

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Mr. Don Voelker
NCDOT Strategic Prioritization Office of Transportation
1554 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1554

Subject: Region and Division Quantitative Criteria for the Strategic Prioritization Funding Plan

Dear Mr. Voelker,

The Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization provides transportation planning services for Edgecombe, Johnston, Nash, and Wilson Counties. Based on the Strategic Prioritization Funding Plan for Transportation Investments outlined in House Bill 817, quantitative, qualitative and local input criteria will be used to rank Regional Impact Projects and Division Need Projects. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RPOs) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division Engineers have been given the opportunity to define their own quantitative criteria and formulas for the quantitative evaluation of Regional Impact Projects and Division Needs Projects using the criteria outlined by the Strategic Planning Office of Transportation Workgroup.

As defined by the legislation and the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the Upper Coastal Plain RPO is located in Region A and Division 4. The set of quantitative criteria which has been proposed to evaluate Regional Impact Projects for the Upper Coastal Plain RPO areas are:

Region A

Benefit/Cost: 20%
Congestion: 15%
Safety: 15%
Lane Width: 10%
Shoulder Width: 10%

Division 4:

Benefit/Cost: 10%
Congestion: 10%
Safety: 10%
Lane Width: 10%
Shoulder Width: 10%

The Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization's Transportation Advisory Committee supports the above presented criteria for the quantitative evaluation of Regional Impact Projects and Division Need Projects for Region A and Division 4.

Sincerely,



Kenneth R. Jones, TAC Chairman

Upper Coastal Plain RPO