

AGENDA

*The Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization will meet **Wednesday, January 9, 2007**, at the Market Street Buffet & Bakery. The restaurant is located at 2525 S. York Street (US 321) in Gastonia, NC. The meeting will begin at 12 Noon. The following is the agenda for the meeting:*

1. Election of Officers

2. Set Agenda, Presenter: TCC Chair

The agenda needs to be set to include adding “New” or “Other Business”.

3. Determination of Quorum (51%-seven of thirteen), Presenter: TCC Chair

- a. During the March 12, 1997 TCC meeting, it was discussed that the following five cities, six towns, the County of Gaston, and the NCDOT would be counted to determine if a quorum is present; all other members would be affiliate. This is a total of thirteen votes to be counted against the quorum.
- b. The City of Belmont ____, The City of Bessemer City ____, The Town of Cramerton ____, The Town of Dallas ____, The County of Gaston ____, The City of Gastonia ____, The City of Lowell ____, The Town of McAdenville ____, The City of Mount Holly ____, The Town of Ranlo ____, The Town of Spencer Mountain ____, The Town of Stanley ____, The North Carolina Department of Transportation ____.

4. Approval of Minutes, Presenter: TCC Chair

Review and adopt the minutes from the regularly scheduled meeting of November 14, 2007.

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve as Presented.

5. Introduction of Guests, Presenter: TCC Chair

All guests shall introduce themselves at this time.

6. Public Comment Period, Presenter: TCC Chair

Any public comment will be presented and addressed at this time. Public comment will be kept to a reasonable period of time.

7. “Pennies for Progress” Information and List of Projects from Gaston 2012, Presenter: Bernie Yacobucci, Transportation Planner I

“Gaston Together” has assembled the Gaston 2012 Committee to update an Economic Development Strategy for Gaston County. The Transportation/Infrastructure committee has been discussing alternative ways to bring funding into Gaston County to alleviate the shortage of funding for transportation projects. They have also been discussing which projects should be funded should the alternate funding become available.

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend Approval of endorsement of “Gaston 2012” efforts to the TAC.

8. New Business

9. Other Business

- a) Gaston Urban Area MPO Socio-Economic Data Workgroup Meeting
- b) 21st Century Transportation Committee Meeting – January 16, 2008 (Charlotte)
- c) 2008 MPO Meeting Calendar
- d) Gastonia Express 85-X Ridership Report

10. Adjournment

If you have any additional items or questions regarding this agenda, please do not hesitate to call Hank Graham at 704-854-6663, Bernie Yacobucci at 704-854-6604, or Randi Gates at 704-866-6980. You can also e-mail us at hankg, berniey, or randig@cityofgastonia.com respectively.

**MINUTES
GASTON URBAN AREA
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GUAMPO)
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2008**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Transportation Coordinating Committee (TCC) was held **Wednesday, January 9, 2008**, at the Market Street Buffet and Bakery, 2525 S. York Street, Gastonia, NC.

Members Present:

Ben Blackburn	City of Lowell, City Manager, TCC Chair
Kevin Krouse	City of Bessemer City, Planning Dir., TCC Vice-Chair
Elson Baldwin	City of Belmont, Director of Planning
Danny Jackson	City of Mount Holly, Assistant City Manager
Joe Gates	City of Lowell, Planning Director
Debby Key	City of Gastonia, Director of Fleet Services
Don Lowe	City of Gastonia, Traffic Engineer
Jack Kiser	City of Gastonia, Planning Director
David Williams	Gaston County, Planning & Development Director
Marc Bolick	Gaston EDC, Project Administrator
Anne Wilkes	Gaston County, Assistant Director, Access
Margaret Taylor	Gaston County, Transport Director, Access
Steve Hefner	NCDOT, Assistant Div. Traffic Engineer, Division 12
Shannon Ransom	NCDOT, Gaston MPO Coordinator

Staff present:

Hank Graham	Gaston MPO, Principal Transportation Planner
Randi Gates	Gaston MPO, Transportation Planner I
Bernie Yacobucci	Gaston MPO, Transportation Planner I
Cass Roberts	Gaston MPO, Administrative Assistant III
Kim Wallis	Gaston MPO, Planning & GIS Specialist III

Members with absences in 2008:

Town of McAdenville	(Jan. - 1)
Town of Spencer Mountain	(Jan. - 1)
Town of Ranlo	(Jan. - 1)
Town of Stanley	(Jan. - 1)
Town of Dallas	(Jan. - 1)

1. Election of Officers

Mr. Graham stated that according to the TCC Bylaws, the elections for the TCC Chair and Vice-Chair occur at the first meeting of the year. Mr. Blackburn has served as the TCC Chair for the past year and is eligible to serve another one-year term. Mr. Krouse has served as the TCC Vice-Chair for the past year and is eligible to serve another one-year term.

Mr. Kiser nominated Mr. Blackburn for the TCC Chair and nominated Mr. Krouse for the TCC Vice-Chair for a second term. Mr. Bolick seconded the nomination.

Mr. Blackburn asked for other nominations from the TCC. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Bolick made a motion to close the nominations with Mr. Jackson seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Blackburn stated that there is a motion on the floor from Mr. Kiser and Mr. Bolick to continue with the current TCC Chair and Vice Chair. The TCC voted unanimously in favor of reappointing Mr. Blackburn for a second term as TCC Chair and reappointing Mr. Krouse for a second term as TCC Vice Chair.

2. Set Agenda, Presenter: Ben Blackburn, TCC Chair

Mr. Blackburn asked if there were any new business items or any additions to include in the agenda? There were none.

3. Determination of Quorum, Presenter: Ben Blackburn, TCC Chair

It was determined that there was a quorum present.

4. Approval of Minutes, Presenter: Ben Blackburn, TCC Chair

Mr. Blackburn entertained a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2007 as presented.

Mr. Krouse made a motion to approve the minutes of November 14, 2007 as presented with Mr. Lowe seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Introduction of Guests, Presenter: Ben Blackburn, TCC Chair

Mr. Blackburn asked that guests and others introduce themselves. Mr. Steve Hefner, NCDOT Division 12 Traffic Engineer, stated that he was at the meeting as alternate for Sam Nichols. Mr. Blackburn welcomed Mr. Hefner to the meeting.

6. Public Comment Period, Presenter: Ben Blackburn, TCC Chair

There were no public comments at this time.

7. “Pennies for Progress” Information and List of Projects from Gaston 2012, Presenter: Bernie Yacobucci, Transportation Planner I

Mr. Yacobucci stated that back in 2003, a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Study was completed for Cleveland and Gaston County. From this study, *Gaston Together* was formed which assembled the Gaston 2012 Committee and updated the Economic Development Strategy for Gaston County. As a result, six committees were formed and one of them was the Transportation/Infrastructure Committee which studies alternative ways to bring transportation funding into Gaston County and which projects should be funded when alternate funding become available.

In Transportation/Infrastructure Committee discussions, the York County Capital Projects Program, **Pennies for Progress**, a Sales and Use Tax, has been generating some interest. **Pennies for Progress** was initiated in York County, South Carolina, to provide citizens with safer and more efficient roadway systems. A Sales Tax Commission made up of York County citizens select the roadway projects and the York County voters approve the selected projects. York County is the first county in South Carolina to pass this type of sales tax to improve their road system. Mr. Yacobucci added that ninety-nine cents of every sales tax dollar raised in York County stays in York County for transportation projects.

Mr. Yacobucci pointed out that the Priority Roads List for Gaston County selected by the Transportation/ Infrastructure Action Team is as follows and unless indicated, these projects are on the Unmet Needs List:

1. Titman/Cramerton Road widening/realignment
2. Gastonia/Mt. Holly Connector
3. Union Road widening/relocation
4. Widening Highway 273 (funded 2015)
5. New Hope Road Widening (2 areas)
6. York Road widening (Hudson-Beam)
7. North Dallas Bypass to Highway 279
8. Highway 279 (321 to Cherryville)
9. Extend Hudson Blvd. to Edgewood Road
10. Belmont-Mt. Holly Connector (est. \$57M)
11. Cherryville-Bessemer City Bypass (not on the Unmet Needs List)

Mr. Yacobucci requested that the TCC recommend approval to the TAC of the Resolution to endorse the Gaston 2012 Transportation/Infrastructure Action Team's List of Prioritized Transportation Projects to be funded through Alternative Sources.

Mr. Krouse made a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. New Business

9. Other Business

a. Gaston Urban Area MPO Socio-Economic Data Workgroup Meeting

Mr. Graham stated that staff has completed the county wide total numbers for both population and employment projections. The last base year of 2000 for US Census information was used for the base year population and employment data. Staff is updating the base year to 2005 and has projection numbers for 2005 and 2009 (Air Quality base year). The new horizon years are for 2015, 2025, and 2035. The Long Range Transportation planning effort will be a twenty-five year plan and will project out to the year 2035.

In January 2008, Mr. Graham requested that the TCC look at the project numbers for each of the horizon years by Transportation Analysis Zones (TAZs). Mr. Graham stated that Mr. Yacobucci has already disaggregated the total County numbers down to TAZs and he asked that the TCC look at these numbers with regards to current development applications, the number and status of applications, and whether the TAZs should be shifted in numbers and projections.

It was the consensus of the TCC to meet on Friday, January 25, 2008 at 10:00 am in the Garland Business Center, Gastonia so that the individual TAZ level numbers could be validated.

Mr. Graham stated that there will be a CRAFT Executive meeting on January 31, 2008. The topic will be the 21st Century Committee formed by the Governor. Staff will invite Senator David Hoyle and other regional representatives to this meeting. Other topics for discussion will be the new Air Quality Ozone Regulations, which will impact the MPO detrimentally because the new regulations for Air Quality have higher standards.

b. 21st Century Transportation Committee Meeting

Mr. Graham stated that the Governor has established a 21st Century Committee to look at funding opportunities for transportation projects throughout the state. This Committee usually meets in Raleigh but in January, they will meet in Mecklenburg County on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at 10:30 am in Room 203B in the Charlotte Convention Center. Mr. Graham encouraged TCC members to attend this meeting.

c. 2008 MPO Meeting Calendar

Ms. Gates stated that the TAC voted at their last meeting that the suggested meeting date of November 18, 2008 be changed to November 25, 2008. Gastonia City Council already meets on November 18, 2008 and it was the consensus of the TAC that even though November 25 occurred during Thanksgiving week, it would be a satisfactory date for the TAC meeting. The amended Gaston MPO Monthly Meeting Planner showing this change was included in the agenda package

d. Gastonia Express 85-X Ridership Report

Ms. Gates stated that ridership still continues to increase.

10. Adjournment

There being no other business to discuss, Mr. Blackburn entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Williams seconding the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:02 pm.

Agenda Item # 7

To: TCC Members
From: Bernie Yacobucci, Transportation Planner I
Date: January 9, 2008
Subject: “Pennies for Progress”

Background

During the first part of 2003, a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Study was completed for Cleveland and Gaston County's. Now, “Gaston Together” is in partnership with leaders from all sectors of the community to take the study and turn the vision into reality. Six committees have been formed to oversee the major aspects of the plan. Those are: 1) Transportation and Infrastructure, 2) Entrepreneurial Development, 3) Economic Development, 4) Education of Workforce Development, 5) Marketing and Communications, and 6) Quality of life.

The Transportation/Infrastructure committee was tasked to achieve certain goals including:

- Perform a land use study for each proposed Garden Parkway interchange
- Pursue an interstate designation for the Garden Parkway and US 321 from I-85 to I-40
- Establish funding for a northern extension of the Garden Parkway to NC 16
- Redevelop the US 321/I-85 interchange
- Perform a feasibility study for US 29/74 enhancements

The committee has recently been discussing alternate ways to fund transportation projects within the county. One program they have been looking at is the Pennies for Progress program in York County, South Carolina. Pennies for Progress is the name of the York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Programs. The Pennies for Progress Programs were initiated by York County to provide the citizens with a safer and more efficient roadway system. The projects were chosen by a Sales Tax Commission that represented the citizens of York County and then were approved by the voters in York County. York County was the first county in South Carolina to pass this type of sales tax to improve the road system. A benefit of this tax is ninety-nine cents of every sales tax dollar raised in York County stays in York County.

Staff Recommendation

Recommend Approval of endorsement of “Gaston 2012” efforts to the TAC.

Pennies for Progress Program Overview



www.penniesforprogress.net

Pennies for Progress

Pennies for Progress is the name of the York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Programs. The Pennies for Progress Programs were initiated by York County to provide the citizens with a safer and more efficient roadway system.

The projects were chosen by a Sales Tax Commission that represented the citizens of York County and were then approved by the voters in York County. York County was the first county in South Carolina to pass this type of sales tax to improve the road system. A benefit of this tax is ninety-nine cents of every sales tax dollar raised in York County stays in York County.

York County is currently working on two sales tax programs to improve the road system in the county. The following is general information about the programs:

1997 Pennies for Progress

Referendum Passed: November 1997

Tax Expired: August 2004

Budget: \$185,751,077

Number of Projects: 14

Program Duration: 1998 to 2009

2003 Pennies for Progress

Referendum Passed: November 2003

Tax Expires: No later than August 2011

Budget: \$173,000,000

Number of Projects: 25

Program Duration: 2004 to 2013

It will take approximately eight more years to complete construction on the 1997 and 2003 Pennies for Progress road projects. During this time, information on the projects will be available through the local media (newspapers, radio, television and the website www.penniesforprogress.net) so that citizens can be informed of the progress.



Project No. 001 - SC Highway 5 West

Multi-lane improvements from SC Highway 5 Bypass to the Cherokee County Line.

Project No. 002 - Herlong Avenue and India Hook Road

Multi-lane improvements to India Hook Road from Heathridge Road to Glendale Drive and Herlong Avenue/India Hook Road from Heckle Boulevard to Celanese Road.

Project No. 003 - SC Highway 160

Multi-lane improvements from I-77 to Gold Hill Road.

Project No. 004 - Fort Mill Northern Bypass

Construct new 2-lane road starting from I-77/Gold Hill Road Interchange and proceeding in a southeasterly direction for five miles to SC Highway 160, east of Fort Mill.

Project No. 005 - SC Highway 161

Multi-lane improvements from Newport to York.

Project No. 006 - SC Highway 274

Multi-lane Improvements from SC Highway 49/55 to SC Highway 161.

Project No. 007 - SC Highway 901

Multi-lane improvements from SC Highway 72 to I-77.

Project No. 008 - Saluda Street

Multi-lane Improvements from Boggs Street to Heckle Boulevard.

Project No. 009 - Cherry Road

Multi-lane improvements from York Avenue to Heckle Boulevard.

Project No. 010 - Ebenezer Road

Multi-lane Improvements from Olde Pointe Avenue to Dotson Street..

Project No. 011 - SC Highway 72/Albright Road

Multi-lane improvements from Black Street to Heckle Boulevard.

Project No. 012 - SC Highway 5 Bypass

Multi-lane improvements from SC Highway 5 Business on the east side of York westward to SC Highway 5.

Project No. 013 - SC Highway 5 East

Multi-lane improvements from Montgomery Drive to Cherry Road.

Project No. 014 - School Vicinity Road Improvements

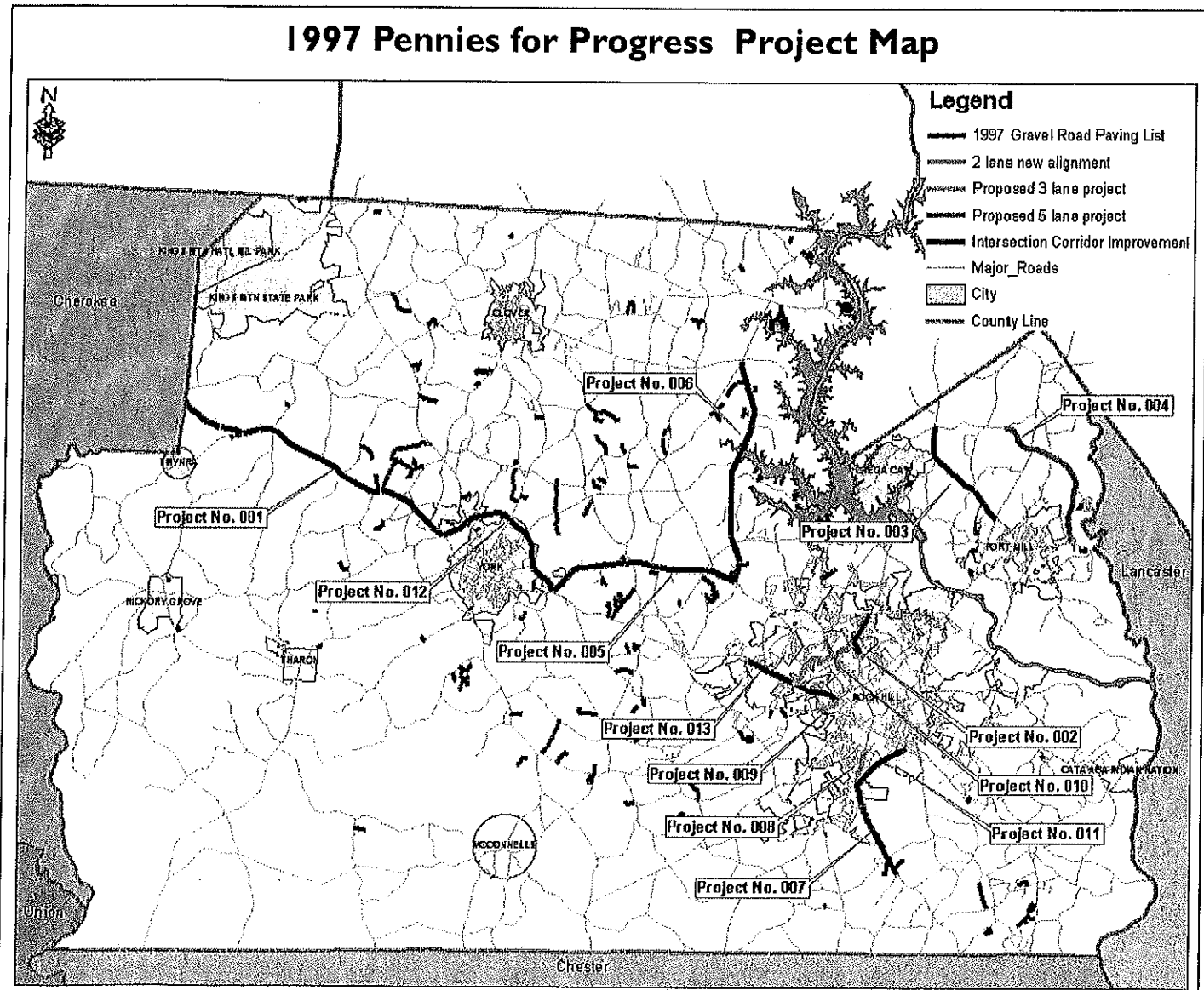
Road improvements and turn lanes for:

- Clover High School
- York Comprehensive High School
- Rock Hill Middle School
- Cotton Belt Elementary School

Project No. 015 - Gravel Roads

Paving gravel roads. For a list of the gravel roads see the website www.penniesforprogress.net.

1997 Pennies for Progress Project Map



Project No. 001 - Mount Gallant Road (Anderson Road to Celanese Road)

Multi-lane improvements from Anderson Road to Celanese Road.

Project No. 002 - Intersection Improvements to the following intersections:

002a SC Highway 5/Reservation Road	002f SC Highway 321/Ferguson Ridge Road/Ridge Road
002b Bird Street/University Drive	002g Porter Road/Firetower Road
002c SC Highway 49/Paraham Road	002h Shiloh Road/SC Highway 5
002d SC Highway 55/Rhyne Road	002i SC Highway 324/Gordon Road/Cameron Road
002e Mount Gallant Road/Paraham Road	002j Rawlinson Road

Project No. 003 - SC Highway 55 East of Clover

Multi-lane and corridor improvements to S.C. Highway 55 east of Clover.

Project No. 004 - Fort Mill Southern Bypass

Construction of a new Fort Mill southern bypass.

Project No. 005 - Highway 49, 211, 97 and Nimitz Road Loop

Intersection and corridor improvements to Highway 49, 211, 97 and Nimitz Road Loop.

Project No. 006 - Tega Cay/Gold Hill Road Connector

Construction of a Tega Cay/Gold Hill Road Connector.

Project No. 007 - Intersection and Corridor Improvements to SC Highway 274:

007a Adnah Church Road/SC Hwy. 161/SC Hwy. 274	007d Falls Road/Robertson Road
007b Adnah Church Road/SC Hwy. 5/Eastview Road	007e Robertson Road/Neely Road
007c Eastview Road/Falls Road	

Project No. 008 - US Highway 21 (End of Cherry Road 5-lane to Sutton Road)

Multi-lane from Interstate 77 to Sutton Road.

Project No. 009 - Improvements and Surfacing Gravel Roads, Group 1

Paving gravel roads, group 1. For a list of the gravel roads see the website www.penniesforprogress.net.

Project No. 010 - White Street Realignment and Railroad Crossing

Multi-lane improvements and realignment of White Street, and railroad crossing improvements.

Project No. 011 - McConnells Highway (Heckle Boulevard to SC Highway 324)

Multi-lane safety improvements from Heckle Boulevard to SC Highway 324.

Project No. 012 - Mount Gallant Road (Dave Lyle Boulevard to Anderson Road)

Multi-lane from Dave Lyle Boulevard to Anderson Road.

Project No. 013 - SC Highway 557 (Kingsburry Road to SC Highway 49)

Multi-lane from Kingsburry Road to SC Highway 49.

Project No. 014 - Ebinport Road (Cherry Road to India Hook Road)

Multi-lane from Cherry Road to India Hook Road.

Project No. 015 - SC Highway 160 (Springfield Parkway to Lancaster County Line)

Multi-lane from Springfield Parkway to Lancaster County Line.

Project No. 016 - Riverview Road (Eden Terrace to SC Highway 161)

Intersection and corridor improvements from Eden Terrace to SC Highway 161.

Project No. 017 - SC Highway 72 (SC Highway 901 to Rambo Road)

Multi-lane from SC Highway 901 to Rambo Road.

Project No. 018 - Improvements and Surfacing Gravel Roads, Group 2

Paving gravel roads, group 2. For a list of the gravel roads see the website www.penniesforprogress.net.

Project No. 019 - Mount Gallant Road (Celanese Road to Twin Lakes Road)

Multi-lane from Celanese Road to Twin Lakes Road.

Project No. 020 - SC Highway 274/279 (Pole Branch Road)
 Multi-lane improvements to SC Highway 274/279 (Pole Branch Road).

Project No. 021 - Ebenezer Road (Frank Gaston Boulevard to SC Highway 161)
 Multi-lane from Frank Gaston Road to SC Highway 161.

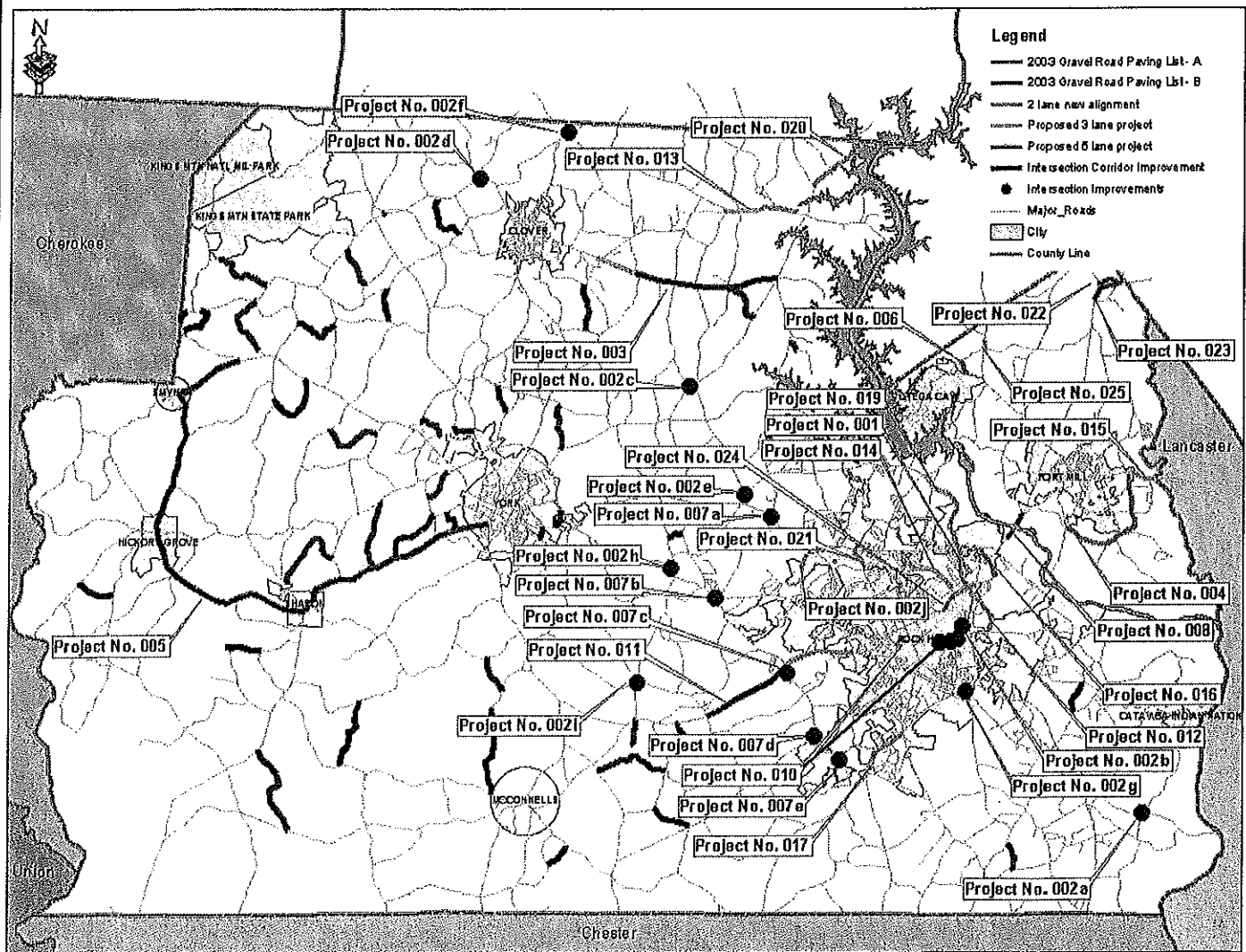
Project No. 022 - Springhill Farm Road (SC Highway 51 to US Highway 21)
 Multi-lane improvements to Springhill Farm Road from SC Highway 51 to US Highway 21.

Project No. 023 - SC Highway 51 (US Highway 21 to the North Carolina State Line)
 Multi-lane from US Highway 21 to the North Carolina State Line.

Project No. 024 - Eden Terrace (Bradley Street to Anderson Road)
 Multi-lane from Bradley Street to Anderson Road.

Project No. 025 - Highway 160 (Gold Hill Road to Zoar Road)
 Multi-lane from Gold Hill Road to Zoar Road.

2003 Pennies for Progress Project Map



Sales Tax Information

History of the Sales Tax

In 1997 York County proposed a local option sales tax to improve roads throughout the County. To preserve the quality of life in York County, it is imperative that safe and efficient roadways also exist on the State System. Therefore, the County Council decided to present the Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax to the citizens of York County to provide the necessary funds to accelerate State projects in our County.

Sales Tax Commission

By implementing the Capital Project Sales and Use Tax Programs, the County has improved safety, reduced congestion, and provided for future growth. To develop the Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Program, the County appointed a Sales Tax Commission made up of representatives from all areas of the County. The citizen's commission made up of residents from Clover/Lake Wylie, Fort Mill/Tega Cay, Rock Hill and York developed the proposed list of projects. The charge of the commission was to identify and prioritize the roads to be improved.

The Commission took project requests from the citizens and compiled a list of projects that would be beneficial to all citizens of York County that could be accomplished in the projected tax collection budget. Once the list of projects was selected by the Sales Tax Commission, the voters were presented with this program and a referendum was held in November 1997.

1997 Pennies for Progress

The first Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Program also known as the 1997 Pennies for Progress Program consisted of 14 projects and was approved by the voters in 1997. The program original budget of \$99.255 million was funded by the sales tax. The County has been able to acquire additional funds to finish these projects which have cost more than the original estimates due to rising costs of construction. These additional funds included State and Federal funds that would not have been available to York County without the 1997 Pennies for Progress Program.

York County was the first to pass this type of tax in South Carolina. Because of the vision of the County Council, York County has also been able to leverage additional millions from the State Infrastructure Bank for other projects that benefit

York County citizens including widening I-77, the improvements to the Hwy 161/US 21 Interchange, the SC 5 Extension in Cherokee County, and Dave Lyle Boulevard. These improvements help facilitate movement from I-85 to I-77 through York County.

2003 Pennies for Progress

The second Capital Sales and Use Tax Program was passed by the voters by 73% in 2003. The program also known as the 2003 Pennies for Progress Program consists of 25 projects with a budget of \$173 million. The tax collections for the 2003 Program began after the maximum amount for the 1997 Program was collected. The 2003 Program was a continuation of the 1997 Program not in addition to the 1997 Program.

Tax Collection

The tax can be collected until the amount listed in the referendum is reached, or at the end of seven years, whichever comes first. There are two trigger points that will result in the sales tax ending. The referendum states a total project cost or a maximum duration of seven years. Once the project cost as stated in the referendum is reached, it will trigger the ending of the tax, even if it takes less than seven years. The second trigger is the time – the tax collections must end at the end of seven years, regardless of whether or not the project cost as stated in the referendum has been received.

Should enough money be collected to complete the projects listed before the end of the seven year period, the Capital Projects Sales Tax will end. In any case, the Capital Projects Sales Tax will end in seven years. The projects listed are in priority order. Any work not funded at the end of seven years would not be done unless additional non-sales tax revenues could be identified.

Anyone purchasing goods in York County will help fund the road work. A significant portion of the money will come from people who live outside York County. People from other places who visit, work or purchase goods and services in York County will help to contribute money to our roads through the tax. Had neither of the Pennies for Progress Programs been passed many of these projects would probably not have been completed in the foreseeable future.

Phases of a Project

York County Council selected Capital Management & Engineering (CME) to manage the road improvement projects making up the Pennies for Progress Programs. CME will oversee all aspects of both programs, including the four phases described below. These steps have to be taken on each and every road project.

Overall Program

CME is managing the financial aspects and the schedule for both the 1997 and 2003 Pennies for Progress Programs. CME has prepared a schedule for each program by projecting the cash flow. The cash flow for each program is based on projected tax collections versus projected project expenses.

The following is a description of each phase of work:

Planning

The first step of the planning effort is to conduct an environmental study of each project and determine if there are any major environmental issues along the planned improvements. Examples of these issues may include historic structures, wetlands or endangered plants. On some projects, a planning document will be required due to significant environmental impacts and Federal requirements. The projects that do not require these planning documents will go directly to the design phase.

Public involvement is an important component of the planning process. The goal of the program is to give the public an opportunity to have input into each project. One of these opportunities is public meetings which will be held on each project. Information about these meetings can be found on the website www.penniesforprogress.net.

Design

Conceptual designs must be developed for each project. This initial design will determine where lanes may be added, roadways shifted, new structures required, etc. These plans will be reviewed and revised as more accurate information is gathered and the conceptual design phase moves to the preliminary design phase of the work. An opportunity for public input will be provided for each individual project whether there are major or minor impacts to the properties involved. This input will be factored into the planning and design efforts for the project. Once the preliminary design is completed, the design will then progress to the development of right of way plans. These plans will show

the limits of construction and the proposed right of way limits.

Right of Way Acquisition

Right of way acquisition is the process of acquiring property by determining the fair market value of property required for the road improvement, and providing compensation to the property owner. Only when engineers have progressed to the right of way plan stage can specific determinations be made with respect to impacts and encroachments on particular properties. When the right of way plans are complete, the right of way acquisition effort will commence while the final construction documents are prepared for bidding.

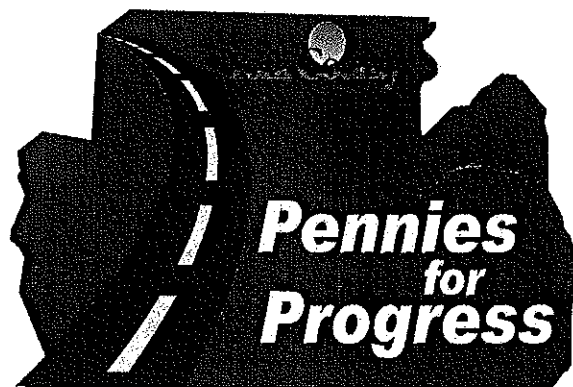
Citizens are asked to donate the necessary property to the County. Before a gravel road can be paved, the County must be in receipt of all of the necessary rights of way.

Construction

Once all necessary rights of way have been acquired and the final construction documents are completed, the projects will be bid for construction. Once construction bids have been received, they are evaluated by a review committee, and a recommendation is made to the York County Council for consideration. Once the County Council approves a construction bid, work may begin on the project.

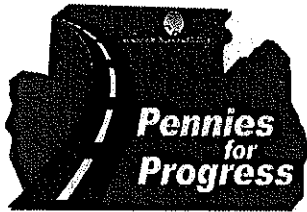
For the status of individual projects, go to the website www.penniesforprogress.net.

In addition, if you have questions regarding any of the projects, please call Capital Management & Engineering at (803) 980-2263.

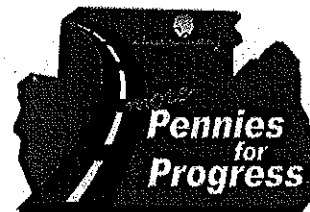


Public Involvement

The York County Council approved a public involvement plan for both the 1997 and 2003 York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Programs. The County Council is committed to ensuring that York County citizens are kept informed about the progress of the projects in the 1997 and 2003 Programs and have adequate opportunities to provide comments or inquire about the program. The Public Involvement Plan recommends a variety of outreach techniques, including informational workshops, newsletters, and development of this website. To ensure that informational materials relating to the Program are immediately identifiable, the Council adopted a slogan and logo for the 1997 York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Program: *Pennies for Progress* and the 2003 York County Capital Projects Sales and Use Tax Program: *More Pennies for Progress*. These slogans and the logos will be seen on road signs, reports, newsletters, and all other Program publications.



1997 Pennies for Progress Program



2003 Pennies for Progress Program

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**Gaston 2012
Transportation/Infrastructure Action Team
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RESOLUTION OF THE GASTON URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) SUPPORTING THE GASTON 2012 TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE ACTION TEAM'S LIST OF PRIORITIZED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE SOURCES

WHEREAS, the Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC), and Staff, by memorandum of understanding and general policy, support transportation projects throughout the MPO region; and

WHEREAS, the Gaston 2012 Transportation/Infrastructure Action Team is comprised of local officials, business representatives, and the Chamber of Commerce seeking to improve the economic competitiveness of Gaston County; and

WHEREAS, the Gaston Urban Area MPO staff and TAC Chair has participated in and played an active role within the Gaston 2012 Transportation/Infrastructure Action Team; and

WHEREAS, the Gaston 2012 Transportation/Infrastructure Action Team is exploring alternate funding strategies to fund selected transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, the transportation projects selected by the Gaston 2012 Transportation/Infrastructure Action Team mirror the transportation goals for the region established by the MPO; and

WHEREAS, should the selected transportation projects receive funding, it would permit the removal of said projects from the MPO's Unmet Needs List;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, that the MPO supports the Gaston 2012 Transportation/Infrastructure Action Team's Priority Roads list (attachment) to be funded through alternative sources.

Jim Long, Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee
Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

ATTESTED:

James H. Graham, Jr. AICP, Principal Transportation Planner
Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

Resolution adopted upon a motion of _____, seconded by _____, by a vote of the majority of the Gaston Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee.

North Carolina
Gaston County

I, **Cathleen L. Roberts**, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **Jim Long** personally appeared before me on this the 22nd day of January 2008, and acknowledge the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 22nd day of January 2008.

Cathleen L. Roberts
Notary Public



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To: TCC Members
From: James H. Graham, Jr., AICP, Principal Transportation Planner
Date: January 9, 2008
Subject: Gaston Urban Area MPO Socio-Economic Data Workgroup Meeting

Background

Gaston MPO staff have estimated total Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) population and employment projections. It is necessary at this time to discuss and refine these projections to the Transportation Analysis Zone (TAZ) level. A meeting of planners and managers is necessary to determine which areas of the county are growing.

Staff Recommendation

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To: TCC Members
From: Randi Gates, Transportation Planner I
Date: January 9, 2008
Subject: 21st Century Transportation Committee Meeting

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the 21st. Century Transportation Committee
FROM: Chairman Brad Wilson
SUBJECT: 21st Century Transportation Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting of the 21st Century Transportation Committee on **Wednesday, January 16 2008** at 10:30 am in Room 203-B of the Charlotte Convention Center, Charlotte, NC.

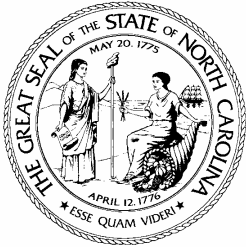
Please advise Mr. Larry Goode at (919) 301-1589 or email larryg@ncleg.net [<mailto:larryg@ncleg.net>](mailto:larryg@ncleg.net) if you will be unable to attend.

Staff Recommendation

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**21st Century Transportation Committee
Agenda
January 16, 2008
10:30 AM
Room 203B
Charlotte Convention Center**

Welcome	Brad Wilson
Welcome to Charlotte	The Honorable Pat McCrory, Mayor, City of Charlotte
Regional Demographics	Jeff Michael, Executive Director The Urban Institute UNC Charlotte
Regional Roads Committee Report	Bob Morgan, President Charlotte Chamber Allen Tate, Chairman Regional Roads Committee
Urban Congestion/City of Charlotte	Jim Humphries, Former Director Charlotte DOT
NC Railroad	Scott Saylor President NC Railroad
NCDOT Transit and Rail State Perspective	Roberto Canales Deputy Secretary NCDOT
AAA	Dave Parsons President AAA Carolinas
NCDOT Transportation	Susan Coward Deputy Secretary Mark Foster CFO
Committee Reports	
Finance	Intermodal
Intergovernmental	Prioritization
Charlotte Public Transportation	Keith Parker, CEO, Charlotte Area Transit



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Gov. Easley, Sen. Basnight, and Speaker Hackney Appoint 21st Century Transportation Committee Members

Raleigh – Governor Mike Easley, Senate President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight, and House Speaker Joe Hackney today announced the members of a blue-ribbon committee to examine the condition and needs of North Carolina's transportation system and make recommendations to the General Assembly.

The 21st Century Transportation Committee is a cross-section of 24 elected officials, transportation and engineering experts, business leaders and citizens who will make a preliminary report to the General Assembly by May 1, 2008, and a final report by the end of next year.

"I appreciate the willingness of these North Carolinians to serve on this important committee," said Easley. "Their combined knowledge, talent and commitment to North Carolina will ensure that the transportation system is examined thoroughly and that thoughtful, creative solutions to the challenges our growing state faces are found"

Senator Basnight said: "North Carolina's strong economy has resulted in rapid growth that has strained our transportation system. It is my hope that this committee will thoroughly examine our needs both in rural and urban areas and propose innovative solutions. An objective study with input from many points of view is the best way to build a consensus and address our needs so that our great state continues to prosper."

Speaker Hackney said: "There is no doubt this state has transportation needs, but before we can approach those needs in a comprehensive way we need to better understand what they are. A careful, independent analysis will allow us to make sure we are moving ahead efficiently and spending taxpayer money in the best way possible. This committee will provide that important independent voice and help this state prepare its infrastructure for the years ahead."

The 21st Century Transportation Committee will study:

- Ways to improve the transportation systems of the State in order to promote economic growth and ensure that the State can compete and participate in the global economy.
- Innovative methods to fund the transportation needs of the State, including an examination of traditional and nontraditional methods of financing transportation infrastructure.
- Priorities of the Department of Transportation, including methods to ensure adequate funding for corridors and projects of statewide significance.
- Methods to use new and innovative technology to improve the transportation system.
- Options for local transportation funding.

- Ways to adequately fund road construction to address urban congestion and to improve mobility.
- Methods to spend transportation funds in the most effective and cost efficient manner, including ways to use recycled materials, and reuse and recycle road materials.
- Ways to ensure the continued safety of the current transportation system, including an analysis of the safety and reliability of bridges in the State.
- The appropriate division of responsibility for transportation infrastructure between State and local government and any federal role in providing transportation infrastructure needs.
- The role of ports, airports, mass transit, rail, and pedestrian and cycling access in providing the transportation needs of the State.
- Public transportation needs in urban areas.
- Methods to encourage fuel conservation and energy conservation in North Carolina.

The following individuals were appointed to the Committee:

Appointees Recommended by the Governor:

Chair:

Mr. Brad Wilson, Chief Operating Officer of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC and member (past Chair) of UNC Board of Governors, Chair, Wake County

The Honorable Terry Bellamy, Mayor of Asheville, Buncombe County

The Honorable Sam Hunt, former NC Transportation Secretary, Alamance County

The Honorable Allen Joines, Mayor of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County

Mr. Gregory Plemmons, Vice President of Old Dominion Global, Guilford County

Mr. Charles F. Bowman, Principal Compliance Executive for Bank of America, Mecklenburg County

The Honorable Chuck McGrady, County Commissioner, Henderson County

Mr. D. Jordan "Jordy" Whichard, III, Publisher of Cox NC Publications and Chair of NC Economic Development Board, Pitt County

President Pro Tempore Appointments

Senator David Hoyle, Gaston County

Senator Clark Jenkins, Edgecombe County

Senator Richard Stevens, Wake County

Dr. Joseph Monroe, Dean of the College of Engineering, NC A&T State University, Guilford County

Mr. Lanny Wilson, North Carolina Board of Transportation Member, New Hanover County

Mr. Billy Sewell, President of Platinum Corral, Onslow County

Mr. Stephen Zelnak, Jr., CEO of Martin Marietta, Wake County

The Honorable Richard Blackburn, County Commissioner, Ashe County

Speaker of the House Appointments

Representative Nelson Cole, Rockingham County

Representative Becky Carney, Mecklenburg County

Representative Lorene Coates, Rowan County

Representative Phillip Frye, Mitchell County

Representative William C. "Bill" McGee, Forsyth County

Representative William L. Wainwright, Craven County

The Honorable George W. Miller, Jr., former Representative, Durham County

Ms. Nina Szlosberg, Owner of Napro Communications, North Carolina Board of Transportation Member, Wake County



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To: TCC Members
From: Randi Gates, Transportation Planner I
Date: January 9, 2008
Subject: 2008 MPO Meeting Calendar

Background

Please make note of 2008 meeting dates and times.

Staff Recommendation

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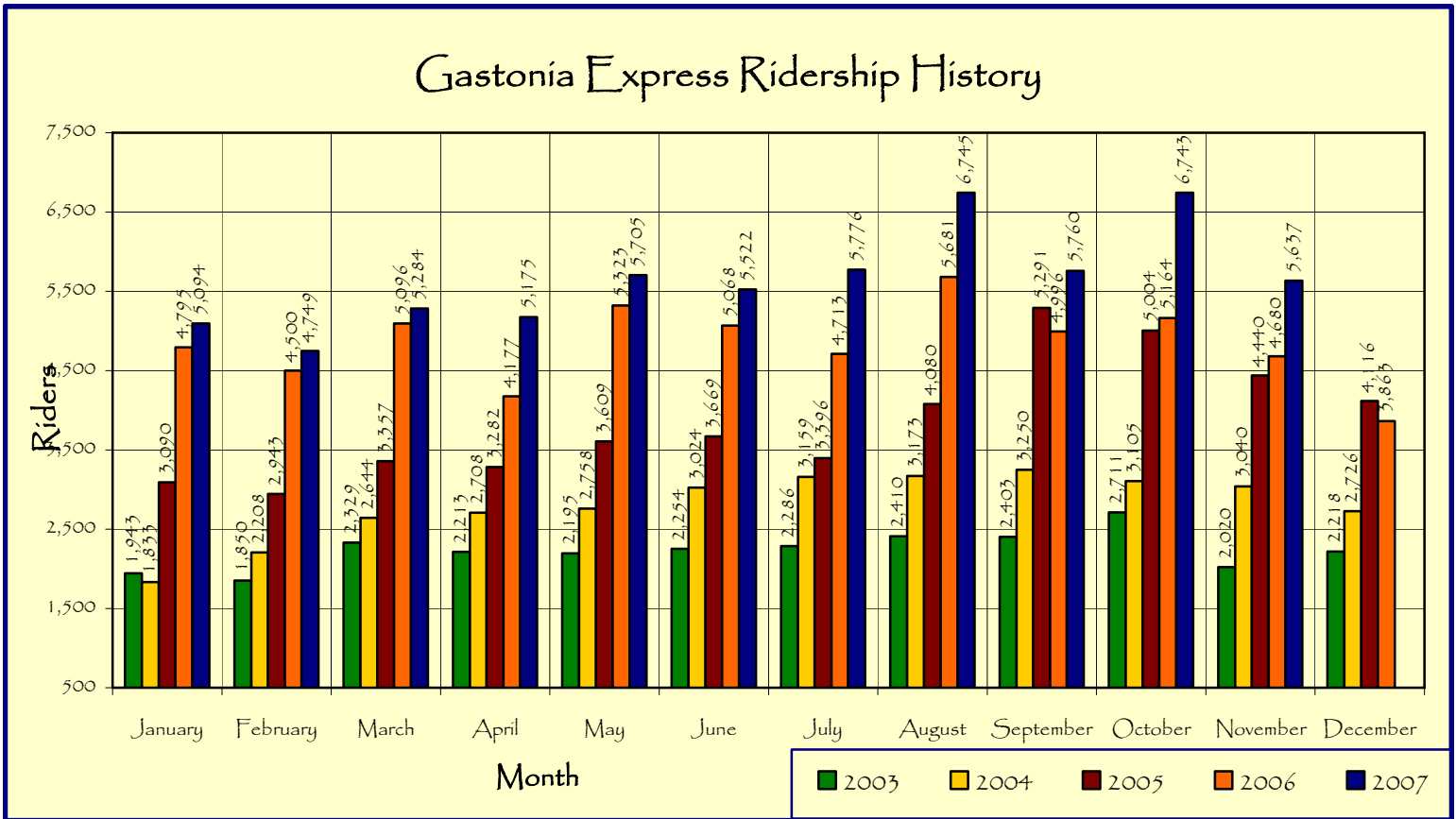
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Other Business d)

To: TCC Members
From: Randi Gates, Transportation Planner I
Date: January 9, 2008
Subject: Gastonia Express 85-X Ridership Report

Background

MPO staff receives ridership totals for the Gastonia Express 85X bus service on a month-by-month basis.



Staff Recommendation

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