

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 – 5:30 pm

### Salisbury City Hall

217 South Main Street  
Salisbury, NC 28146

#### Members:

Tom Huntley	Town of Harrisburg
Jim Ramseur	City of Concord
Maura Eberhardt	Town of Mount Pleasant
Chuck Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Sam Morgan	Town of Spencer
Kenneth Geathers	City of Kannapolis
Butch Bivens	Town of China Grove
Nancy Dunn	Board Member – Division 9

#### Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Planner
Mike Nunn	MPO Director
Wilmer Melton	TCC Chair
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Mark Kincaid	City of Concord
Linda Dosse	NCDOT - TPB
Pat Ivey	NCDOT - Division 9
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Robert Wright	Rowan Chamber
Ed Muire	TCC Vice Chair

### Call to Order

The TAC Chairman Tom Huntley called the January 24, 2007 TAC meeting to order. TAC Chairman Huntley welcomed the TAC members and asked if there were any additions or adjustments to the agenda. With no additions or adjustments being heard, Chairman Huntley moved onto the next item of business and asked for updates from the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce representatives respectively. Mr. Alex Rankin from the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce had no reports from the Cabarrus Chamber. Mr. Robert Wright with the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce had nothing new to report from the Rowan Chamber. Chairman Huntley moved on to the next order of business and asked if there were any speakers from the floor who would like to be speak. With none heard, Chairman Huntley moved on to the approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2006 meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

TAC Chairman Huntley asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the November 15, 2006 TAC meeting. Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Maura Eberhardt seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote.

### Nomination and Election of TCC Vice-Chairman

Mr. Phil Conrad informed the TAC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC Bylaws state that a new TAC Vice-Chairman must be elected each year. Phil stated that the TAC Vice Chair rotates to the TAC Chairman automatically the following year. In addition to this bylaw, the TAC Chairman and TAC Vice Chairman positions must rotate between jurisdictions in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. Therefore TAC members need to nominate and elect a Vice Chairman from Rowan County for the current year. Mr. Kenneth Geathers nominated Mr. Charles Wingerson as TAC Vice Chairman. Mr. Maura Eberhardt

seconded that motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to elect Mr. Charles Wingerson as the 2007 TAC Vice-Chairman.

### **Town of East Spencer Bicycle Plan Application**

Mr. Phil Conrad addressed the TAC members and explained to them that the Town of East Spencer has completed an application for grant funding for a municipal Bicycle Plan. Mr. Conrad went on to say that as part of the grant application process, NCDOT is requesting that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO support their application by adopting a resolution of support for the Town of East Spencer application. Phil reported to the TAC members that the TCC members had voted unanimously at their meeting on January 17, 2007 to recommend that the TAC approve a Resolution of Support for the Town of East Spencer's Grant application. Mr. Kenneth Geathers made a motion that the TAC approve signing a Resolution of Support for the Town of East Spencer's Grant application. Mr. Jim Ramseur seconded that motion and TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

### **Bicycle TIP Project Funding**

Mr. Conrad reported that at the November 15, 2006 meeting, MPO staff was directed to solicit candidate greenway projects for the Draft 2007-2013 TIP. Phil went on to remind the TAC members that this was because the MPO recently received notification that the Landis Spur was no longer a financially viable project and that Draft TIP funds allocated to that potential project would now be available. Those funds budgeted for construction in fiscal year 2007 of the Draft TIP are approximately \$290,000. Mr. Conrad stated that both the City of Concord and the City of Kannapolis have presented their prospective projects in hopes of receiving an endorsement from the MPO for this project funding. Phil called TAC members attention to the proposal in their packets for the Downtown Connector Greenway from the City of Concord in which they had outlined by an official letter to the MPO reporting all pertinent funding information and project status. The City of Kannapolis provided similar information on the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Greenway project. Phil went on to report that the CRMPO TCC voted unanimously to recommend that the money be split between the two projects. When all discussion was completed, Mr. Kenneth Geathers made a motion to approve that the available funding be divided equally between the projects of the City of Concord and the City of Kannapolis. Mr. Maura Eberhardt seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **MPO Street Appendix and Map**

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that MPO staff and a TCC subcommittee have been working on an MPO Street Appendix and Map. The Appendix Phil explained, reflects existing cross sections and right-of-way, future cross sections, and future right-of-way. The Street Appendix and the corresponding map for the Cabarrus Rowan Planning Area has been reviewed by staff from each CR MPO jurisdiction. Phi went on to inform TAC members that the Street Appendix and Map will soon be available online at [www.crmppo.org](http://www.crmppo.org). Mr. Conrad advised TAC members a thirty (30) day public comment period would be necessary before finalizing and adopting the Street Appendix and map. He went on to report that at the January 17, 2007 meeting of the CRMPO TCC, TCC members voted unanimously to recommend that TAC release the MPO Street Appendix for a thirty (30) day public comment period to include a public workshop in each county. Without further discussion, Mr. Jim Ramseur made a motion to release the MPO Street Appendix for a thirty (30) day public comment period and that a workshop be held in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties to reach citizens in both NCDOT Divisions. Mr. Kenneth Geathers seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

## **FY 2006-2007 UPWP Amendment #1**

Phil Conrad informed the TAC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO has received a request from the Metrolina Regional Travel Model Partners to reimburse the Charlotte Department of Transportation for staff time dedicated to Regional Model Maintenance in FY2006-2007. Phil reported that at their November 15, 2006 meeting, the CRMPO TAC approved a budget allocation of \$15,400 for the FY2006-2007 for Model Maintenance. Phil went on to report that since the fiscal year is partially complete, it will be necessary to amend the current Unified Planning Work Program by \$7,400. Phil called the TAC members attention to a resolution in their packets that would amend the current UPWP by moving part of the Mapping fund budget dollars to the Model Maintenance fund budget to pay for the additional costs. He went on to report that the CRMPO TCC had recommended approval of the amendment. Mr. Kenneth Geathers made a motion that the FY2006-2007 UPWP Amendment #1 be approved. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion. TAC members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **Reports & Updates**

- Local Reports – MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 Engineer, reported on pending projects for Division 9 and referred to a handout included in the agenda packets. MPO Staff provided handouts from NCDOT Division 10 staff.
- NCDOT Board Member Reports – Mr. Nancy Dunn, Board Member for Division 9 updated TAC members on current issues concerning Division 9 projects.
- Resolution of support for the NC ONE Map – Ms. Linda Dosse made a presentation to the TAC members explaining the NC ONE Map and made a request of the TAC members to endorse a resolution in support of development and maintenance of a comprehensive geographic information system for North Carolina. The resolution Ms. Dosse stated would be forwarded to the Governor and General Assembly of North Carolina requesting additional funding from the State to develop and maintain the NC ONE Map. After discussion, Mr. Jim Ramseur made a motion to approve MPO support of the Resolution of Support for the NC ONE Map system but without the funding totals specified in the resolution. Mr. Kenneth Geathers seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.
- Draft 2007-2008 UPWP – Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the final draft will be coming before them at a future meeting.
- TAC Meetings – Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that he had been contacted by Mr. Don Bringle, TAC member from the Town of China Grove, that he is not available for meetings on the newly designated TAC meeting night and will be unable to attend any meeting during 2007. TAC Chairman Huntley reminded the TAC members that the meeting night had been changed to accommodate the schedule of the Division 10 Board Member and the Division 10 Engineer because of a scheduling problem for them on the third Wednesday nights of each month. Chairman Huntley called attention to the fact that neither was present, but by consensus the TAC members agreed to keep the new meeting schedule for now.
- Comments from Members – Mr. Sam Morgan from the Town of East Spencer expressed some concerns to the TAC members about roadways and bridges in his jurisdiction's area. Mr. Morgan said he is concerned about the effects of added growth in his area and the ability to keep roadways and bridges to accommodate this growth. He stated that his biggest concern is the replacement of the bridge on I-85 in his jurisdiction's area and what can be done to get this project financed and started. After

discussion by the TAC members, it was approved by consensus to request that Division 9 and Division 10 Board members come prepared to speak to these concerns and provide the TAC members with some viable options for getting the project underway.

### **Information Items**

Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad highlighted Concord Express ridership information included in their packets

### **Adjournment**

With no other business before this committee, Mr. Kenneth Geathers made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2007 and will be held at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.