

**Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
Transportation Advisory Committee
Action Request**

Meeting Date: November 16, 2017 **Agenda Item Number:** 4

Action Requested: Consideration of the proposed rerouting of US 311 within the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: **Attachments:** Yes X No _____

US Route 311 is a United States highway that runs for 102.3 miles from Randleman, North Carolina to near Danville, Virginia. The route between High Point and Winston-Salem doubles as mainline Interstate 74. US 311 in Winston-Salem is currently routed through along New Walkertown Road, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, US 52, I-40 and I-74.

The NCDOT recommends changing the route of US 311 as sections of the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway are completed in the future.

The Winston-Salem Northern Beltway is divided into two parts – the Eastern Section (U-2579) and the Western Section (R-2247) – that are identified by the numbers assigned to them in the current State Transportation Improvement Program.

The Eastern Section (U-2579), which is part of the future I-74 corridor, runs from US 52 to I-74/US 311. The following Eastern Section segments would provide an improvement to US 311's route:

- U-2579 AA (I-74/US 311 to I-40); construction scheduled to begin in 2020.
- U-2579 AB (I-40 to US 421/Business 40); construction scheduled to begin in 2020.
- U-2579 B (US 421/Business 40 to US 158/Reidsville Rd); currently under construction.
- U-2579 C (US 158/Reidsville Rd to U.S. 311/New Walkertown Rd); construction scheduled to begin in 2018.

The proposed routing would improve traffic operations along the US 311 corridor and enhance regional connectivity. In addition to improving regional mobility, the proposed route would provide travelers with a safe facility. Median-divided, access controlled roadways greatly reduce the typical conflict points found along undivided roadways with no access control.

Note: Please see attached US Highway 311 Reroute Map

**RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE REROUTING OF US 311
WITHIN THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA MPO**

A motion was made by TAC Member _____ and seconded by TAC Member _____ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

WHEREAS, US Route 311 is a United States highway that runs for 102.3 miles from Randleman, North Carolina to near Danville, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, US 311 in Winston-Salem is currently routed through along New Walkertown Road, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, US 52, I-40 and I-74; and

WHEREAS, the NCDOT recommends changing the route of US 311 as sections of the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway are completed in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Eastern Section (U-2579), which is part of the future I-74 corridor, runs from US 52 to I-74/US 311; and

WHEREAS, The following Eastern Section segments would provide an improvement to US 311's route: U-2579 AA; U-2579 AB; U-2579 B; U-2579 C; and

WHEREAS, the rerouting will improve traffic operations along the US 311 corridor and enhance regional connectivity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the rerouting of US 311 along the future Winston-Salem North Beltway segments (U-2579 AA; U-2579 AB; U-2579 B; U-2579 C).

Adopted on this the 16th day of November, 2017.

Larry T. Williams, Chairman
Transportation Advisory Committee

Margaret C. Bessette, Secretary
Transportation Advisory Committee

