

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

HYBRID MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Members

Blake Kiger	Cabarrus County
Lori Furr	Town of Mt. Pleasant
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Greg Edds	Rowan County
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Bill Feather *	Town of Granite Quarry
Meredith Bare Smith	Town of Landis
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Chris Cranford	Town of Rockwell
Charles Seaford	Town of China Grove
Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
Karen Alexander	City of Salisbury
Andrew Perkins	NCDOT Board
Patty Secreast	Town of Spencer

Others

Phil Conrad *	CRMPO Director
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Brett Canipe *	NCDOT Div 10
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD
Elaine Spaulding	Rowan Chamber
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPD
Wilmer Melton *	City of Kannapolis
Phillip Graham *	City of Concord
Carolyn Carpenter	CCBOE
Carl Ford	NC Senator
Larry Pittman	NC House
Brielle Hartney	City of Concord

Attended in Person *

Call to Order

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad called the October 27, 2021 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC to order in temporary absence of the Chair and Vice Chair. He welcomed all in attendance and asked all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed on their screens. After reciting the pledge, Director Conrad called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad read 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, TAC members should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Director Conrad then introduced NC Senator Carl Ford. Senator Ford addressed the TAC members and reported that work is in progress on the State budget but no clear date has been set for when it will be completed. Senator Ford reported that there have been a lot of compromises and negotiations going on to get the budget to where it needs to be. Director Conrad then introduced NC House of Representative Larry Pittman. Representative Pittman reiterated what

Senator Ford had shared with the group. Representative Pittman asked for information and a status report on the Odell School Road and Highway 73 project. NCDOT representatives offered to update Representative Pittman after the meeting. Director Conrad then introduced NCDOT Board member Anthony Perkins. Mr. Perkins reported to the members that construction estimates on projects were complete. With this information the Board will be able to determine which projects to pursue and which pending projects to evaluate when funding becomes available.

CRMPO Executive Director Conrad continued by asking for any Chamber of Commerce updates. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Chamber reported to TAC members that the Chamber is holding their State of the Region Summit on November 19, 2021 from 7:30 am to 11:30 am. Mrs. Elaine Spaulding from the Rowan Chamber reported that the Chamber will be holding a job fair tomorrow and the Power in Partnership meeting on November 18, 2021 beginning at 7 am.

Director Conrad provided the TAC members with a video presentation that had taken place earlier in the day to honor outgoing Town of Granite Quarry MPO Representative Bill Feather. Mr. Feather did not seek re-election in the recent Town election. Director Conrad congratulated Mr. Feather on his 17 years of service to the CRMPO and presented him with a plaque in appreciation.

Moving on, Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any speakers from the floor who would like to speak. With none heard, she moved onto the next order of business.

Director Phil Conrad introduced Mr. Philip Graham from the City of Concord who provided the TAC members with an update on the CRMPO staffing recommendation. Mr. Graham provided the members with a detailed power point presentation regarding the proposal of discontinuing to use outside consulting firms to provide CRMPO administrative services and instead bring those services in house as City of Concord employees and under the direction of the City of Concord. Once Mr. Graham completed his presentation, he asked the group for a vote of support for the City of Concord to move forward with the methods outlined in the presentation. Several TAC members had questions about why this change was proposed at this time as they were not aware of any problems with the current arrangement. Some members reported that they had not been consulted prior to the meeting and were just hearing this information for the first time and therefore needed more information before making any decisions. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to table any voting on this matter until members had been provided more information. Mrs. Karen Alexander seconded that motion and the members voted unanimously to approve.

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that two projects had been added on page 19 of their agenda packets. With no other adjustments heard, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to approve the agenda with adjustments including the Consent Agenda and Mr. Charles Seaford seconded the motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are considered 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:

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #9

The modification would call for the delay of right-of-way for EB-5732 to FY 2022.

RIDER Transit Program of Projects (POP)

The Program of Projects is a list of proposed FTA grant requests to support the operations of Rider Transit in FY 2021. RIDER Transit System has opted to use the CRMPO's Public Involvement procedures to process this requirement.

Performance Based Planning: Safety Targets

NCDOT recently released the next round of safety targets for North Carolina and that it is up to each MPO to either adopt those targets or create their own. This is an annual requirement that requires public input.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of August 25, 2021 Minutes

Vice Chair Smith called members' attention to the minutes from the August 25, 2021 meeting included in their meeting packets. Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. Ron Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

CTP Amendment

CRMPO Director Conrad reminded the TAC members that amendments to the CTP had been presented at the last CRMPO TCC meeting by the City of Concord and the Town of Harrisburg. Director Conrad explained to the TAC members that the Town of Harrisburg had made some recent changes to their CTP submittal with the City of Concord submittal remaining the same. Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 6 in their meeting packets which were summary tables of the proposed CTP changes.

Director Conrad also reported to the TAC members that both municipalities had already adopted these amendments as part of their own CTP process and that a public comment period had ended. Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment 6B which was a draft resolution adopting the CTP Amendments.

With there being no questions or comments Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adopt the CTP amendments. Mr. Blake Kiger seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment #5

Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT has made a request for four STIP Amendments. The first is to add TL-0021 for the purchase of a new 35-foot hybrid electric bus. Their second amendment request HL-0049, is to add a roundabout and intersection improvement at Brenner Avenue, the third request, TC-0023, is to add four transit buses that have exceeded their useful life and the fourth and final request is for project BL-0043 which concerns the Washington Street sidewalk project in Mount Pleasant. Director Conrad called members' attention to the requests included in their packets and explained the four buses are being requested by the Salisbury Transit System.

The Director went on to report that these amendments to the STIP would be presented to the Board of Transportation for approval at an upcoming meeting. He then referenced Attachment 7 in their packets which was a draft resolution for their consideration.

Director Conrad asked if there were any questions or comments. With none heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to endorse amendment #5 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Ron Smith seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

2050 MTP DRAFT List of CMP Corridors

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the 2050 MTP will include an updated list of corridors for the Congestion Management Process (CMP). This list he explained, began with the 2035 MTP and has been updated with each MTP thereafter. Director Conrad went on to say that a big component of the evaluation is the regional travel model, which includes data on forecasted travel and capacity. He also went on to explain further that the safety data was included with the 2040 MTP and is tracked by corridor. He then provided members with a presentation which explained the process.

Director Conrad concluded by drawing members' attention to Attachment 8 in their packets which was a draft list of the corridors in the CR MPO area. He called TAC members' attention to the fact that Jake Alexander Blvd had been added to the list. Director Conrad finished the presentation by stating this information is for their review at this time.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 informed TAC members that Division 9 Updates are included in their meeting packet. He offered to discuss any projects on the list with members.

Mr. Brett Canipe, NCDOT Division 10 representative called TAC members' attention to a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates. He reviewed some of the ongoing projects in Division 10.

2. P7.0 Process and Schedule – Director Conrad called members' attention to an email included in their packets related to the schedule of P7.0.

3. Special Studies Update – Rowan County, Town of China Grove, and 2050 MTP Assistance - Director Conrad called the TAC members' attention to information contained in their meeting packets regarding the requests for special study funds from the two jurisdictions.
4. FY 2023 CMAQ Project Call - Director Conrad called members' attention to information included in the agenda packets concerning the project call. Phil reviewed the specifics of the project call and pertinent dates were reviewed as well.
5. FY26 STBGP Balance and 2022 Project Call – CRMPO Director Conrad reported that information was included in the packet for their information and review.

Informational Items

- ✦ RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.

Next Meeting is November 17, 2021

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Ron Smith followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.