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MEMO TO: MPOs, RPOs, NCDOT Division Planning staff
FROM: Van Argabright, PE
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SUBJECT: Prioritization 6.0 (P6) Schedule Halted

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The P6 Workgroup met in July 2021 to review the latest update on funding availability for new projects resulting from P6 scoring. Bottom line is that low initial cost estimates coupled with rising right of way, utilities, and construction costs have caused the outlook for programming the future 2024-2033 STIP to be a major concern. When considering just currently committed projects, little to no funding will be available for programming of new P6 project submittals. The Workgroup reached consensus that moving forward with P6 local input points does not seem appropriate and recommended to the NC Board of Transportation that the remainder of P6 be halted. **SPOT shared this recommendation with the NCDOT BOT on August 4th and the Board Members concurred.**

The SPOT Office continues to finalize quantitative scores for P6 project submittals and intend to release this information in September 2021. The Workgroup continues to meet with NCDOT STIP staff on determining a solution to balance and schedule the future 2024-2033 STIP using a subset of existing projects from the currently adopted 2020-2029 STIP. The plan will be to present the draft 2024-2033 STIP to the Board of Transportation in the Fall of 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Jason Schronce (SPOT Manager) via email to discuss. Thank you.

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