



# Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization

## Joint TAC & TCC Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 2019, 2:00 PM

Western Piedmont COG Offices

1880 2nd Ave NW Long View NC

| Agenda Item   | Presenter                         | Attachment                     | Action               |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Call to Order / Ethics Awareness / Introductions                          | Bruce Eckard                      |                                |                      |
| Minutes of June 26 2019, Joint Meeting                                    | Bruce Eckard                      | <a href="#">Attachment I</a>   | Approval by TCC, TAC |
| Local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)<br>FY 2018-27 Amendment    | Brian Horton,<br>Camille Sterling | <a href="#">Attachment II</a>  | Adoption by TCC, TAC |
| Local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)<br>FY 2018-27 Modification | Brian Horton,<br>John Marshall    | <a href="#">Attachment III</a> | Adoption by TCC, TAC |
| Prioritization 6.0 Schedule   | Brian Horton                      | <a href="#">Attachment IV</a>  | Information Item     |
| NCDOT Updates   |                                   |                                |                      |
| Board of Transportation   | John Pope                         |                                |                      |
| Division 11   | Mike Pettyjohn                    |                                |                      |
| Division 12   | Mark Stafford                     |                                |                      |
| Division 13   | Mark Gibbs                        |                                |                      |
| Transportation Planning Division  | Pam Cook                          |                                |                      |
| Public Comment / Announcements  | Bruce Eckard                      |                                |                      |
| Adjournment   |                                   |                                |                      |
| Next Meeting: September 25, 2019  | Bruce Eckard                      |                                |                      |

**Reminder:** In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every TAC or TCC member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any TAC or TCC member have any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the TAC or TCC today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the matter involved.



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**MINUTES**

**GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GHMPO)  
METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
GREATER HICKORY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (GHMPO)  
METROPOLITAN TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)**

WEDNESDAY, June 26, 2019 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

WESTERN PIEDMONT COG OFFICES  
1880 2<sup>ND</sup> AVENUE NW, HICKORY NC

| Present                                |            |                     | Absent  |            |                     |          |
|--|------------|---------------------|---|------------|---------------------|----------|
| Last Name                              | First Name | Representing - MTAC | Last Name   | First Name | Representing - MTAC | Status*  |
| Beatty                                 | Barbara    | Catawba County      | Pope  | John       | NCDOT               |          |
| Eckard                                 | Bruce      | Conover             | Guess   | Hank       | City of Hickory     |          |
| Greer                                  | Jon        | Hudson              | Hodge   | Jerry      | Newton              |          |
| Morrow                                 | Les        | Claremont           | Robinson  | Donald     | Catawba (Town)      |          |
| Sterling                               | Camille    | WPRTA               | Kirby   | Joe        | Rhodhiss            |          |
| Townsend                               | Martin     | Granite Falls       | McGregor  | Bill       | Town of Brookford   |          |
| Yoder                                  | Larry      | Alexander County    | Branch  | Jeff       | Caldwell County     |          |
| Stevenson                              | Susan      | Valdese             | VanHorn   | Thurman    | Long View           |          |
| Midgett                                | Marcus     | Maiden              | Lail  | Brad       | Hickory             | Inactive |
| Taylor                                 | Maynard    | Burke County        | Turner  | Carroll    | Connelly Springs    | Inactive |
| Eubanks                                | Jackie     | Catawba County      | Annas   | Wayne      | Rutherford College  | Inactive |
| Yount                                  | Terry      | Drexel              | York  | Jody       | Hildebran           | Inactive |
| Zagaroli                               | David      | Hickory             | Laney   | Patrick    | Catawba             | Inactive |
| Timberlake                             | Chris      | Catawba County      | Elliott   | Edd        | Taylorsville        | Inactive |
| Cato                                   | Wendy      | Morganton           |   |            |                     |          |
| Thomas                                 | Crissy     | Lenoir              |   |            |                     |          |
|  |            |                     | VACANT  |            | Cajah's Mountain    | Inactive |
|  |            |                     | VACANT  |            | Cedar Rock          | Inactive |
|  |            |                     | VACANT  |            | Gamewell            | Inactive |
|  |            |                     | VACANT  |            | Glen Alpine         | Inactive |
|  |            |                     | VACANT  |            | Sawmills            | Inactive |
| PRESENT-MTCC                           |            |                     | ABSENT-MTCC   |            |                     |          |
| Jon Pilkenton – Alexander County       |            |                     | Christopher Todd – Town of Sawmills                   |            |                     |          |
| Chuck Mullis – Town of Long View       |            |                     | George Robinson – Village of Cedar Rock               |            |                     |          |
| Chelsey Brooks – City of Hickory       |            |                     | Bryan Steen - Burke County                            |            |                     |          |
| Alan Glines – City of Conover          |            |                     | Mary Carter – Town of Gamewell                        |            |                     |          |
| Randy Williams – City of Newton        |            |                     | Blake Wright – Town of Maiden                         |            |                     |          |
| Phillip Lookadoo – City of Morganton   |            |                     | Kenneth B. Geathers, Jr. – Town of Rutherford College |            |                     |          |
| Blake Wright - Maiden                  |            |                     | Rebecca Bentley – Town of Hudson                      |            |                     |          |
| Marcus Midgett – Maiden                |            |                     | Scott Carpenter – Burke County                        |            |                     |          |
| Greg Wilson – Town of Granite Falls    |            |                     | Seth Eckard – Town of Valdese                         |            |                     |          |
| Donald Duncan – City of Conover        |            |                     | Sherri Bradshaw – Town of Drexel                      |            |                     |          |
| Jacky Eubanks – Catawba County         |            |                     | Todd Clark – City of Newton                           |            |                     |          |
| Stan Kiser – Caldwell County           |            |                     | Steve Miller – City of Hickory                        |            |                     |          |
| Russell Greene – Alexander County      |            |                     | Mick Berry – Catawba County                           |            |                     |          |
| Jerry Church – Town of Granite Falls   |            |                     | John Marshall- City of Hickory                        |            |                     |          |
| Rick French – Alexander County         |            |                     | Jeff Blalock - WPRTA                                  |            |                     |          |
| Logan Shook – Town of Cajah's Mountain |            |                     | Leah Martin – City of Claremont                       |            |                     |          |
| Jenny Wheelock – City of Lenoir        |            |                     | Russell Greene – Alexander County                     |            |                     |          |
|  |            |                     | VACANT – Town of Rhodhiss                             |            |                     |          |
|  |            |                     | VACANT – Town of Hildebran                            |            |                     |          |
|  |            |                     | VACANT – Town of Brookford                            |            |                     |          |
|  |            |                     | VACANT – Town of Connelly Springs                     |            |                     |          |
|  |            |                     | VACANT – Town of Glen Alpine                          |            |                     |          |
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| <b>WPCOG, NCDOT &amp; FHWA Staff</b> | <b>GUESTS</b>                    |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Brian Horton – WPCOG                 | Ed Neill, Neill Incorporated     |
| Averi Ritchie - WPCOG                | Eric Yargain, Neill Incorporated |
| Duncan Cavanaugh - WPCOG             | Jonathan Guy, Kimberly Horn      |
| Lori Dixon – WPCOG                   | Scott Millar, Catawba County EDC |
| Sean Sizemore – NCDOT Div. 11        |                                  |
| Dean Ledbetter – NCDOT Div. 12       |                                  |
| Jason Butler – NCDOT Div. 13         |                                  |
| Pam Cook – NCDOT TPD                 |                                  |

**Call to Order and Introductions** – TAC Chair Bruce Eckard called the meeting to order and welcomed all present at 2:04 PM. Mr. Eckard requested that introductions be made by all present. Question about multiple NCDOT staff being absent was answered as having conflicts with a uniquely scheduled Board of Transportation meeting in Raleigh. Mr. Eckard thanked everyone for their time and explained the items in the packet.

**Action Items:**

- I. **Approval of Minutes (Attachment I)** – Mr. Eckard asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for the May 22, 2019. From the TCC, Mr. Duncan offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Eubanks. The motion was unanimously approved. From the TAC, Mr. Townsend offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Morrow. The motion was unanimously approved by the TAC.
- II. **Title VI Plan Update** – Ms. Richie gave an update on the Title VI Program Plan. The Plan designates Mr. Horton as Title VI Coordinator for the GHMPO. Ms. Avery explained the only changes since January were formatting. Mr. Eckard asked for any questions or comments. Mr. Horton presented a resolution adopting the updated Plan. Mr. Eckard asked for a motion to adopt by resolution. From the TCC, Mr. Lookadoo offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Duncan. The motion was unanimously approved by the TCC. From the TAC, Ms. Cato offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Maynard. The motion was unanimously approved by the TAC.
- III. **FY 2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** – Mr. Horton explained the increase of PL funding as reason for amending the UPWP for the approaching Fiscal Year (2019-2020). To offset this increase, GHMPO will forgo Statewide Planning Research (SPR) funds until the following Fiscal Year (2020-2021). The difference between the two still increases the UPWP budget, the difference in which the COG will locally match from its reserves. As such, local governments will not need to further increase their MPO assessments. Like the prior UPWP adopted in February, this amended UPWP devotes the increased funding to program areas of mapping, data collection, data analysis, and public involvement. Mr. Eckard asked for a motion to adopt the amendment. From the TCC, Ms. Eubanks offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Duncan. The motion was unanimously approved by the TCC. From the TAC, Mr. Morrow offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Thomas. The motion was unanimously approved by the TAC.
- IV. **CMAQ Project Endorsement** – Mr. Horton shared how this transit application to acquire four new replacement buses in Catawba County would free up the LAPP funding for two buses previously adopted. The new CMAQ application is one of several strategies to address the upcoming Federal Rescission of CMAQ funding. Mr. Duncan shared his appreciation for the various strategies developed by GHMPO staff. Mr. Eckard asked for a motion to endorse by resolution. From the TCC, Mr. Duncan offered a motion, seconded by Lookadoo. The motion was unanimously approved by the TCC. From the TAC, Mr. Maynard offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Beatty. The motion was unanimously approved by the TAC.

- V. Local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY2018-27 Amendment** – Mr. Horton explained how the TIP would need to be amended to support the CMAQ application just endorsed in the prior agenda item. Mr. Horton noted that, if the joint TCC and TAC agreed, the TIP amendment would be back before them next month, following release for public comment. Mr. Eckard asked if both the TCC and TAC consented to release the TIP amendment for public comment, to which there was full consent.
- VI. Local Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) FY2018-27 Modification**– Mr. Horton shared how right-of-way costs would increase for project C-5196. Ms. Beatty asked where the project was location. Mr. Horton replied on Sandy Ridge Rd in northeast Hickory. Mr. Eckard asked for a motion to adopt the modification. From the TCC, Mr. Taylor offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Duncan. The motion was unanimously approved by the TCC. From the TAC, Mr. Maynard offered a motion, seconded by Ms. Beatty. The motion was unanimously approved by the TAC.
- VII. NCDOT Update** - NCDOT presented the following updates:
- Board of Transportation* – Mr. Pope was absent, due to the BOT meeting conflict
  - *Division 11* – Had no updates
  - *Division 12* – Mr. Jordan gave an update road closures and re-opened roads due to excessive rains.
  - *Division 13* – Mr. Butler gave an update on I-40 rehabilitation in Burke County
  - *NCDOT-TPD* – Ms. Cook shared highlights from her monthly newsletter
- VII. Added public comments or announcements:**  
Ed Neill with Neill Inc. had concerns regarding the current flow of traffic on Startown Road along and near the Community College. Mr. Neill introduced Jonathan Guy. Mr. Guy presented some slides and referenced that area intersections had exceeded the studied volumes.
- Adjournment** – As there was no other business, Mr. Eckard thanked our guests and adjourned the meeting at 3:05 PM. The next meeting will be held on July 24, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Bruce Eckard, MPO/TAC Chairman

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Brian Horton, TAC Secretary



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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FY 2018-2027**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the following amendments have been proposed for the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Four replacement buses for WPRTA in 2019

- \$1,440,000 in CMAQ
- \$360,000 in local match (WPRTA capital reserves)

**WHEREAS**, the MPO certifies that these TIP amendments are consistent with the intent of the adopted 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP);

**NOW THEREFORE be it resolved**, by the Greater Hickory MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) that the TIP FY 2018-2027 be amended as listed above on this, the 24th day of July, 2018.

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Bruce Eckard  
Greater Hickory MPO TAC Chair

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**RESOLUTION ADOPTING MODIFICATIONS TO THE  
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FY 2018-2027**

A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the following modification has been proposed for the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP):

Modify programmed year of construction from 2019 to 2020 for EB-5808

**WHEREAS**, the MPO certifies that this TIP modification is consistent with the intent of the adopted 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP);

**NOW THEREFORE be it resolved**, by the Greater Hickory MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) that the TIP FY 2018-2027 be modified as listed above on this, the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2019.

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Bruce Eckard  
Greater Hickory MPO TAC Chair

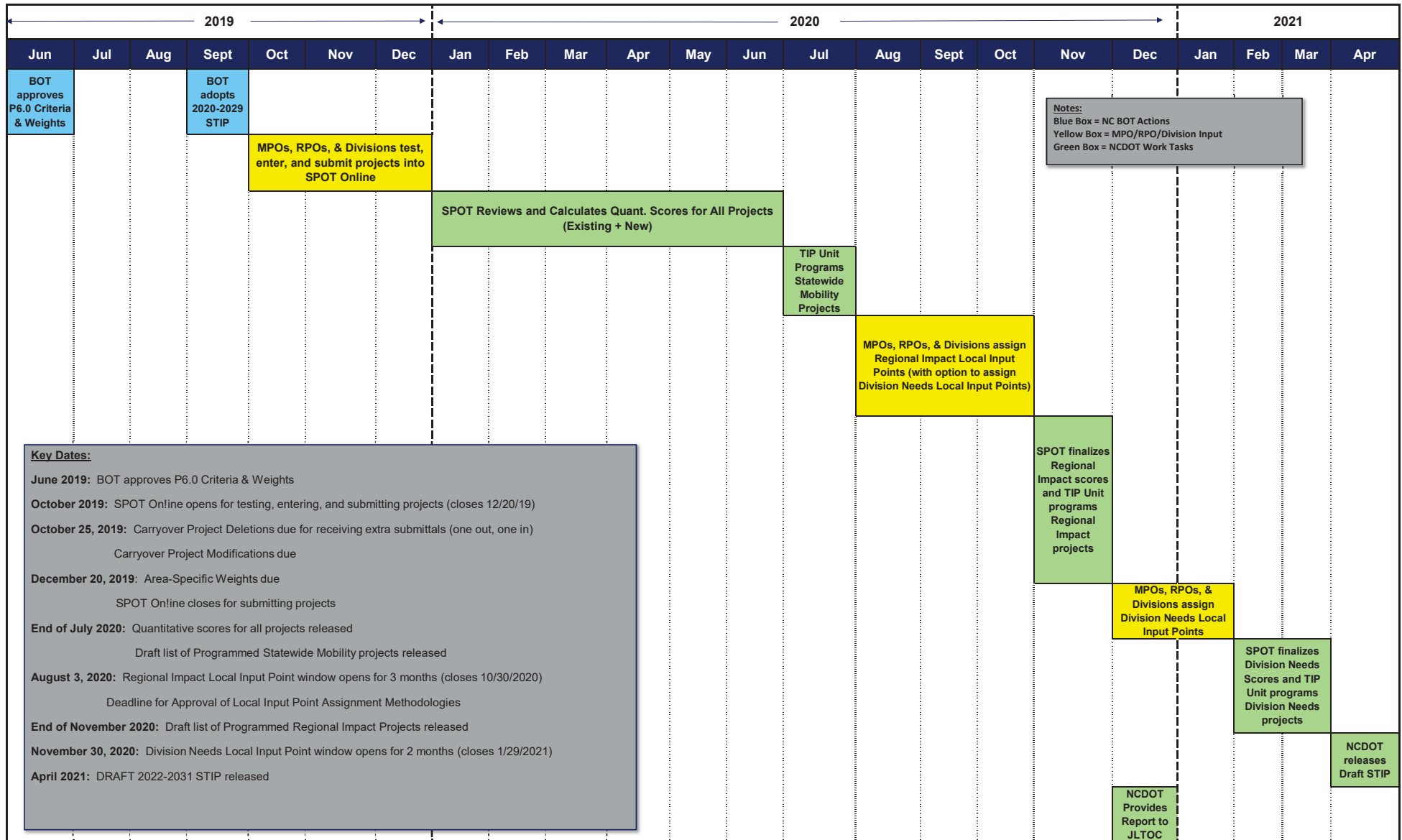
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Brian Horton  
Greater Hickory MPO TAC Secretary

# UPDATED Prioritization 6.0 Schedule

Attachment IV

5/10/2019



**Key Dates in Prioritization 6.0 and Public Outreach Process**

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| March 27, 2019                   | Discussed project submission process for P6.0 with GHMPO TAC/TCC members, initially for pre-testing (3/27/19) then for revised scoring (7/24/19)                            |
| July 24, 2019                    | GHMPO calls for new candidate projects  |
| June 2019                        | NCDOT Board of Transportation approves P6.0 criteria, measures, and weights   |
| October 2019                     | Project prioritization portal opens for testing, entering, and submitting new projects  |
| October 25, 2019                 | Deadline for Carryover Project Deletions ("one in/one out" to receive extra submittals)<br><br>Deadline for Carryover Project Modifications                                 |
| December 20, 2019                | Deadline for Alternate Weights for Regional Impact and Division Needs scoring<br><br>Project prioritization portal closes for submitting projects                           |
| End of July 2020                 | Quantitative scores for all projects released<br><br>Draft list of Programmed Statewide Mobility projects released  |
| August 3, 2020                   | Regional Impact Local Input Points window opens for 3 months (closes 10/30/20)<br><br>Deadline for Approval of Local Input Point Assignment Methodologies                   |
| September 23, 2020               | Recommended local points assignments to GHMPO TAC/TCC for Regional Impact Tier projects   |
| September 24 – October 8, 2020   | GHMPO releases scores for 15 day public comment period  |
| October 28, 2020                 | GHMPO presents results of the public comment period to the GHMPO TAC/TCC<br><br>GHMPO TAC/TCC will be asked to approve a regional project list and final points assignment. |
| November 20, 2020                | Division Needs Local Input Points window opens for 2 months (closes 1/29/21 31)   |
| December 16, 2020                | Recommended local points assignments to GHMPO TAC/TCC for Division Needs Tier projects  |
| December 17, – December 31, 2020 | GHMPO releases scores for 15 day public comment period  |
| January 27, 2021                 | GHMPO presents results of the public comment period to the GHMPO TAC/TCC<br><br>GHMPO TAC/TCC will be asked to approve a division project list and final points assignment  |
| April 2021                       | 2022-2031 Draft STIP released   |