



## Western Piedmont Council Of Governments

The Western Piedmont Council of Governments (WPCOG) will hold an open house from 4pm to 6pm on Tuesday August 27<sup>th</sup> seeking citizen input on the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the Greater Hickory Metropolitan Planning Organization (GHMPO). The WPCOG offices are located at 1880 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. in Longview.

Residents of Alexander, Burke, Caldwell and Catawba Counties along with their municipalities are invited to share their ideas and opinions on identified transportation projects included in the development of the update of the Long Range Transportation Plan. The LRTP addresses highway, public transportation, rail, bicycle and pedestrian projects.

The LRTP is a federally required long-term planning document listing the transportation improvements and policies to be implemented in the GHMPO area. The plan provides an assessment of future area transportation needs, issues and recommendations, along with future transportation investment recommendations. The LRTP will be updated every four years and will cover the next 25 years into the future.

Transportation planners are seeking local opinions on the transportation plan that include highway, transit, rail, bicycle and pedestrian projects. Staff from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and GHMPO will be present at the workshop to provide information and answer questions on transportation issues.

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