

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 28, 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
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Nancy Dunn	Board Member – Division 9
Jon Barber	Rowan County
Chuck Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Sam Morgan	Town of Spencer
Larry Helms	Board Member – Division 10

#### Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Planner
Mike Nunn	MPO Director
Linda Dosse	NCDOT - TPB
Pat Ivey	NCDOT - Division 9
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Robert Wright	Rowan Chamber
Barry Moose	NCDOT – Division 10
Radford Thomas	Lexington Chamber
Dan Mikkelson	City of Salisbury Staff

### Call to Order

TAC Chairman Tom Huntley called the March 28, 2007 TAC meeting to order. Chairman Huntley welcomed the TAC members and asked if there were any additions or adjustments to the agenda. Mr. Bob Wright from the Rowan Chamber of Commerce requested that a review of the I-85 Yadkin River Bridge Project that was shown under Reports be moved to be discussed earlier in the meeting. Chairman Huntley acknowledged the request and agreed to so, then moved on to the next item of business. TAC Chairman Huntley then 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 reported from the Chamber supports public/private partnerships as a method to expedite projects. Mr. Robert Wright with the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce had nothing new to report from the Rowan Chamber except to say that the Rowan Chamber supports the MPO in it's endeavors. 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 January 24, 2007 meeting.

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Huntley asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the January 24, 2007 TAC meeting. Mr. Sam Morgan from the Town of Spencer called attention to a section in the minutes under Reports and Updates, where he had been incorrectly identified as being from East Spencer when in fact the minutes should have said Town of Spencer. Mr. Charles Wingerson made a motion to approve the minutes with that correction and Mr. Jim Ramseur seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote.

### **Draft 2007-2013 TIP Conformity**

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report on the 2007-2013 TIP. Phil went on to explain that the TIP Conformity Report provides documentation that the financially constrained Long Range Transportation Plan's (LRTP's) in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. The Conformity Report also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is a subset of the 2030 LRTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Improvement Plan (SIP). Phil proceeded by calling the TAC member's attention to a summary of the TIP Conformity Report that was included in their packets. He went on to say that the Draft Report is still in production and that the public comment period would be open until the May CRMPO TCC meeting and that the Report would be forwarded to FHWA for the Federal conformity finding in June 2007. With little discussion, Mr. Charles Wingerson made a motion that the TAC release the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2007-2013 TIP for a 30 day public comment period. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

### **FY 2007-2008 UPWP**

Mr. Phil Conrad informed the TAC members that each year the Cabarrus Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program or UPWP. The UPWP he stated is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2007-2008. He explained that the UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. Phil went on to explain that these projects include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and line items for Regional Model and LRTP Maintenance to be performed by the Cabarrus Rowan MPO, Charlotte DOT, and NCDOT; and the recently initiated Regional HOV/HOT Study and the urbanized area transit related planning activities conducted by the RIDER Transit System.

Phil continued by saying that as part of the UPWP, which is due to NCDOT by April 27, 2007, the Federal government is requiring all MPO's to certify their transportation planning process on an annual basis. He then called the TAC member's attention to a checklist included in their packets for the CRMPO to use to certify the MPO transportation planning process. Phil then pointed out to the TAC member's that also in their packets was a copy of the resolution certifying the CRMPO Transportation Planning Process for FY2008, information regarding each member jurisdiction's allocation for the 20 percent match, and a resolution approving the FY2007-2008 UPWP.

After the TAC members reviewed the checklist and the resolution, Mr. Jim Ramseur made a motion to approve the Resolution Certifying the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Planning Process for FY2008. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

Chairman Tom Huntley then made a motion to approve the 2007-08 Planning Work Program Local Match and the Resolution Approving the FY 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program for the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **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. Mr. Barry Moose from NCDOT Division 10 thanked the TAC members for changing their meeting nights to accommodate his schedule conflicts and reported to current projects within Division 10.
- NCDOT Board Member Reports – Mrs. Nancy Dunn, Board Member for Division 9 updated TAC members on current issues concerning Division 9 projects. Mr. Larry Helms updated TAC members on current issues concerning Division 10.
- Funding for the I-85 Yadkin River Bridge Bill – Mr. Phil Conrad called TAC members attention to House Bill 292 that was included in their agenda packets. He explained this bill is coming up in the upcoming session of the NC General Assembly. After review of the bill by TAC members, Mr. Radford Thomas from the Lexington Area Chamber of Commerce requested to address the TAC members. Mr. Thomas stated that the Lexington Chamber is in support of the acceleration of the Yadkin River Bridge Replacement project and would assist in any way possible to help the bill get passed. TAC Chairman Tom Huntley handed out a Resolution of Support Requesting the Acceleration of I-85 in Rowan and Cabarrus Counties that he had created. Chairman Huntley requested that all TAC members take this Resolution back to their councils or boards for approval. Mrs. Nancy Dunn, Board Member from Division 9 explained the funding challenges of Division 9 funding the bridge replacement project and stated if Division 9 were to fund the project alone, there would be no other projects done in Division 9 for at least seven years. After all discussion, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion that TAC send a Letter of Support for the Acceleration of the Yadkin River Bridge Replacement project. Mr. Sam Morgan seconded the motion. A majority vote of approval was recognized but the members voting no requested that a study be done to determine other funding options for the Yadkin River Bridge replacement.
- MPO Street Appendix and Map – Mr. Phil Conrad called TAC members attention to the MPO Street Appendix included in their packets. Mr. Conrad updated TAC members of the progress on the Appendix and stated that it is almost to completed.

## **Information Items**

Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad called TAC member attention to the Concord Express ridership information included in their packets

## **Adjournment**

With no other business before this committee, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. Mr. Jim Ramseur seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2007 and will be held at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.