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Earl Mathers, County Manager
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RE: Removal of the Garden Parkway Centerline from the County's Online GIS Map

Mr. Mathers,

On behalf of the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO), I would like to respectfully request that the various layers associated with the Garden Parkway be removed from the County's Online GIS Map. The request to add it in August 2016 was not in response to a formal action of the MPO Board, so therefore I feel that a request to remove it does not require formal Board action either.

The Garden Parkway is an unfunded project that is shown on the GCLMPO's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), previously known as the Thoroughfare Plan. 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.

The Garden Parkway Centerline and ROW Area that is currently shown on the County's Online GIS Map is misleading, as it represents what was a funded project. The proposed thoroughfare, if re-established as a funded project in the future, would go back through the Environmental Impact Study process with a new centerline defined.

The Gaston County Online GIS Map does not include any other proposed thoroughfares as part of the GCLMPO's CTP, thus the Garden Parkway should be treated the same.

As the chairman of the GCLMPO, I would like to formally request that the various layers associated with the Garden Parkway be removed from the County's Online GIS Map. Should you have any questions, please contact Randi Gates, MPO Administrator, at (704) 854-6604 or randig@cityofgastonia.com.

Sincerely,



Scott Neisler

Chairman, Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization

CC: Charles Moore, Gaston County Attorney
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