

**Item Title:** Update to the US Highway 1 Council of Planning Memorandum of Understanding

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners approves the 2024 changes to the US Highway 1 Council of Planning Memorandum of Understanding.**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners approves all Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with other governmental entities.

**Background:** In 2006, the City of Raleigh, the Town of Wake Forest, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), GoTriangle, the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and Wake County signed a Memorandum of Understanding to form the US 1 Council of Planning. In 2012, the US 1 Council of Planning was expanded to include the Town of Franklinton, Town of Youngsville, Kerr Area Rural Transit System (KARTS) and Franklin County.

As directed by the MOU, the US 1 Council of Planning, a staff group made up from all MOU partner agencies, reviews development proposals along the US Highway 1 North corridor from I-540 to Vance County Line. The group makes recommendations to adjust development plans and secure right-of-way. This helps reduce the overall cost and future impacts to residents and businesses of the planned conversion of US 1 into a freeway.

**Strategic Plan:** This action supports routine County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** There is no fiscal impact related to this agenda item.

**Additional Information:**

The US 1 Council of Planning consulted with the NCDOT Rail Division on the proposed changes to the MOU. The US 1 Council of Planning approved the updated MOU for local adoption on May 6, 2024. Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners approve the updated MOU with changes recommended by the US 1 Council of Planning. The updates shown in the attached document make the following changes:

1. Expand the scope and duties of the US 1 Council of Planning to facilitate the construction of the S-line rail corridor from the City of Raleigh to the Vance County Line. Like the US 1 roadway, the US-1 Council of Planning will review projects around the funded and unfunded sections of the S-line.
2. Clarifies the US 1 Council will consult the latest US 1 roadway and S-line rail line plans available when reviewing development proposals.

The changes to the MOU will be enacted when all parties, including Wake County, approve the document.

**Attachments:**

1. 2024 US 1 Council of Planning Memorandum of Understanding