



## Town of Pittsboro, North Carolina

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Department of Planning  
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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Board of Commissioners  
Bryan Gruesbeck, Town Manager

FROM: Stuart W. Bass, Planning Director

SUBJECT: Consideration of NCDOT SPOT 3.0  
Recommended Ranked Projects List

DATE: October 22, 2013

#### Acronyms

**RPO** – Rural Planning Organization

**SPOT** – NCDOT Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation (responsible for coordinating project prioritization process and development of STIP)

**STIP** – Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (document showing projects planned for funding within next 6-7 years, developed by NCDOT)

**TAC** – Transportation Advisory Committee (policy board of RPO)

**TARPO** – Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization

**TCC** – Technical Coordinating Committee (technical staff committee of RPO)

#### Background

The General Assembly passed a new “Strategic Transportation Investments” law in June, and this law will have an impact on the process for submitting and scoring projects as part of the upcoming SPOT 3.0. The Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO) will be required to submit project lists for scoring consideration in January 2014.

As a result, the Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization, of which Pittsboro is a member, has asked each of its member jurisdictions to work with the other jurisdictions within that county and develop a unified countywide list of transportation priorities.

This list should include projects from all modes of transportation (highway, bicycle, pedestrian, aviation, rail, transit, and ferry) and should rank the top twenty projects in order. Additional unranked projects may also be considered, subject to limitations on the overall number of projects TARPO is

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permitted to submit to NCDOT, but only the top twenty projects should be ranked. The project list should also note any projects that have been carried over from previous project lists (2008 and 2011) that should be modified or removed.

After TARPO inputs the new projects in January, NCDOT will take the next three months to score the projects and program the ones that are funded in the “statewide” pot (since that does not use any local input points). At the end of April or beginning of May, NCDOT should provide us with results of that scoring and we will then have three months to enter our “local input points” on projects.

When TARPO staff receives the quantitative scores from NCDOT in May, we will follow our local point assignment process to develop a recommendation on the assignment of these local points (this is where the county level rankings are used). The TCC and TAC will then consider those recommendations and make any changes to them at the June 2014 meetings. We should find out what projects receive funding in the Draft STIP sometime around December 2014.

Staff from the Town of Siler City, Town of Pittsboro, Chatham County, and TARPO worked together to develop the attached draft project list that is being presented to the governing board of each jurisdiction for adoption. The Chatham County Transportation Advisory Committee approved the attached list during their last regular meeting in September. The Chatham County Board of Commissioners, the Towns of Siler City and Goldston have all approved the list for submission.

### **Recommendation**

Receive presentation and approve attached draft SPOT 3.0 transportation priority list.