



Get To Know Winston-Salem Area TPO

Update Prepared for the Winston-Salem City Council

Presentation Goals

01

Define the Winston-Salem Area TPO, its purpose, and members.

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Understand the role of the City of Winston-Salem and WSDOT in the Winston-Salem Area TPO.

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Highlight key planning initiatives of the Winston-Salem Area TPO.

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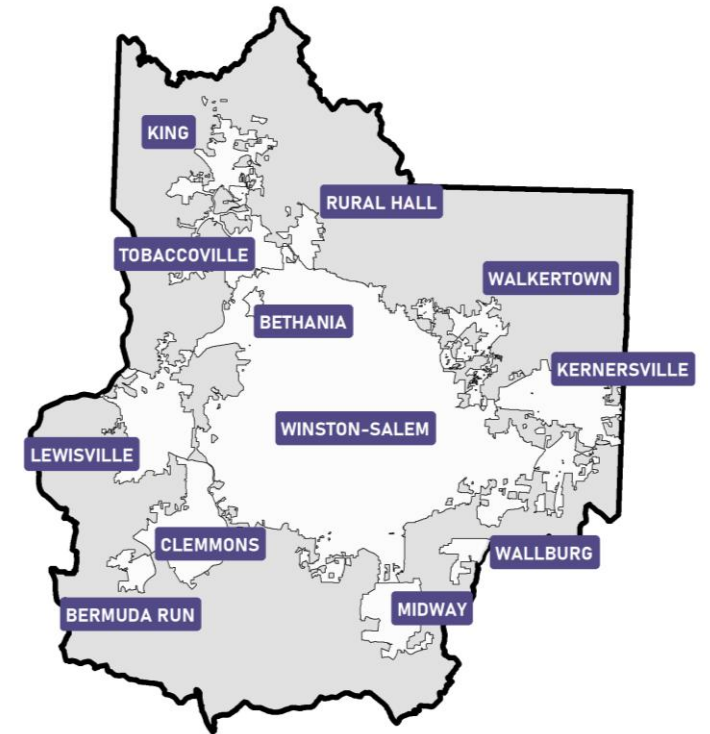
Provide an overview of funding mechanisms and a big picture funding update for the region.

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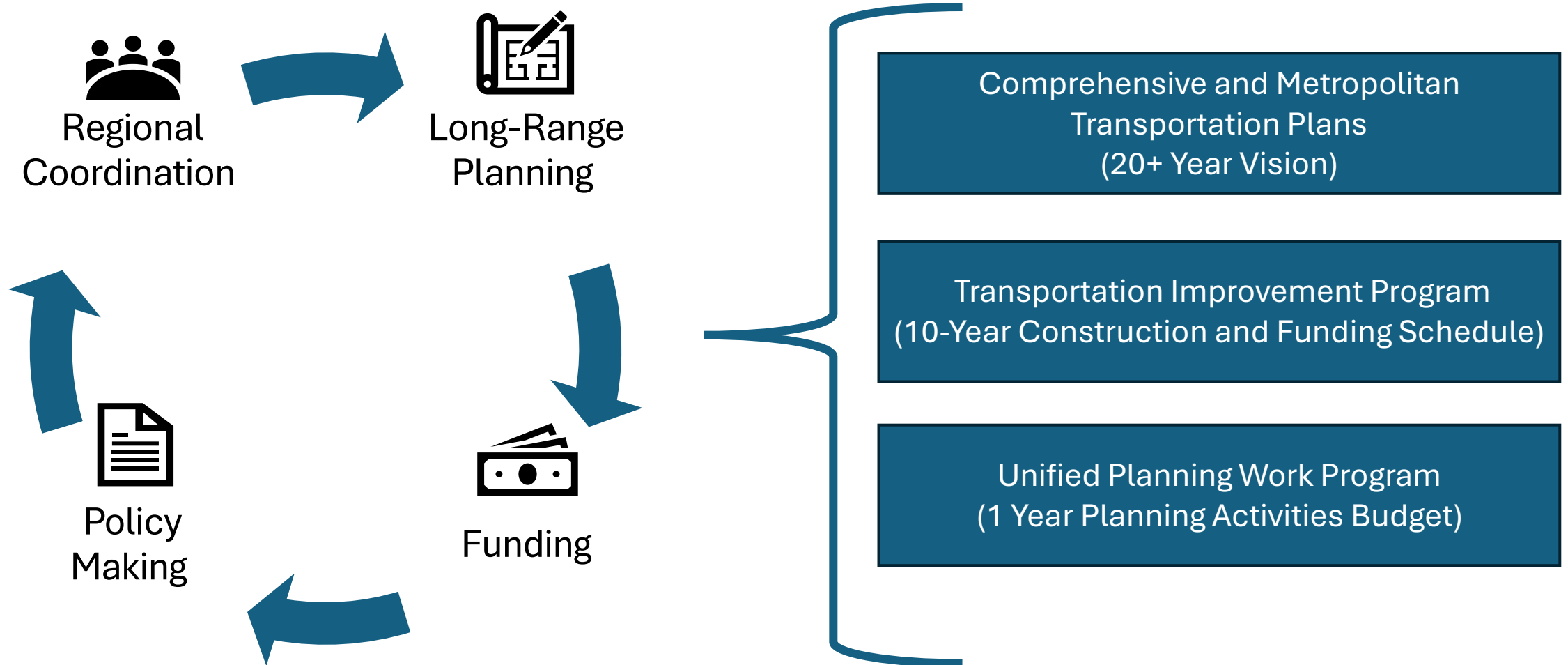
Highlight key local projects funded through the Winston-Salem Area TPO.

What is the Winston-Salem Area Transportation Planning Organization?

- Our local Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
 - Forum for areas with populations of 50,000+ created by Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1962
- Established 1974
- Federally mandated and funded organization charged with:
- Making **multimodal** transportation policy, planning, and funding decisions for the **Winston-Salem Urbanized Area**



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Winston-Salem Area TPO Membership

Member agencies:

- 12 municipalities
- 4 counties
- 3 transit agencies
- 1 airport
- NCDOT Division 9
- Federal Highway Administration
- Federal Transit Administration



Decision Making



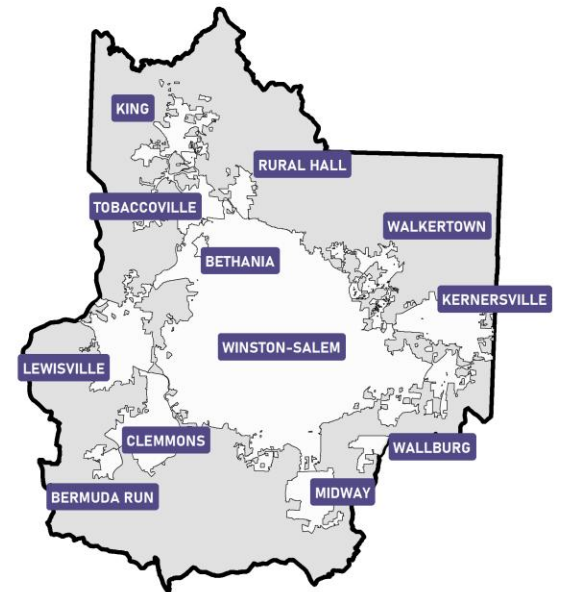
- Make recommendations based upon technical expertise, local knowledge, and public input.

- Board of technical experts from municipalities and other member agencies. Forwards recommendations to Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).

- Board made up of local elected officials from all member agencies. Board reviews TCC recommendation and makes final decisions on key plans, projects, and funding.

Winston-Salem DOT and TPO

- **WSDOT is the lead planning agency (LPA)**
- **WSATPO plans for CITY and REGION**
- **Staff:**
 - (1) TPO Director (Assistant Director of Transportation)
 - (1) Principal Planner
 - (1) Transportation Engineer
 - (2) Transportation Project Planners
 - (1) Transportation Planner
 - (1) Engineering Technician
 - (2) Transportation Financial Managers
 - (1) Transit Contract Manager/Title VI Coordinator
 - (2) Transportation Planning Interns



Current WSDOT and TPO Planning Initiatives

Long-Range Planning



- 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Project Planning and Studies



- Northwest Boulevard Study
- Salem Creek Low Water Bridge Feasibility Study
- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Safety Action Plan

Performance Measures



- Annual Safety Targets
- 2024 Congestion Management Process Status of the Systems Report

Transportation Funding



- Prioritization 7.0 and the 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program
- Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) Program and Policy
- Section 5307 and 5310 Funding
- Competitive Grant Writing

Public Involvement



- Public Participation Policy Update

Regional Coordination



- Piedmont Triad Regional Model



Major Funding Programs

- Metropolitan Planning (PL)
- **Regional Flexible Funding (RFF)**
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG-DA)
 - Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)
 - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
- FTA Section 5303, 5307, 5310, and 5339 Programs
- Federal Discretionary/Competitive Grants
- **Prioritization and Strategic Transportation Investments (STI)**



Regional Flexible Funding (RFF) Program

- Approximately **\$11.5 million** per year
 - Next call: January 2026

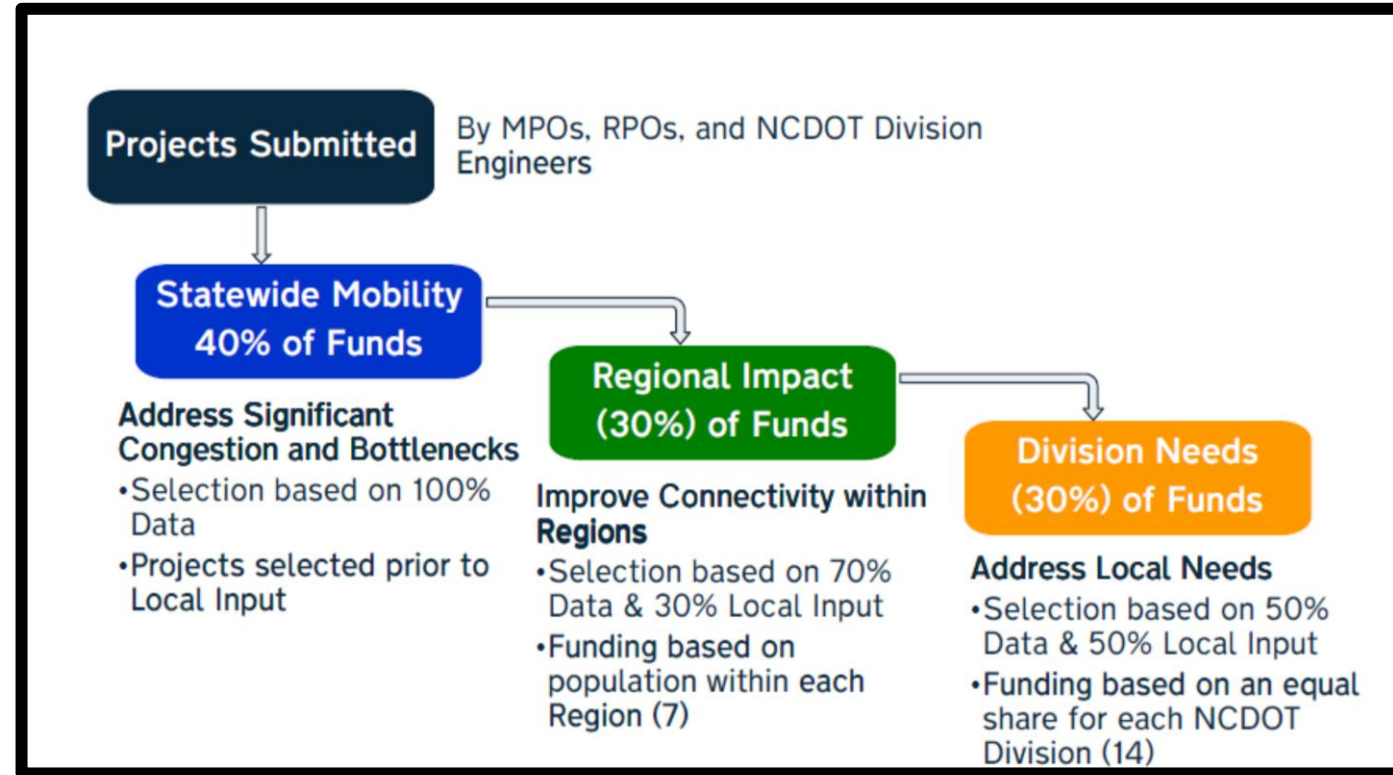


- WSATPO emphasizes project delivery
 - Contingencies
 - Supplemental Funding Call
 - Project Caps and Incentives
- All direct attributable (DA) funds
 - FHWA allocates funds to states, suballocated to MPOs
 - Provides 80% federal funding for transportation improvements
 - Reimbursement program

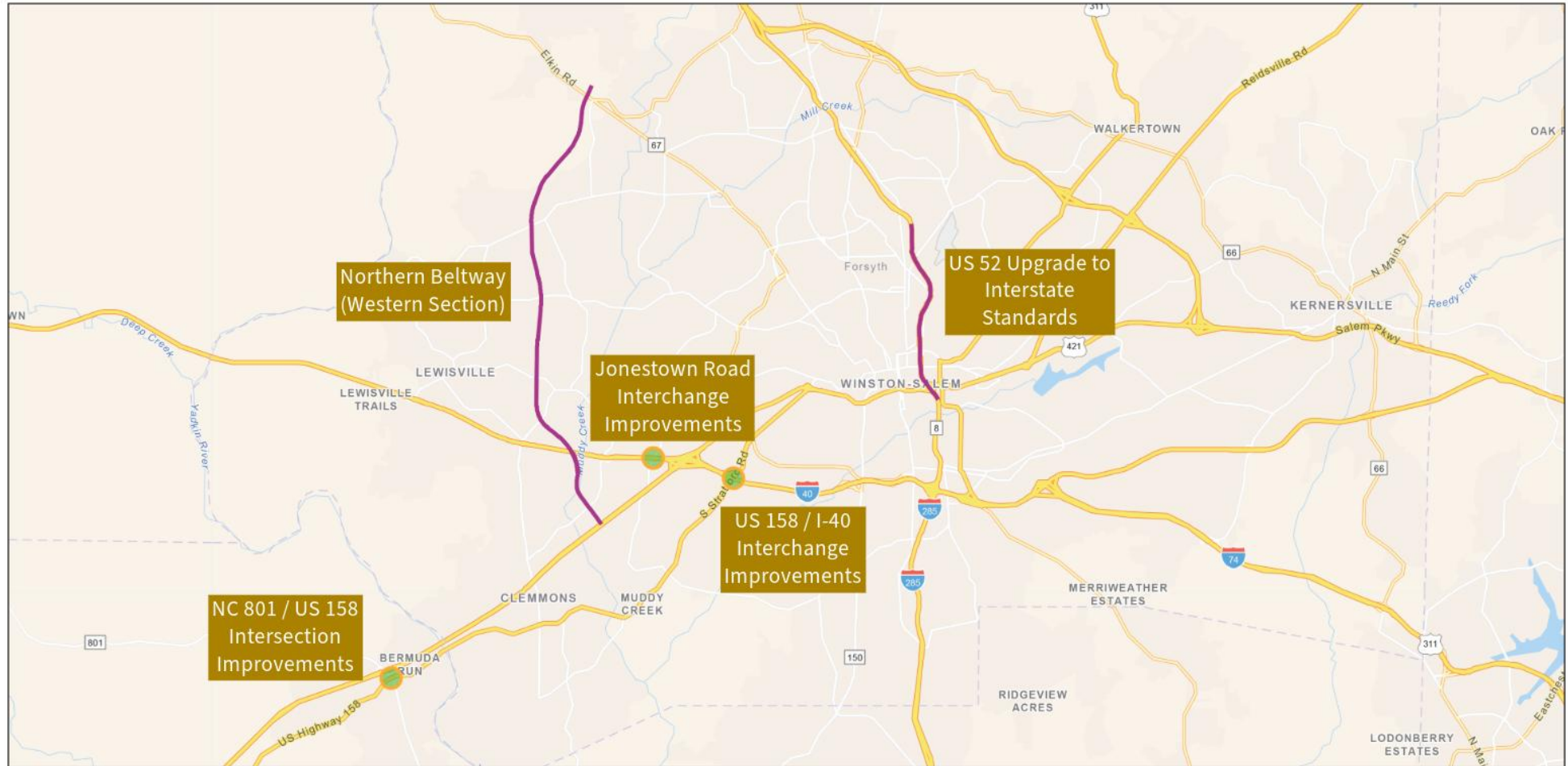


Strategic Prioritization

- Required by NC Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) Law
- The data-driven and local input-based process by which North Carolina evaluates and selects transportation projects for funding with state and federal funding sources
- Develops the 10-year STIP
 - Updated every two years



Which projects have been funded through Prioritization?



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P7 Intersections

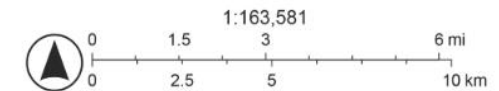


Intersection Project - Funded in 2026-2035 STIP

P7 Highway



Highway Project - Funded in 2026-2035 STIP



Esri, TomTom, Garmin, SafeGraph, MET/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, USDA, USFWS

- Except for R-2247D, all projects funded for preliminary engineering only (2026-2035 STIP)



TPO Plans to City Action: Salem Parkway Multiuse Path

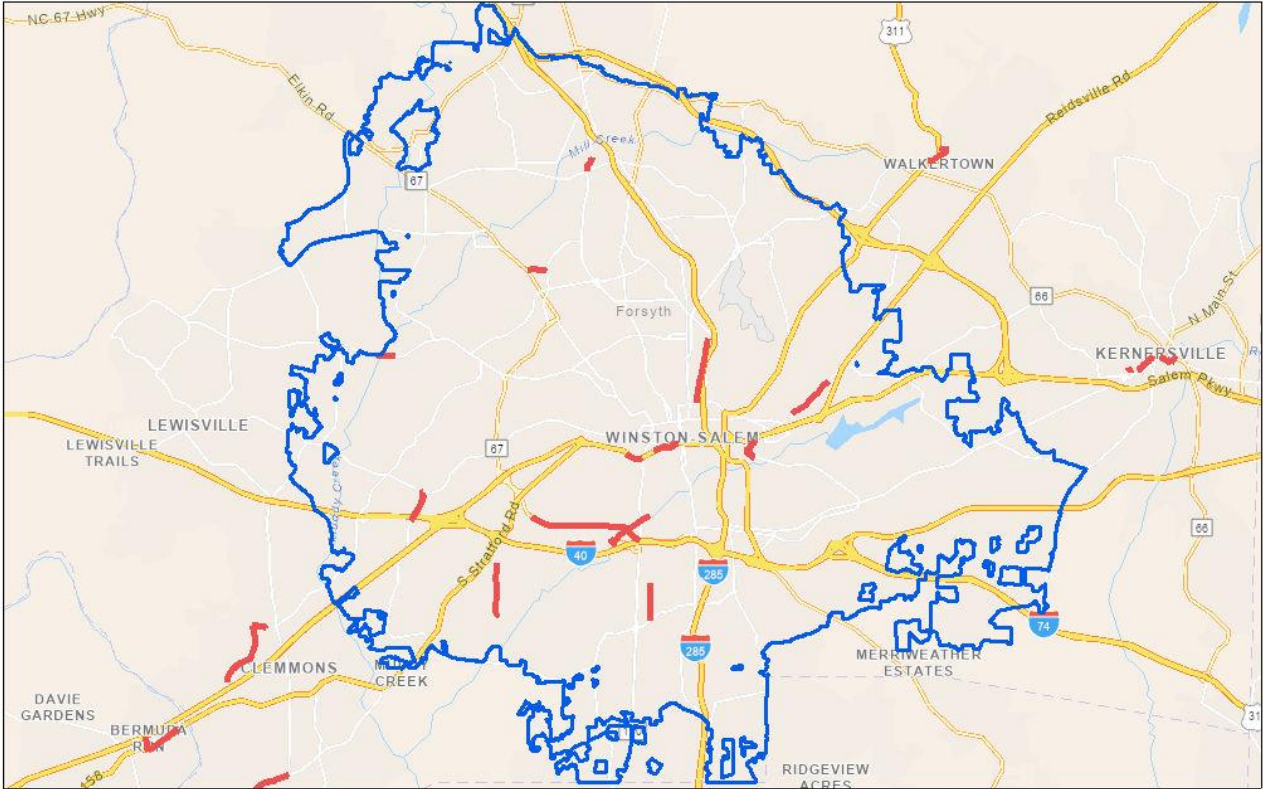


- Winston-Salem Area TPO Funding: \$2.98 million (East), \$3.35 million (West)
- Eastern Section – Under Construction
- Western Section – Design In Progress, Construction To Begin 2026



TPO Funded Projects in Winston-Salem

TPO Funded Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

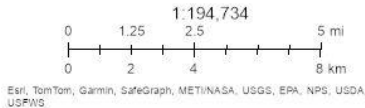


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Winston-Salem

NC - 2024-2033 STIP Lines - 2024-2033 STIP Lines

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN



Project	Status
Brewer Road Sidewalk	Funded
Salem Creek Greenway Low Water Bridge	Funded
Salem Creek Greenway Extension	Funded
Old Greensboro Road Bridge	Funded
Salem Parkway Controlled Access Streetlighting	Funded
Martin Luther King Jr. Drive Streetscaping	PE
Long Branch Trail Extension	PE
Barbara Jane Avenue Sidewalk	PE
Jonestown Road Sidewalk	PE
Salem Parkway Multiuse Path – Western Section	PE
University Parkway Sidewalk	PE
Piedmont Regional Greenway	PE
W First Street Bridge	ROW
Silas Creek Parkway Sidewalk	ROW
Brushy Fork Greenway	ROW
Fairlawn Drive Sidewalk	ROW
Griffith Road Sidewalk	ROW
Robinhood Road Sidewalk	ROW
Meadowlark Drive Improvements	CON
Salem Parkway Multiuse Path – Eastern Section	CON



Getting Involved

- **Winston-Salem Area TPO Website:**
 - www.cityofws.org/mpo
- **WSATPO Public Comment Center**
 - <https://wsatpo-cows.hub.arcgis.com/>
- **Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meetings**
 - <https://www.cityofws.org/2422/Transportation-Advisory-Committee>
- **Facebook**
 - <https://bit.ly/WSATPOsocial>

