## Project Level Traffic Forecast STIP Project I-5965 & B-5718

Widen I-40 from US 221 to US 29 / US 70 & Replace Bridge #400329 (Patton Ave)

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## TRAFFIC FORECAST COVER LETTER

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FROM: Mike Surasky, PE and Nita Bhave

**DATE**: September 7, 2018

SUBJECT: Traffic Forecast for STIP Project I-5965 & B-5718, Guildford County

Forecast approved by the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division on September 6, 2018.

Please find attached the *revised* 2018 base year and 2040 future year Traffic Forecast for STIP projects I-5965 & B-5718 located in Guilford County. This is the first forecast done for this project. This forecast was requested by NCDOT on March 13, 2018.

This forecast was originally approved by the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division on July 16, 2018. It was brought to our attention that the ramp from I-40 eastbound to Business 85 southbound at Exit #219 was missing from the forecast. This revised forecast incorporates this ramp and re-balanced volumes.

I I-5965 includes widening the 3.5-mile stretch of I-40 / Bus 85 / US 29 / US 70 / US 220 from Exit #218 (US 220) to Exit #222 (US 29 / US 70) (widen from 3 lanes to 4 lanes) and improving the SR 1007 (Randleman Rd) and Elm-Eugene St interchanges (these interchange improvements are unlikely to affect travel demand). B-5718 involves replacing Bridge 400329 (Patton Ave) over this same stretch of freeway.

Both projects are within NCDOT Division 7 and are included in the 2018-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The Piedmont-Triad Regional Model (PTRM) Version 4.2 Travel Demand Model, was utilized for this forecast along with project counts, and historical AADTs.

The following four scenarios are provided in the forecast:

- 2018 Base Year No-Build
- 2018 Base Year Build
- 2040 Future Year No-Build
- 2040 Future Year Build

Certain assumptions were made in the development of the forecast, detailed below.

Fiscal Constraints:

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For projects falling within a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), forecasts are fiscally constrained to match the assumptions of the MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) or Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan (MTP). The Greensboro MPO 2018-2027 MTP was approved on November 3, 2017. This forecast assumes that all projects within the MTP are constructed and open to traffic in 2040.

## **Interpolation:**

To determine any intermediate years between similar scenarios, straight-line interpolation may be used. AADT volumes may be extrapolated for up to two years immediately following 2040. If it is determined that any of these assumptions have become inconsistent with the project and surrounding area activity, please request updated information.

If you have any questions, or I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me at 919-836-4060, or e-mail me at mike.surasky@wsp.com. Thank you.

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