

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 23, 2013 – 5:30 pm

Salisbury City Hall
217 South Main Street
Salisbury, NC 28146

Members:

Charles Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Richard Burleyson	Town of Mount Pleasant
Tom Kincaid	City of Kannapolis
Al Brown	City of Concord
Jeff Phillips	Town of Harrisburg
Tammy Corpening	Town of East Spencer
Lee Withers	Town of China Grove
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Tony Hilton	Town of Landis
Maggie Blackwell	City of Salisbury
Ralph Womble	NCDOT Board Member

Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Director
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Marc Morgan	NCDOT Division 10
Pat Ivey	NCDOT-Division 9
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Dan Mikkelson	City of Salisbury
Karen Alexander	City of Salisbury
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB
Carl Ford	NC District 76 Rep.
Larry Pittman	NC District 82 Rep.
Carolyn Carpenter	CCSB
Beau Taylor	Town of Rockwell

Call to Order

TAC Chairman Elizabeth Poole called the January 23, 2013 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC to order. Chairman Poole read the roll of eligible TAC voting members and confirmed that a quorum had been met. Chairman Poole continued the meeting by reading the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder and asked if any TAC member present had a known conflict of interest concerning any item on the meeting agenda. With none heard, she moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Chairman Poole continued by asking if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. Mr. Lee Withers requested that an item be added to Item 6 of the agenda concerning the makeup of the current CR MPO. With no other corrections or additions heard, Mrs Maggie Blackwell made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition and Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion. TAC members voted unanimously to approve. Vice Chair Poole moved to the next item of business.

Chairman Poole asked for Commerce updates. Mr. Alex Rankin, representative for the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce addressed the TAC members and stated that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber continues to support the efforts of the MPO.

Chairman Poole asked for any speakers from the floor. NC House of Representative Carl Ford from District 76, addressed the Chairman and TAC members. With none heard, she moved on to the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Poole called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the September 26, 2012 TAC meeting included in their agenda packets. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Carl Ford

made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Richard Wise seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. If a TAC member requests discussion on an item, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. The following items are presented for TAC consideration on the Consent Agenda:

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Public Involvement Policy Revisions

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members, that NCDOT has recently finalized their STIP amendment and modification guidelines. These guidelines, Phil explained, provide for flexibility in amending and modifying the TIP as it relates to the size of the respective amendments. Federal Highway Administration staff made a recommendation that the MPO consider incorporating these guidelines into the MPO’s Public Involvement Policy.

Phil continued by calling TAC members’ attention to Attachment 3, a Revised CRMPO Public Involvement Policy in their packets. Phil explained that MPO Staff had incorporated the recommended language into the current CRMPO Public Involvement Policy and Phil reviewed the revisions for TAC members. After discussion, Mr. Reid Walters made a motion to release the revised CRMPO Public Involvement Policy for a forty-five (45) day public comment period. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports & Updates

- Local Reports – MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey of NCDOT Division 9 reviewed a spreadsheet which contained updates to projects in Division 9 that was included in their agenda packets. Pat also reported to members that two public meetings would be held regarding the I-3802 project. One to be held November 27th in Cabarrus County and another on November 29th in Rowan County. The location of the meetings will be announced closer to the meeting dates. Mr. Marc Morgan of Division 10 provided TAC members with information on Cabarrus County projects. Marc reported that the George Lyles project is still on schedule.
- TAC Member Survey – Director Conrad reported to TAC members that in response to some discussion by members regarding meeting dates and locations, a survey was sent out to all TAC members asking for input. Phil explained that response to the survey had been very low and asked for feedback from TAC members as to what the group would like to see happen in regards to meeting content and location. Some members said they had not gotten the email, but upon checking found they had received it but had not completed it. By consensus, TAC members requested that Connie Cunningham resend the survey to all members to get more responses.

- State of NC Ethics Law – MPO Director Conrad reported to members that the NC State Ethics Board will be hosting training seminars at A.L. Brown High School for the new NC Ethics Law requirement. As yet Phil reported, no dates have been set but as staff gets more information they will pass it on to TAC members. Staff will also include information regarding the new NC Ethics law into appointment letters going out in November to all jurisdictions.
- 29th Street Railroad Crossing Resolution - MPO Director Conrad directed TAC members to a copy of a signed resolution by Kannapolis Mayor Bob Misenheimer in their packets. Ryan Dayvault, City of Kannapolis representative explained to the TAC that the resolution is a request to NCDOT to include certain improvements to existing at-grade crossings as part of the P-5206D Rail Improvement Project and not close the 29th Street at-grade crossings unless the improvements are made. Mr. Dayvault reported that NCDOT has confirmed they did receive the resolution and are evaluating the request. He also reported that a petition is being circulated among citizens and that it will be submitted to NCDOT as well.
- CRAFT Executive Committee Meeting on November 1, 2012 – Phil called members' attention to the agenda for a meeting of the Charlotte Regional Alliance For Transportation (CRAFT) that was included in their packets. Phil provided TAC members a brief history regarding the group.

Information Items

- ✓ Concord Express, RIDER and Salisbury Transit, both Rowan Express routes, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Para-Transit Ridership - Phil highlighted ridership information included in their packets.

Adjournment

With no other business before this committee, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adjourn the TAC meeting. Mr. Lee Withers seconded the motion and the members adjourned.

Next Meeting: January 23, 2013