

City of Greensboro

North Carolina

September 24, 2009

The Honorable Howard Coble
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Coble:

I write to bring your attention to an issue of immediate and grave concern to the City of Greensboro and the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization. This issue is the pending rescission of federal highway funds, due to take effect on September 29 unless Congress acts now to fix this problem.

If no action is taken the rescission will lead to a major reduction in otherwise available federal highway funds across the nation. \$8.7 billion would be cut nationally. In North Carolina \$250 million dollars would be cut. This will have very negative impact on Cities, MPOs and the State DOT in North Carolina and across the nation.


In North Carolina, a \$250 million dollar federal-aid cut exceeds 27% of a typical years' federal highway funding allocation. That would directly undermine the hard work State, Local, and MPO officials have put into the timely implementation of ARRA funded projects. Given the weakened state of the economy and the proven benefits of targeted infrastructure investment, this would be a very bad time for a rescission.

In addition to cutting highway funding across the board, the rescission would reduce the ability of MPO and local officials to use flexible funds to meet key current and future transportation needs. This includes cuts to STP DA and CMAQ funds as well as the Metropolitan Planning grant funds. In Greensboro we can expect a reduction of \$1.2 million in STP DA funds – funds that directly enhances the community's ability to meet public transportation, pedestrian and bicycle and roadway needs.

Please contact me should have any questions or need more information. I sincerely hope you will be able to urge Congress to act now to eliminate the rescission before September 29, 2009.

Sincerely,


Yvonne J. Johnson
Mayor


Robbie Perkins
Councilman at Large
Transportation Advisory Committee, Chairman

City of Greensboro North Carolina

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The Honorable Brad Miller
1127 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20505

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The Honorable Mel Watt
2304 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515-3312

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