

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

North Carolina Research Campus
UNC Building
Room 2201
500 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

Members:

Al Brown
Bill Feather
John Bradford
Elizabeth Poole
Ryan Dayvault
Scott Barringer
Jim Gobbel
Otis Gibson
Jeff Phillips
Lee Withers

City of Concord
Town of Granite Quarry
Town of Cleveland
Cabarrus County
City of Kannapolis
Town of Mt. Pleasant
Town of Spencer
Town of East Spencer
Town of Harrisburg
Town of China Grove

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director
Pat Ivey NCDOT Div 9
Stuart Basham NCDOT Div 10
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff
Alex Rankin Cabarrus Chamber
Bobby Moore Town of Rockwell
Linda Dosse NCDOT-TPB
Wilmer Melton City of Kannapolis
Rodney Harrison Salisbury Transit
Warren Cooksey NCDOT-Div

Call to Order

TAC Chairman Jeff Phillips called the May 27, 2015 meeting of the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO TAC to order at approximately 5:40 pm. Chairman Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that those present stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge was recited, Chairman Phillips proceeded on by calling the roll of eligible voting members and determined that a quorum had been met. He then requested that everyone present introduce themselves. Once introductions were complete, Chairman Phillips moved onto the next item.

Chairman Phillips continued on by reminding TAC members of the NC State Ethics Commission Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest requirement and asked that should a conflict arise during any part of the meeting, the member should excuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Moving forward, Chairman Phillips asked for any updates from the Rowan or Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce's. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Regional Chamber addressed the TAC members and reported that the Chamber's Transportation Committee had held their Transportation Summit earlier in the day. Alex went on to state that the Chamber appreciates all of the work the MPO has done concerning the transportation needs of the region and the Chamber continues to support those efforts. TAC Chairman Phillips then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Phillips asked for any adjustments to the agenda or consent agenda. Cabarrus Rowan MPO Director Phil Conrad requested that an update on the CTP be added under Reports/MPO Business. With no other adjustments being heard, Chairman

Jeff Phillips made a motion to accept and approve the agenda as amended and the consent agenda. Mr. Lee Withers seconded the motion and the members voted unanimously to approve.

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 were presented for TAC consideration on the Consent Agenda:

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of March 25, 2015 Minutes

Chairman Phillips called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the March 25, 2015 TAC meeting included in their agenda packets. He asked if there were any adjustments or corrections to the minutes. With no adjustments or corrections being heard, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

Proposed CMAQ and TAP Programs

MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are a funding source for areas designated non-attainment by the EPA. Phil continued by saying that CMAQ funds do require a local sponsor and a 20 percent local match before being approved. Eligible projects must demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit to the local area.

Phil went on to state that NCDOT is in the process of accepting new project applications and that the applications must be submitted by July 15, 2015. Currently, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO has six existing CMAQ Project Proposals in the NCDOT system for consideration. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 3A in their packets which was a table listing the six projects already proposed. After review of the table, Phil went on to say that NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO can anticipate receiving approximately \$1.5 million per year in CMAQ funds for FY 2016 and 2017. With that amount of anticipated funding, only about half of the six current proposed projects can get funded. TAC members discussed how to best use the available funds and by consensus agreed that using the funds on current underfunded projects would be the wisest decision. Projects from the list for Kannapolis, Concord, and Salisbury could be completed if the 2016 CMAQ funds could be used toward their deficiencies in funding. After all discussion, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to use the 2016 CMAQ funds on the underfunded/overrun costs for current projects in the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO project priority list. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Phil also reported to the TAC members that a new program is becoming available through NCDOT, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The TAP is similar to the STP-DA fund

sub-allocation program of previous years. The TAP will also require a 20 percents local match for bicycle and pedestrian eligible projects. Phil went on to say that the ten year allocation of this program will total \$2.2 million to the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO. He then called members' attention to Attachment 3B in their packets which was an excerpt of the *Draft* TIP explaining the funding for the new program. At this time, Phil let the TAC members know that a TCC subcommittee will be meeting to flesh out a project list recommendation and report back to the TAC members.

Connect NC Bond Initiative

Phil Conrad reported to TAC members that MPO staff has prepared a *Draft* resolution in support of the statewide bond transportation project in Cabarrus County proposed by Governor Pat McCrory and called attention to Attachment 4 in their packets. Phil also reported that there are non-transportation projects proposed as part of the bond in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties.

Phil informed the TAC members that given the release of the recent STI scores, it may be important to advance some of these projects in both Division 9 and Division 10 given their current NEPA status and impacts to future STIP budgets. Phil went on to report that NCDOT staff has used the current STI list for identifying these priority projects. Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT-Division 9 also provided a handout of additional information regarding the bond. With minimal discussion, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to endorse the Connect NC Bond Initiative in the form of a resolution to the legislative delegation. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 reviewed the Division 9 projects update list included in the members packets. Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed updates on Division 10 projects from the information included in TAC member's packets.
- ✓ I-3802A Project Design and Status – Mr. Warren Cooksey, NCDOT Division 10 provided TAC members with a power point presentation on the design and current status of the I-3802A project.
- ✓ Kimball Road Public Meeting – Phil reported that the local officials' meeting and public meeting have been held to get comments on the project and that the project is underway.
- ✓ *DRAFT* 2016-2025 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendment – Phil reported that NCDOT is currently working on the amendment and called members' attention to information in their packets.
- ✓ MPO Member Spotlight: Spencer – Phil Conrad provided TAC members with background information and a presentation on the Town of Spencer. He reported on the accomplishments the Town has made over the years.
- ✓ CTP Maps Update – Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT-TPB provided members with a handout regarding the CTP maps and an update on the project. Linda reported to the TAC that

the maps were ready to go out for public comment. By consensus, TAC members agreed to the maps being put out for public comment.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- NC Legislative Session Summary provided in packet
- Next meeting is June 24, 2015.

Adjournment

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