

UPDATES

- New website coming! Completion June 13th 2016.
- Next Board Meeting: June 23, 2016 @ 7:00pm
Guest speakers will be Boyd Tharrington & Joey Hopkins
with NCDOT
- Region K CAC Board of Directors Meeting: June 23, 2016 @
6:00pm @ the COG office building

AROUND THE REGION

Budget Public Hearing
Thursday, June 16th, 9:30 a.m
COG Office

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments will hold a public hearing to present their budget on Thursday, June 16th at the COG building.

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of
Governments New Website

Kerr-Tar COG's new website will be available to be viewed online Monday, June 13th. Please visit our website at www.kerrtarcog.org.

Franklin County Economic Development
Director to Retire



Long time Franklin County Economic Development Director, Ronnie Goswick, is officially retiring at the end of June. Many of us have worked with Ronnie over the years on projects that not only benefitted Franklin County, but the entire Kerr-Tar Region. Ronnie will be missed, but we all here at Kerr-Tar wish him the best. Existing Industry Coordinator, Richie Duncan, has been appointed the new EDC Director for the County. Congratulations to Richie!

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

TAC/TCC Meeting
Thursday, June 23rd 3-5 p.m.
COG Office

There will be a TAC/TCC meeting on Thursday, June 23rd from 3-5 p.m. at the Kerr-Tar Council of Governments building. The KTRPO Prioritization P4.0 Local Points assignments as applied to the Regional Impact Scores will be approved at this time. The KTRPO website will be updated with agenda items and links as they become available. Please see www.ktrpo.com on the Home page under Happening Now. For more information contact Ann Stroobant (astroobant@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040.

2016 NADO Excellence in Regional
Transportation Award Winner

Imagine Bickett Boulevard: Louisburg, North Carolina has been chosen to receive a 2016 NADO Excellence in Regional Transportation Award. The project was a cooperative effort between Kerr-Tar Regional Transportation Planning Organization, the Town of Louisburg and the NCDOT. The document was written, produced and organized by staff from Kerr-Tar RPO with support from the Bickett Boulevard Working Group, the Louisburg Assistant Town Administrator and NCDOT staff including the Division and District Engineer. Ann Stroobant, Kerr-Tar Regional Planner and RPO Coordinator, will present the project at the 2016 National Regional Transportation Conference held in Chattanooga, Tennessee June 13-15, 2016 at a Breakout Session entitled, "Complex Issues in Multimodal Planning".

NC Transparency Requirements

If your local government has a web presence, you are required to post certain information. Click [here](#) for the link to the SOG Coates' Cannon blog on the subject.

U.S. Census Bureau 2016 Summer
Camp Webinar Series
June 1st-August 31st

Free Online Trainings on How to Access and Use our Statistics. The U.S. Census Bureau will conduct a series of free data access webinars to all interested data users. Attendees will learn how to access demographic, socioeconomic, housing and business data from the decennial census, American Community Survey, Local Employment Dynamics, economic programs and more. To learn about and register for webinars, visit census.gov.

SOG Coates' Canons 'The Final New Overtime Rule is Finally Here'

On May 18, 2016, the U.S. Department of Labor released the final rule raising the minimum salary an employee must make to be exempt from overtime and, by that act, making many more salaried employees eligible for overtime compensation. The rule may be found [here](#). The changes to the old rule are few and not surprising as they closely track the proposed rule published last July. The most significant change is, as expected, an increase in the amount an employer must pay for an employee to qualify for exempt status. It increases from the current \$455 per week to \$913 per week – that's an increase of just over 100% from \$23,600 annually to \$47,476 annually. The new salary minimum will be effective December 1, 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

Department of the Interior: Historic Preservation Fund Grants to Underrepresented Communities Grant

Grants support the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks. Within one year of the completion of the grant, all projects must result in: the submission of a new nomination to the National Register of Historic Places or National Historic Landmark program OR an amendment to an existing National Register or National Historic Landmark nomination to include underrepresented communities. Click [here](#) to access the Underrepresented Community Grant Program Homepage. Click [here](#) for additional grant information.

Transportation Related Bills Filed in the Short Session

- [H1106](#) -- Would modify the use of the Connect NC Bond and reallocate \$490 million which was provided to the UNC system to transportation related projects instead. Referred to House finance Committee.
- [H959=S723](#) -- Recommended changes by the JLOTC regarding local consultation on small transportation projects, turnpike authority, broadband in right of way and bicycle and pedestrian records. Referred to House Transportation Committee and Senate Transportation Committee
- [H963](#) -- Expending of funds for the secondary road paving program. Referred to House Transportation Committee.
- [H1002](#) -- Included in H1030 2016 Appropriations Act
- [S812](#) -- Similar to H1002, however, appropriates \$23 million from the Highway fund. Referred to Senate Transportation Committee

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Planning Study Solicitation

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation is soliciting projects of interest for planning studies for large scale bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects. The focus of the study is to progress a project from its current long-range plan status to a level where potential engineering issues and reliable cost estimates can be determined. A planning study will consider alternative alignments or design options within a study area, and will identify a preferred alignment and/or design concept. For more information, please see the [Project Request Form](#).

Reimagining Our Streets as Places: From Transit Routes to Community Roots

For most of the last century, we have taken for granted the idea that our streets are primarily zones for cars, parking, and the transporting of goods. This has not been the case, however, throughout most of history. Across many cultures and times the street has held vast social, commercial, and political significance as a powerful symbol of the public realm. “Streets as Places” can help make way for these transformations. Taking an integrative approach to the planning, design, and management of our shared public spaces, the growing “Streets as Places” movement is helping people begin to see streets in their entirety. It’s not a streetscape design, it’s a process; it’s about communities owning and reclaiming their streets, participating in civic life, and having a direct impact on how their public spaces look, function, and feel. Click [here](#) for more information.

2016 Economic Development Administration National Conference Presentations

The 2016 Economic Development Administration National Conference presentations from all speakers have been posted on the EDA website. Click [here](#) to view the presentations.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

NCWorks Career Centers

Do you realize the support your local businesses could receive from our workforce development professionals? If not, partner with the NCWorks Career Centers to find your next “right fit” employee. Our Certified NCWorks Career Centers provide the following services: job posting, job fair coordination, candidate evaluation and review, candidate referrals, off-site interview space, & labor market information. To learn more about NCWorks and their services contact Alexis Franks (afranks@EDSolutions.com) or 919-693-2686.

FutureWork Prosperity Tour

The Institute for Emerging Issues at NC State University (IEI), along with its regional partners, invites you to attend the “FutureWork Prosperity Tour,” coming soon to a community near you! Your leadership is central to the issues related to the future of work in your region, and your voice needs to be heard in this conversation! Click [here](#) for details.

Backpacks to Briefcases

The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments and the NC Department of Commerce’s Division of Workforce Development have a program to make the process of entering the workforce easier. Backpacks to Briefcases is a valuable service for recent college graduates to help them enter into the labor market. The program, which Educational Data Systems will implement for the Council of Governments, helps degree holders find internships as well as full-time employment. For more information contact Lou Grillo (lgrillo@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040.

Department of Labor Launches New Website

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Employment and Training Administration has launched a new technical assistance website. The website is designed to give the public workforce system, education professionals, and business leaders more effective ways to search, save, and share resources— with improved capability to engage with peers. To access the new site (which replaces the previous Workforce3one.org site effective immediately), please go to: <https://www.workforceegps.org/>.

AGING

Elder Abuse Awareness Month

Once a year on June 15, communities and municipalities around the world plan activities and programs to recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). It’s an opportunity to share information and spread awareness about abuse, neglect, and exploitation in later life. Millions of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited. Everyone can make a difference, but together, we can unite as one nation. Take a stand against elder abuse! Please contact Kim Hawkins, Regional Ombudsman (khawkins@kerrtarcog.org) or (252) 436-2040, if you have any questions.

Virtual Dementia Tour Thursday, June 16th Louisburg Senior Center

Melissa Catlett, Kerr-Tar Family Caregiver Specialist, will be conducting a Virtual Dementia Tour training. Scheduled for Thursday, June 16th at the Louisburg Senior Center. Anyone interested can call Tara Goolsby at 919-496-1131.

Chronic Pain Self Management Program Workshop

Wednesdays June 1st-July 6th
1:30-4:00PM
Vance County Senior Center,
Henderson, NC

The Kerr-Tar Area Agency on Aging will be conducting a six week Chronic Pain Self Management Program Workshop at the Vance County Senior Center starting Wednesdays, June 1 through July 6, from 1:30-4:00PM. To register call Joyce Davis at 252-430-0257. For more information on both workshops call, Sheila Brown (sbrown@kerrtarcog.org) or 252-436-2040.

Aging Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

Monday, June 13th
Henderson Country Club

In appreciation of all of the Aging volunteers, the Aging department at Kerr-Tar will be hosting a luncheon at the Henderson County Club, Monday, June 13th.

ABOUT US

MISSION

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments aims to promote regionalism that provides opportunities for local governments to enhance and improve the quality of life for our citizens through effective delivery of services and programs.

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Franklin County
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Town of Bunn
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Town of Kittrell
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