate future travel demand and reduce impacts through coordinated long-range planning.

The 2040 Plan was adopted by the Board of Transportation in August, 2012. Development of the 2040 Statewide Travel Demand Model and an update to NCMIN are also underway.

- **The Strategic Highway Corridors (SHCs) represent the NCMIN statewide tier of roadways.** One step included in the NCMIN update is validating that the criteria used to designate facility types is appropriate for each corridor. Supporting data and analysis using

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the 2040 Statewide Travel Demand Model, as well as other analysis tools, will determine if the current SHC classifications suitably accommodate projected needs. *The 2040 Statewide Travel Demand Model will also be used to examine how changes to one corridor may impact other corridors. This is a key question to answer regarding the reclassification of the US 1 corridor.*

Since an update to NCMIN is in process, changes to specific corridors are not recommended until the update of NCMIN is complete and any associated changes to specific corridors can be updated under a single, unified effort. Going forward, analysis of the US 1 corridor will take place as part of the CTP study.

- **NCDOT's response to the Moore County reclassification request defers CTP plan development for long-range public transportation and rail, bicycle, pedestrian, and highways projects, but supports the continuance of the CTP study.** Progress on the CTP study will encompass identification of the county's transportation system deficiencies for the study period (2012-20140) and analysis specific to focus area corridors: NC 24/27 through Carthage and Cameron, NC 211 near West End, a Western Connector, and US 1. The origin and destination study, area wide travel demand model, and data collection are all underway. We hope to meet with the MCTC in October to provide additional updates.
- **The November charrette report is under final review with delivery expected to the MCTC in October.** The January charrette report which details the results of the Midway Community Association and Moore County Chapter of the NAACP joint meeting will be delivered to the MCTC and hosting community stakeholders after the October meeting. In addition to documenting the January charrette, supplemental work has also been provided by NCDOT including the addition of another database, technical analysis, and final document preparation. The reports will be posted on the Moore Choices project website after MCTC review. Updates will be provided to the website prior to the October MCTC meeting: <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/moorechoices/>

As always, I look forward to continuing our work together on the development of the CTP and travel demand model for the Moore County area.

Best regards,



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