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Regional Transportation Planning Survey

Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization & Unifour Rural Planning Organization

About us:

The Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO) is the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the urban portions of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties. The Unifour Rural Planning Organization (URPO) is a state designated Rural Planning Organization (RPO) for the remaining portions of the region. These two planning agencies assure a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative transportation planning and decision-making process.

Purpose:

The purpose of this survey is to gather input on transportation issues in the GHMPO and URPO. This information will be used in the development of Long Range Transportation Plans. These Plans must address multiple modes of transportation including motorized vehicles, bicycles, pedestrian, transit, rail and air. The Plans provide a transportation vision for our region for the next 25 years. If desired, you may complete the survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=GXcKDKZwSF_2fXn5ad_2beHWjQ_3d_3d **For a chance to win the \$200 gas card please provide your name and address at the end of the survey (limit one entry per household).**

Existing Conditions:

1. Please rate each of the following aspects of the transportation system in your community as they exist today, on a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being “poor” and 4 being “very good.” Place an “X” in the appropriate box below.

	Poor - 1	Fair - 2	Good - 3	Excellent - 4
Traffic congestion and travel time on roads				
Traffic safety on roads				
Public transit (bus and van) services				
Sidewalks and crosswalks				
Bike lanes and wide shoulders on roads				
Greenways and bicycle/pedestrian paths				
Overall rating for transportation system				

2. Are there any roads or intersections where you feel safety is a concern?

3. What roads do you think need improvement other than maintenance?

Some examples: wider or additional lanes, wider shoulders, etc.

Transportation Issues:

4. Look at the issues below and tell us which you feel are most important to consider in the future for the next 25 years. All of these issues are important and all will be addressed. Please rank the issues in each section 1 through 4 with 1 being the most important.

	Rank 1 through 4
Traffic signal operation	
New road construction	
Maintain existing transportation system	
Widen existing roads	

(Please continue on back.)

	Rank 1 through 4
Public transit (bus, van and/or rail) service	
Sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities	
Bike facilities	
Movement of goods and freight	
	Rank 1 through 4
Protect historic resources	
Walkable neighborhoods linking shopping areas	
Protect community character	
Transportation coordinated with land use	
	Rank 1 through 4
Improve air quality (i.e. alternative fuels and vehicles, land conservation, etc.)	
Protect natural resources	
Safety for drivers	
Safety for bicyclists and pedestrians	

5. If you were given 100% of the funds in the transportation budget, how would you distribute the percentages of the funds among these project types?

Better traffic signal operation..... %
 Build new roads..... %
 Encourage alternative transportation..... %
 Maintenance to keep pavement in good condition.... %
 Improving road safety..... %
 Providing more public transit service..... %
 Providing bicycle and pedestrian facilities..... %
 Other..... %
 Total 100%

6. Current funding for transportation projects is not enough. How do you think future projects should be funded? Please rank the following funding options in the order of 1 through 8 with 1 being most desirable.

Use tolls to fund new roads _____ Developer cost sharing for transportation projects _____
 Additional gas tax to fund projects _____ Additional sales tax to fund projects _____
 Additional property tax to fund projects _____ Additional car sales tax _____
 Additional vehicle registration fees _____ Create land transfer tax _____

7. Please comment on other issues you think are important concerning the Transportation Plan or other transportation issues.

8. Place a check in the box for the municipality or unincorporated area in which you live.

Taylorsville, Brookford, Cahaj's Mountain, Catawba, Cedar Rock, Claremont, Conover, Connelly Springs, Drexel, Gamewell, Glen Alpine, Granite Falls, Hickory, Hildebran, Hudson, Lenoir, Long View, Maiden, Morganton, Newton, Rhodhiss, Rutherford College, Sawmills, Valdese, Alexander County Unincorporated, Burke County Unincorporated, Caldwell County Unincorporated and Catawba County Unincorporated

9. (Optional) If you would like more information on the Transportation Plan, please provide us with an email and/or address below. If you would like a chance to win the \$200 gas card, please provide us with your name and address. Please mark the appropriate box.

Information on the Plan only Information on the Plan and an entry for the gas card Entry for the gas card only
 E-mail: _____ and/or name and address: _____

You may also visit us on the web at <http://trans.wpcog.org>

Please return the survey to the following address:

Western Piedmont Council of Governments
 Attn: John Kinley
 PO Box 9026
 Hickory, NC 28603

Thank you for your time and input!

The drawing for the gas card will be held on March 26th at 3:00 pm at the WPCOG Offices at 736 4th St. SW, Hickory, NC 28602
 You will be notified by mail if you win