

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, October 27, 2010 – 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
Warren Chapman	Town of Mount Pleasant
Maggie Blackwell	Town of Salisbury
Kenneth Geathers	City of Kannapolis
John Bradford	Town of Cleveland
Tony Hilton	Town of Landis
Tina Hall	Rowan County
Tammy Corpening	Town of East Spencer
Don Fleener	Town of Midland
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Al Brown	City of Concord
Jeff Phillips	Town of Harrisburg
Lee Withers	Town of China Grove
Keith Deal	Town of Faith

#### Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Director
Pat Ivey	NCDOT – Division 9
Marc Morgan	NCDOT- Division 10
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Loretta Barren	FHWA
John Sullivan	FHWA
Lorene Coates	NC House/Dist. 77
Robert Van Geons	Rowan County EDC
Debra Carter	Cabarrus Chamber
Fred Steen	NC House/Dist 76
Linda Johnson	NC House/Dist 83
Fletcher Hartsell	NC Senate/Dist 36
Doug Paris	City of Salisbury
Jeff Barnhart	NC House/Dist 82
Gary Knox	

#### Call to Order

The TAC meeting of October 27, 2010 of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO was called to order by TAC Chair Bill Feather. TAC Chairman Feather read the roll call of members and determined that a quorum had been met. Chairman Feather then introduced all of the guests present.

After introductions, Chairman Feather asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. With no additions or corrections to the agenda being heard, Commissioner Elizabeth Poole made a motion to accept the agenda and Councilman Kenneth Geathers seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

TAC Chairman Feather asked for updates from the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce representatives respectively. Mrs. Debra Carter, representative for the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce informed the TAC members that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber continues to support the Cabarrus Rowan MPO in all of their endeavors to meet the transportation needs of Cabarrus County and that the Chambers' Legislative Agenda supports the MPO's efforts.

Chairman Feather asked for any speakers from the floor. Mr. Robert Van Geons with the Rowan County EDC requested to address the TAC members. Mr. Van Geons reported that the Rowan County EDC supports the CR MPO by preserving transportation efforts and decision-making at the local level. With no other speakers from the floor, Chairman Feather moved on to the next order of business.

Cabarrus Rowan MPO Director Phil Conrad called TAC members attention to the new format of their agenda. Phil explained that with TAC member approval, staff will prepare items under a Consent Agenda. These items can only be considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. If any TAC member requests discussion on an item, the item can be removed from the consent agenda and be considered separately. With little discussion, Alderman Charles Wingerson made a motion to approve the format change to future meeting agendas. The motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Hilton and all TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

TAC Chairman Feather then proceeded to the next item of business, approval of the minutes of the August 25, 2010 TAC meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Feather asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the August 25, 2010 TAC meeting. Councilman Kenneth Geathers made a motion to approve the minutes as they appear and Commissioner Elizabeth Poole seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote to approve the August 25, 2010 minutes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **FY 2009-2015 MTIP Amendment #2**

*Per Item #3 in their agenda, MPO Director Phil Conrad outlined that NCDOT has requested that all MPO's statewide, amend their Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plans (MTIP's) in order to accommodate the interstate maintenance work and various other safety improvement projects. With the adoption of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Conformity, the MPO's can begin to submit amendments to the MTIP for FHWA approval. The last amendment was completed in May of 2009.*

*The amendment includes interstate maintenance work on I-85 in both Cabarrus and Rowan Counties, as well as intersection improvements on Stokes Ferry Road and widening and shoulder improvements to Old Beatty Ford Road. The agenda refers to Attachment #3 as a draft resolution included in the TAC packets, for modifying the MTIP with projects I-5209, I-5210, W-5303 and W-5313. Item N from their packets includes a breakdown of construction cost for projects: I-5209, I-5210, W-5303 and W-5313.*

Alderman Charles Wingerson made a motion to approve Item #3 under the consent agenda and endorse the amendment. Alderman Tony Hilton seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve

### **THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **FY 2010-11 UPWP Amendment #1**

MPO Director Conrad reported to TAC members that CR MPO staff has received information from NCDOT that their unobligated balance of PL104 funds has been restored. Phil explained that this means the CR MPO has \$325,255 in unobligated funds that can be utilized. He continued by explaining that since the fiscal year is already in process, it would be advantageous to amend the current Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) by the amount of the restored funds which could be used on such items as planning, special studies, meetings and etc. Director Conrad called TAC

members attention to Attachment #4 in their packet which is a draft resolution to amend the current UPWP. TAC members discussed the benefits that could be achieved by obligating the funds now to possibly do some special projects. Also in their packets was a table showing the FY2010-2011 Funding Modifications by Task Code Line Item which detailed where the addition funds could be allocated to in the Work Program.

With little discussion Commissioner Elizabeth Poole made a motion to endorse Amendment #1 to the FY 2010-2011 UPWP. Alderman Charles Wingerson 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 provided a handout which contained updates to projects in Division 9. Mr. Marc Morgan from NCDOT Division 10 provided handouts as well on Cabarrus County projects.
- Old Beatty Ford Road Interchange Update /FHWA – Mr. John Sullivan with the Federal Highway Division Administration addressed TAC members on the current status of funding for the Old Beatty Ford Road Interchange. Mr. Sullivan explained the processes required for a project to be considered for funding. He explained that not all of the criteria have been met for this particular project to be considered by his agency. Mr. Sullivan reported that FHWA has not said no to funding the project, they just need the criteria to be addressed. He said they assess the following: 1) What impact the interchange will/does have on the area transportation network, 2) Is the interchange consistent with current Land Use Plans in that area, and in this particular case there is no Land Use Plan in the area, and 3) Is the interchange plan consistent with the CR MPO Long Range Transportation Plan. Mr. Sullivan also explained that NCDOT has decided to keep the Old Beatty Ford Road Interchange project in the STIP. Mr. Sullivan concluded by saying when all criteria is met the Old Beatty Ford Road Interchange project can be reviewed and considered for funding. TAC members and the delegation from the NC House voiced concerns and frustration with the current status of the project and vowed to continue pursuing all available avenues to get the project completed.
- Kimball Road Extension Update – Mr. Pat Ivey Division Engineer with NCDOT Division 9 presented a powerpoint presentation to TAC members on the Kimball Road Extension project. The presentation provided maps of the project area and estimated project costs. Mr. Ivey stated that construction on the grade separation project should begin in 2013. Pat stated that a public hearing will be conducted and that TAC members should attend as this hearing will be their opportunity to make final comments on the project.
- CTP Update – Ms. Linda Dosse with NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch reported to TAC members that the CTP is nearing completion.
- NC Mobility Fund – Phil Conrad referred TAC members to a preliminary report on the NC Mobility Fund included in their packets. Phil reviewed the two scoring options outlined in the report that could be used as the criteria for the project selection process. He also went on to thank the legislative delegation in attendance for all of their work in making the NC Mobility Fund possible. By consensus, TAC members requested MPO staff to draft a letter on behalf of the CR MPO in support of option 2 for selecting and scoring potential projects.

Mr. Pat Ivey reported that Priority 2.0 Strategic Planning is holding a listening session on November 15, 2010 at 9:15am in Greensboro and this would be a good opportunity to voice comments and concerns about project prioritization.

### **Information Items**

- ✓ Concord Express, RIDER and Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Para-Transit Ridership - Phil highlighted ridership information included in their packets.
- ✓ Phil reminded members that the next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2010 and that upcoming items for discussion at that meeting will be; evaluation of TAC By-Laws, TIP Priorities and nomination of TAC Vice Chair for 2011.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business before this committee, Councilman Kenneth Geathers made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. TAC Chairman Bill Feather seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.