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ECRPO News and Updates

1. Data review period for P6.0 closed as of 5/28, scoring has begun and Final Statewide Mobility scores will be released in the coming months
2. NCDOT is conducting an exercise to update their preliminary cost estimates, which is expected to end on June, 30th. Estimates are coming back as much as 300% higher than original estimates, and could require reprogramming of the STIP. These estimates are for projects that have already been committed by the state, meaning they cannot be removed from the STIP and the state cannot pull funding. However, projects could see large delays to accommodate for the necessary funding to keep up with new estimates.
3. NC Congress has passed the “Year of the Trail” bill, dedicating the year 2023 as such, promoting advocacy and funding for state trail projects.
4. State Prioritization Workgroup will be meeting sometime in late July or early August to discuss the next steps with Prioritization 6.0. This prioritization cycle has had unprecedented setbacks between MAP Act payouts, decreasing gas tax revenue, COVID-19, and dramatic cost increases for projects selected in prior rounds of prioritization. This has led to a major reduction in available funds for Prioritization 6.0 and is the reason for the Workgroup meeting.
5. Jimmy Eatmonn, NCDOT Division 4, has been a great member of the ECRPO TCC and has announced his retirement from the Division. We thank him for his commitment to our region and to the RPO and wish him the best in what is next to come.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Micajah V. Anderson III".

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