

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 – 5:30 pm

Salisbury City Hall
217 South Main Street
Salisbury, North Carolina 28146

Members:

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

Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Director
Ryan Dayvault	Kannapolis
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div. 9
Rosa Burris	East Spencer
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Carolyn Carpenter	CCSC
Marc Morgan	NCDOT-Div 10
Elaine Spalding	Rowan Chamber
Nick Tennyson	NCDOT Chief
Deputy Secretary of Support	
Louis Mitchell	NCDOT-Div 10

Call to Order

TAC Chairman Elizabeth Poole called to order the June 26, 2013 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Chairman Poole called the roll of eligible TAC members and confirmed that a quorum had been met. She continued by requesting that all those present introduce themselves.

Chairman Poole proceeded on by reading the NC Ethics requirements and asked that anyone having a conflict of interest with any item during the meeting to please refrain from participating in that item. Moving on to the next item, Chairman Poole asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. CR MPO Director Phil Conrad requested that an item regarding TAC Ethic requirements be added under reports. With no further corrections or additions being heard, Mr. Lee Withers made a motion to accept the agenda as amended and Mr. Bill Feather followed with a second. TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman Poole continued on by asking for Commerce updates. Mr. Alex Rankin, representative for the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce relayed to the TAC members that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber continues to support the Cabarrus Rowan MPO in all of their endeavors to meet transportation needs. Alex also explained that as part of the Chamber's Regular Transportation Committee's function, they will be looking to develop a program similar

to South Carolina's Pennies for Progress. Ms. Elaine Spalding of the Rowan County Chamber was also recognized by Chairman Poole and welcomed to the meeting. Ms. Spalding introduced herself and gave a little background on herself and what her new duties will be with the Rowan County Chamber.

TAC Chairman Poole closed by asking for any speakers from the floor, with none being heard she moved onto the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Poole called members' attention to the minutes of the April 24, 2013 TAC meeting included in their agenda packets. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Craig Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Tom Kincaid seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote 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 are presented for TAC consideration on the Consent Agenda:

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

2012-2018 TIP Fiscal Constraint

MPO Director Phil Conrad began by reminding TAC members that in June 2011, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO had adopted the 2012-2018 TIP. Following the adoption of the 2012-2018 TIP, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) issued a conformity determination that became effective on December 16, 2011.

Phil explained that during the CRMPO Certification Review in June 2012, FHWA issued a corrective action. The action was in regard to the MPO's development of a financial plan documenting fiscal constraint for the 2012-2018 TIP. Phil went on to say that MPO staff developed a new financial plan for the newly adopted TIP and he called members' attention to Attachment 3 in their packets for their review. Phil reviewed the TIP Financial Plan document with the TAC members and explained in detail, changes that had been made to the Plan. He also pointed out information in the Plan that had been provided by NCDOT for inclusion.

After reviewing, Phil asked if there were any questions. With none heard, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adopt the 2012-2018 Fiscally Constrained TIP. Mr. Craig Pierce seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Governor's 25 Year Infrastructure Plan

Phil introduced Mr. Nick Tennyson, NCDOT Chief Deputy Secretary of Support. Deputy Secretary Tennyson thanked the TAC for inviting him to the meeting and provided members with a short background of his experience. He continued by explaining to members what his duties are in his position which includes overseeing the Division of Motor Vehicles, strategic planning, information technology, fiscal and intergovernmental affairs, and budget coordination. His key responsibility will be to develop and implement the Governor's 25 year Transportation Infrastructure Plan.

Deputy Tennyson explained what the 25 year plan would entail and what the goals are. He said he is open to ideas from transportation partners such as the MPO in developing the plan.

Reports/MPO Business

- ❖ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey from NCDOT Division 9 called TAC members' attention to a spreadsheet of updates on the Rowan County projects included in their packets. Mr. Marc Morgan provided TAC members with a handout of Division 10 project updates and reviewed them.
- ❖ Old Beatty Ford Road Safety Project – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 Engineer reported that work is continuing on the realignment and new bridge project planning.
- ❖ Strategic Mobility Formula (SMF) Update – Phil Conrad called members' attention to a Fact Sheet on the Strategic Mobility Formula. Phil reviewed the information and called upon Mr. Louis Mitchell, Division 10 Engineer and Mr. Pat Ivey, Division 9 Engineer to provide TAC members with an overview of the SMF. Mr. Mitchell reviewed important dates that will need to be met, leading up to the January 2, 2014 deadline for the SMF to go into effect and new project submittals being accepted. Mr. Mitchell also explained how the Work Group reviewed and made recommendations on how the scoring criteria would be used to score submitted Highway, Aviation, Bicycle/Pedestrian, Public Transportation, Ferry and Rail projects. He continued by explaining that projects let by June 2015 will be grandfathered in but those not let as of that date will need to go back through the re-prioritization process.
- ❖ MOU Approvals – Phil Conrad reported that signature pages from each of the CRMPO jurisdictions are being collected and once compiled will be forwarded to the Secretary of Transportation for approval.
- ❖ MPO Member Spotlight: Town of Cleveland – Phil Conrad provided TAC members with background information on the Town of Cleveland. He reported on the progress the Town has made over the years and highlighted their accomplishments.
- ❖ TAC Member Info: Metropolitan Transportation Planning – Phil reviewed a presentation provided by Federal Highway Administration on MPO member's authority and responsibilities in transportation planning.

- ❖ Ethics Update – Phil Conrad circulated copies of an email regarding the ethic's requirements. The information states that TCC members are exempt from the ethic's requirements and that TAC members are exempted from the education portion of the requirement but must still provide the financial information required.

Informational Items

- ❖ Response from NCDOT on Kimball Road Project Request – Phil called members' attention to a response letter from Mr. Calvin Leggett, NCDOT Program Development Branch Manager regarding the TAC's request to accelerate the schedule for the project to 2019.
- ❖ Freight Mobility Letter from COCG - Phil reported that a letter included in their packet from COCG was for members' information only.
- ❖ NCDOT Letter Regarding Truck Stop Electrification CMAQ Grant – Phil called members' attention to a letter included in their packets from the NC Attorney General's Office to Centralina Council of Governments regarding repayment of CMAQ funds due to breach of agreement.
- ❖ Concord Express, RIDER, Rowan Express, East Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and Salisbury Transit Ridership.

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the members, Chairman Liz Poole made a motion to adjourn the June 26, 2013 meeting. Mr. Lee Withers seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: August 28, 2013