

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

North Carolina Research Campus
Kannapolis City Hall
401 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

Members

Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Lee Withers	Town of China Grove
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Tommy Garver	Town of Landis
Greg Edds	Rowan County
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Sharon Hovis	Town of Spencer
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Al Heggins	City of Salisbury
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Del Eudy	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Andrew Perkins	NCDOT Board
Sam Bowles	NCDOT Board

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Darrell Hinnant	City of Kannapolis
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Div 10
Bobby Brown	Town of Landis
Barbi Jones	Cabarrus Chamber
Jerome Scott Miller	NCDOT Div. 10
Tamara Sheffield	City of Salisbury
Tony Hillian	Town of East Spencer
Mezak Tucker	NCDOT Div. 9
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div. 10
Rodney Harrison	Salisbury Transit

Call to Order

TAC Chairman Liz Poole called the August 28, 2019 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC to order at 6:00 pm. Chairman Poole welcomed the TAC members and guests and asked all present to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After reciting the pledge, Chairman Poole called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met. She then requested that the group go around the room and introduce themselves. Chairman Poole welcomed new NCDOT Board member Mr. Andrew Perkins and Kannapolis Mayor Darrell Hinnant to the meeting. After all introductions were made, Chairman Poole 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.

TAC Chairman Poole continued on by asking for any Chamber of Commerce updates. Ms. Barbi Jones with the Cabarrus Chamber invited members to the Cabarrus Chamber's State of the Region Summit being held on November 12, 2019. Forums will be held on transportation and economic development issues across the region. NCDOT Secretary James Trogdon will be a

featured speaker for the event which will be held in the Laureate Room at Kannapolis City Hall. Chairman Poole thanked Ms. Jones for the update and went on to ask if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard, Chairman Poole moved on to the next item of business.

Chairman Poole asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. With none being heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to accept the agenda including Consent as presented and Mr. Bill Feather 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 2018-2027 MTIP Modification #2

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reminded the TAC members that periodically MPO Staff brings amendments or modifications to them from the latest NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas for consideration. Phil called members' attention to Attachment #2 in their packets which was a *Draft* Resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects.

Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to endorse modification #2 to the FY 2018-2027 MTIP. Mr. Lee Withers seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2018-2027 MFY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment #7

Director Conrad informed the TAC members that NCDOT has requested a RIDER Transit STIP Amendment for Purchase of Replacement Buses be submitted for consideration. He called members attention to Attachment #3 in their packets which was a *Draft* Resolution.

Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to endorse the MTIP Amendment #7. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of May 22, 2019 Minutes

Chairman Poole called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the May 22, 2019 meeting included in their meeting packets. Chairman Poole asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. Tommy Garver 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.

Draft 2020-2029 TIP

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC that NCDOT has applied their methodology to ranking the transportation projects across North Carolina and has also incorporated the quantitative scores from MPO's and each Division Engineer's rankings. Director Conrad went on to say that the *Draft* FY 2020-2029 TIP had been released initially for public comment at the January meeting of the Board of Transportation. Phil continued by stating that the *Draft* FY2020-2029 had to be re-released at the August meeting of the Board of Transportation.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5A which was a summary of the *Draft* TIP 2020-2029 for Rowan and Cabarrus Counties. Phil reviewed the projects listed for the TAC members. He then, continued by calling attention to Attachment #5B which showed the changes between the *Draft* STIP in January 2019 versus the *Draft* STIP in August 2019. Mr. Pat Ivey, Division 9 Engineer, and Mr. Brett Canipe and Mr. Stuart Basham both from Division 10 answered questions for the TAC members.

Director Conrad closed by saying that this item will come back before them in January 2020 approval.

FY 2019-2020 UPWP Amendment #1

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT had sent an email on July 3, 2019 to let the CRMPO know that they are eligible to receive up to \$206,098 in additional PL funds for FY 2019-2020. Phil reminded TAC members that they currently have \$30,000 budgeted in special study funds that have not been assigned to fund any project. Phil then called members' attention to two FY 2020 SPR Funding Request Applications included in their packets from the Town of China Grove. Mr. Lee Withers explained to the TAC members that the Town of China Grove had originally prepared two SPR Funding Request Applications but have since withdrawn the application for the China Grove Main Street Corridor Study and were only requesting funding assistance on the China Grove/US 29 Interchange and Corridor Study.

Director Conrad continued by showing members a power point presentation provided by RIDER Transit System which outlined their request. The amount being requested is to participate in the regional mass transit study. Phil called TAC members' attention to a *Draft* Resolution of Support for both requests in their packets and corrected the amount on the *Draft* Resolution of Support to \$96,000.00.

With no further discussion or comments, Mr. J.C. McKenzie made a motion to adopt amendment #1 for the RIDER Transit System request and the China Grove/US 29 Interchange and Corridor Study request. Mr. Lee Weathers seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Draft STBG Methodology

Director Phil Conrad reminded TAC members that NCDOT staff had provided them with a presentation on funding and at the close of their presentation, requested a swap of \$6 million in STBG (Surface Transportation Block Grant) funds that will be repaid in the future. Director Conrad reported that the CRMPO had a total available balance of \$7.6 million in STBG funds that are normally used on high priority and hard to fund projects. Phil went on to say that unfortunately the criteria for selecting those types of projects for funding has changed and as a result of those changes, the CRMPO has no projects that scored high enough to be considered for the non-federal match.

Based on those changes, MPO staff was directed by CRMPO TCC to begin creating a methodology to score any STBG projects being considered for submittal. Staff worked with a TCC subcommittee to develop this methodology and was presented to them at their last meeting for their feedback/approval. Phil continued by calling members' attention to Attachment #7 in their packets which was the CRMPO STBG Eligibility Criterial Methodology for candidate projects. Phil reviewed the Introduction and *Draft* document with the members and explained the different points included in the criteria. It included a minimum eligibility requirement, STBG eligible activities, eligible costs, project evaluation criteria, project budget and project implementation. Phil went on to explain that after TCC review and discussion, it was determined to minimally change some of the wording in Project Evaluation Criteria under paragraph 3 to be better defined and those changes had been incorporated.

With no further discussion, Mr. Del Eudy made a motion to adopt the CRMPO STBG Eligibility Criterial Methodology. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and all TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

CRAFT MOA Revision

CRMPO Director Conrad reported that the MPO's in the region have been working to update the CRAFT Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The original MOA for the group was adopted in 2001 as a reaction to HB 1288 or the MPO consolidation bill. The group includes a technical committee and an executive committee and is a regional forum to discuss transportation issues on a regional level. It was determined in 2017 that an update needed to be made to the original MOA. With some assistance from NCDOT TPD, the Draft update was completed prior to May 2018 at which time it was brought to the CRMPO TCC meeting for review.

Some of the revisions included a reduction in the voting membership of the Technical Committee and the Executive Committee. They also looked at the roles and responsibilities of CRAFT. Phil then directed members to Attachment #8 in their packets which was a *Draft* CRAFT MOA.

After Director Conrad reviewed the CRAFT MOA, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to authorize the TAC Chair to sign the revised CRAFT MOA. Mr. J. C. McKenzie seconded that motion and all TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 Engineer called the TAC members attention to the Division 9 Updates included in their packet. Pat provided members with a power point presentation on the I-85 progress. He reported that the project is about 86% complete and should be open by the end of 2019. He also called attention to projects U-5820A and TIP Project 47797 which calls for construction of a turn lane on Heilig Road at Faith Road to improve safety and congestion.

Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed for the members, updates on the Division 10 projects. The updated spreadsheet of projects was also included in the members packets. He provided updates on the I-85 project on the portion included in Cabarrus County as well as calling attention to projects U-3440, U-4910, U-5806 and B-5123. Stuart also reported to the TAC members that P6.0 is starting to move forward on a three-year budget.

- 2045 MTP Amendment and Schedule - Phil reported that work is ongoing and the amendment and TIP would be presented in January for approval.
- ITS Build Grant Letter of Support – Phil called members' attention to a letter to the Honorable Elaine Chao regarding support from the CRMPO for the BUILD grant request from NCDOT. With no questions or discussion, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to direct the CRMPO Chair to sign the letter of support. Mr. J.C. McKenzie seconded the motion and the TAC followed with a unanimous vote to approve.
- Rowan Transit System Section 5310 Grant Application Letter of Support – Phil directed members' attention to a letter in their packets regarding Rowan County's request for CRMPO support of their request for Federal Section 5310 funding. After review, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to authorize the CRMPO TAC Chair to sign the letter of support. The motion was followed by a second from Mr. Ryan Dayvault and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.
- Salisbury Transit System VW Settlement Program Application Letter of Support – Phil called members' attention to the letter of support included in their packets. After review, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to support the Salisbury Transit Systems Application. Mrs. Al Heggins seconded his motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.
- Resolution Supporting Granite Quarry Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Application – Phil called the TAC members' attention to a *Draft* Resolution of Support from the Town of Granite Quarry requesting support from the CRMPO. After review, Mrs. Al Heggins made a motion to support the Town of Granite Quarry's Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant application. That motion was followed by a second from Mr. Greg Edds and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.
- Letter Opposing the FAST Act Federal Rescission – Phil called members' attention to the letter included in their packets to Senator Richard Burr requesting the cancellation of the FAST Act rescission. With no discussion, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to approve the signing of the letter regarding the FAST Act rescission and forwarding to Senator Burr. Mrs. Al Heggins seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.
- Title VI Plan - Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded that motion and the TAC members unanimously agreed.

- In closing TAC Chairman Poole thanked Board Member Perkins for attending and Mr. Perkins addressed the TAC members and provided some background information on himself and also communicated some of his ideas and thoughts on moving transportation projects forward in the State and addressing funding issues.

Informational Items

- ✦ RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ FY 2023-2032 STIP Schedule – Phil called members' attention to a letter in their packets from Mr. Van Argabright, Director of NCDOT Planning and Programming Department regarding the FY 2023-2032 STIP schedule.
- ✦ Mayor Darrell Hinnant invited the TAC members to the final baseball game at the current Intimidators Stadium as the new one will be opening soon.
- ✦ Mr. Greg Edds reported that the Rowan County Girls Softball team recently won the Worlds Series for their division.

Next Meeting is September 25, 2019.

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Chairman Elizabeth Poole adjourned the meeting.