

Memorandum

To: Peyton Wiggins CZO, Planner II, Building and Development Services
From: Julio Paredes, Planner, AICP, Senior Planner. Gaston—Cleveland—Lincoln MPO
Date: September 24th, 2025
Subject: TRC Review for REZ-230 – Hickory Grove Road

Thank you for the opportunity to provide transportation comments on a conditional rezoning application within the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO) planning area. My comments are based on review of the location in accordance with the adopted Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), the adopted 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), and the current State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

The proposed site plan is located at PIDs: 182805. On behalf of the GCLMPO, I offer the following comments:

1. According to NCDOT's 2026-2035 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), there are no funded transportation improvement projects in the immediate vicinity of this site.
2. The CTP shows recommended bicycle facilities improvements along Hickory Grove Road. These improvements are unfunded at this time.
3. A proposed sidewalk project in Hickory Grove Road is included in the MPO's 2050 MTP. These improvements are unfunded at this time.
4. The CTP does not include specific transportation projects or improvement schedules, but instead represents the status or completeness of the comprehensive transportation system that may be required to support anticipated growth and development.

By establishing the region's future transportation needs, the CTP offers an organized way to identify, and eventually prioritize, the transportation projects that may be built in the communities within the GCLMPO area.

CTP projects shown as "Needs Improvement" or "Recommended" could become a funded project in the future, part of a development project, or may never become a funded project.

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