



JUMPO NEWS

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE JACKSONVILLE URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Fiscal Year 2012 • 1st Quarter

NC 24 Corridor Study, Phase II



Staff is currently reviewing a first draft of the study and based upon comments from key stakeholders, will be making some adjustments before it is presented to the TAC and TCC and released for public

comment. A final draft of the plan is expected to be available in November and public outreach is slated for December. To date, the project is approximately 90% complete.

Transit System Development Plan



Recommendations of the draft Transit System Development Plan were presented to the Jacksonville City Council on September 20th with the consensus of Council being supportive. Our consultant, Nelson/Nygaard, has completed the final planning document, which will be delivered to the TAC and TCC at the next available meeting. The final plan is available for review at jumpo-nc.org.

NC 53 Corridor Study

In June, JUMPO staff released an RFP to begin selecting a consultant to complete the next corridor study on our priority list – NC 53 (Western Boulevard). Martin/Alexiou/Bryson (M/A/B) from Raleigh has been selected to complete the project. M/A/B has worked in Jacksonville since 2004 through the city's on-call Traffic Impact Analysis contract, in addition to several other transportation-related initiatives including the Hargett Street/Johnson Boulevard road diet pavement marking plans. Traffic count data has already

been collected for the traffic simulation part of the project and we will be completing a significant amount of preparation work between now and the end of the year in anticipation of a kickoff meeting in January. The NCDOT Program Development Branch has agreed to collaborate with MPO staff on this project, allowing it to take the place of a project feasibility study for this area of Western Boulevard. Partnering with NCDOT on this corridor study will save time and money, by eliminating redundant efforts.

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TIP Projects

B-4214: Buddy Phillips Bridge replacement – Estimated completion July 2013

U-4907: Widening of Country Club Road (Country Club Drive to Piney Green Road) – Work complete.

U-4906: Widening Gum Branch Road (Timothy Road to Richlands) – Starts August 2014.

U-3810: Widening of Piney Green Road (US 17 to NC 24) - Starts September 2012.

U-4007 A: White Street Interchange (Bell Fork Road to Western Boulevard) – Estimated completion December 2013.

U-4007 B: Jacksonville Parkway (Country Club Road to Western Boulevard) – Estimated completion September 2013.

U-5168: Jacksonville Computerized Signal System - Starts January 2012.

U-5132: Camp Lejeune Base Entry Road - Starts May 2012.

Resurfacing Projects

US 258/NC 24 (McGowan Road to Richlands); Bell Fork Road (total length) – Complete

Western Boulevard (NC 24 to US 17) - Estimated completion Spring 2012

Johnson Boulevard (US 17 Business to New River Drive) – Starts May 2012

Hargett Street (total length) – Delayed due to utility conflicts, schedule TBD

Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization

On September 23rd, Congress passed an extension of the current surface transportation law known as SAFETEA-LU (The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users) for an additional three months through December 31st. With the extension in place, House and Senate transportation committee members may not begin to focus on a new authorization bill until early next year. Recently, the Transportation Enhancements program, bicycle and pedestrian programs and other non-motorized transportation programs have generated debate among some congressional leaders. MPO staff will continue to provide updates on future actions taken by Congress related to federal reauthorization as information becomes available.

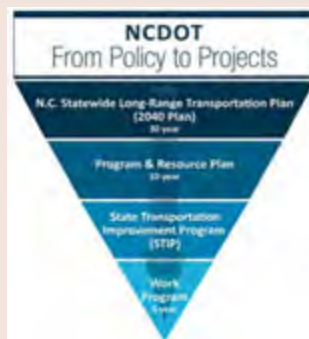
SPOT 2.0

Since May, JUMPO has been working with the NCDOT to conduct a strategic prioritization process in anticipation of the upcoming 2013-2022 STIP. In July, JUMPO submitted a list of transportation needs for NCDOT staff to evaluate using the latest prioritization model and we received the final model results for consideration on September 29th. The next step in the process is to prioritize the project list. NCDOT has adjusted the submission deadline from November 30th to December 15th to provide additional time for public involvement. In November, the TCC will review a final draft of a prioritized transportation needs list. The list will be considered by the TAC in December. The latest transportation needs list is available for review at www.jumpo-nc.org

Jacksonville Traffic Signal System Upgrade

Design plans for the Jacksonville Traffic Signal System Upgrade were recently approved by NCDOT staff in Raleigh. The project will be let for bid November 15th, with construction expected to begin in January 2012.

2011-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program



The North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted a FY 2012-2020 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) in July. In response to this action, the Jacksonville MPO adopted a local 2012-2020 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) in September in support of the adopted STIP. Federal legislation requires the MTIP and STIP to properly align before federal funds can

be appropriated to the projects contained within. Copies of the adopted MTIP and accompanying endorsement resolution have been forwarded to NCDOT in Raleigh and are available for download at www.jumpo-nc.org.

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Upcoming Events

Nov. 7 - Onslow County Board of Commissioner meeting

Nov. 9 - City of Jacksonville City Council

Nov. 11 - Holiday, City of Jacksonville offices closed, Jacksonville Transit running on regular schedule

NOV 15 - TCC Special Called Meeting

Nov. 21 - Onslow County Board of Commissioner meeting

Nov. 22 - City of Jacksonville City Council

Nov. 24 - Holiday, City of Jacksonville offices closed, Jacksonville Transit running on Holiday schedule

Nov. 25 - Holiday, City of Jacksonville offices closed, Jacksonville Transit running on regular schedule

NOV 29 - TAC Special Called Meeting

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Dec. 5 - Onslow County Board of Commissioner meeting

Dec. 6 - City of Jacksonville City Council

Dec. 19 - Onslow County Board of Commissioner meeting

Dec. 26 - Holiday, City of Jacksonville offices closed, Jacksonville Transit running on Holiday schedule

Dec. 27 - Holiday, City of Jacksonville offices closed, Jacksonville Transit running on regular schedule