



Transportation Planning 101

How to make plans and pursue projects that fit your needs

Kerr-Tar
Regional Council
Of Governments
Rural Planning Organization

Introduction & Outline

- 1) WHY to pursue transportation improvements
- 2) WHO to contact
- 3) WHEN plans & improvements are made
- 4) HOW a project gets built
- 5) HOW to provide input & feedback



WHY to Pursue Transportation Improvements



Unsafe Infrastructure

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Insufficient Infrastructure

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Missing Infrastructure

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Old Infrastructure

WHO to Contact

- Municipal & County staff (managers, planners, etc.)
- Elected Officials (commissioners, city council, etc.)
- Regional Council of Governments, Metropolitan/Rural Planning Organization
- NCDOT Division 5 Office
 - Division Engineer (*attends RPO meetings*)
 - County Maintenance Engineer (*info on paving projects*)
 - Others...

WHO to Contact

- **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)**
 - County Commissioner
 - City Council Representative (*Mayor, City Councilmember, etc.*)
- **Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)**
 - County Manager (or Assistant), or Planning Director *
 - Chief Administrative Official, City Planner, Engineer, or Clerk *
 - Economic Development Commission Director *

** or their appointed staff representative*

WHEN Plans & Improvements Are Made

- Local meetings (*e.g., city council*)
- Regional planning meetings (*e.g., TAC & TCC meetings*)
 - *Usually on the 4th Thursday of the month*
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Federal discretionary grants (*e.g., Safe Streets and Roads For All*)

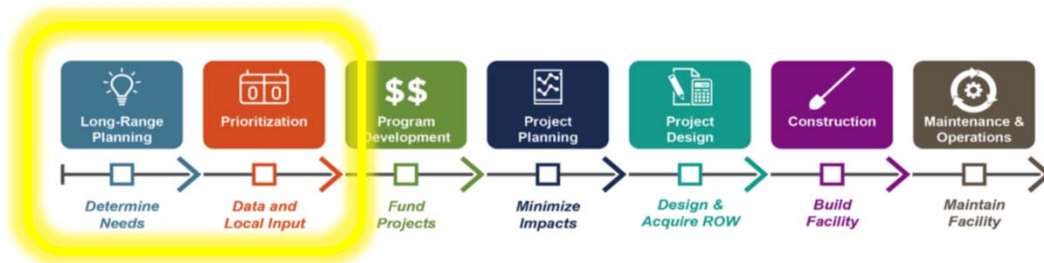
HOW a Project Gets Built

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| 1) Planning | <i>... Recommendations, Local Studies</i> |
| 2) Programming | <i>... Scoring, Ranking, Funding</i> |
| 3) Project Development | <i>... Engineering, Specialized Analysis</i> |
| 4) Design | <i>... Technical Plans (Materials, Location)</i> |
| 5) Property Acquisition | <i>... Right of Way, Utilities</i> |
| 6) Construction | <i>... Accept Bids, Award Contracts, Inspections</i> |



HOW to Provide Input & Feedback

- Formal Comment Periods (*prior to plan adoptions*)
- Informal Feedback
 - Location-specific feedback (*e.g. missing sidewalks, dangerous intersections*)
 - Communication gaps (*"You don't know what you don't know"*)



Questions?

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