

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 22, 2020

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

Members

Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Charles Seaford	Town of China Grove
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Meredith Bare Smith	Town of Landis
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Sharon Hovis	Town of Spencer
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Matthew Lyerly	Town of Faith
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Lori Furr	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
Chris Cranford	Town of Rockwell
Greg Edds	Rowan County
David Post	City of Salisbury

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Div 10
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPD
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div 10
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Brandon Linn	Town China Grove
Terry Crawford	City of Concord
Tony Hillian	Town East Spencer
Diamond Staton-Williams	Town of Harrisburg
Ashley Stewart	Town of Landis
Lee Withers	Citizen

Call to Order

The January 22, 2020 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by TAC Chairman Greg Edds. Chairman Edds welcomed the TAC members and guests and asked all present to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After reciting the pledge, Chairman Edds called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met. He then asked the group go around the room and introduce themselves.

After all introductions were made, Chairman Edds 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 Edds continued by asking for any Chamber of Commerce updates. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Chamber reported that the Chamber continues to support the efforts of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Chairman Edds thanked Mr. Rankin for his report and continued by asking for any speakers from the floor. With none being heard, he moved on to the next item of business.

Chairman Edds addressed the TAC members and guests and took a few minutes to recognize past CRMPO TAC Chairman Liz Poole. Chairman Edds thanked her for all her years of service to the MPO and the years she served as either Chairman or Vice Chairman of the group.

At this time, MPO Executive Director Phil Conrad announced that the CRMPO would like to recognize Mr. Lee Withers for his ten-year commitment as a member of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO with a plaque. Chairman Edds and Mr. Conrad introduced Mr. Withers and called attention to his service to the MPO as a member from the Town of China Grove. Mr. Withers spoke and thanked the MPO for the plaque recognizing his years of service.

Chairman Edds asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. With none heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to accept the agenda including Consent 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 #3

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that staff is presenting to them modifications from a recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agenda for their consideration. Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to endorse the consent agenda item, FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification #3. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of October 23, 2019 Minutes

Chairman Edds called the TAC members' attention to the minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting included in their meeting packets. Chairman Edds asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Lori Furr seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Nomination and Election of TAC Vice-Chair

CRMPO Executive Director Conrad reported that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC Bylaws state that a new TAC Vice-Chair must be elected each year. Phil reported that the Vice-Chair will rotate to the Chair position in January 2021. He stated that the TAC would need to nominate and elect a Vice-Chair from Cabarrus County since the current Chair was from Rowan County.

At that time, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to nominate Mrs. Lori Furr from the Town of Mt. Pleasant to the Vice Chair position. With no other nominations being heard, Mr. Charles Seaford seconded the motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve Mrs. Furr as the 2020 TAC Vice Chair.

FY 2020-2024 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendment

MPO Director Phil Conrad informed the members that CRMPO staff and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2020-2024 TIP. Phil stated that a copy of the report is on the CRMPO website and that it demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. Phil continued by saying that the report also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2045 MTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment #5 in their meeting packets which was a Draft copy of the report. He reviewed the Draft for the members explaining each component of the report. Once he completed the review, he closed by stating that no public comments were received during the public comment period which ended on December 17, 2019.

Phil then called the TAC members' attention to three Draft Resolutions in their meeting packets. Attachment 5A was a Resolution Finding the Amended Cabarrus-Rowan Urban Area 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program in Compliance with the Provisions of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Fixing Americas Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. After review of the resolution, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report and 2045 MTP. Mr. Charles Seaford seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Attachment 5B was then presented to the members which was a resolution approving an Amendment to the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Without questions or comments heard, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to adopt the Resolution 5B. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Attachment 5C was the last to be presented. This Resolution was to Adopt the FY 2020-2024 Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). With no questions or comments heard, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to adopt the FY 2020-2024 CRMPO Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. Mr. Charles Seaford then seconded the motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Performance-Based Planning: Safety Targets

CRMPO Executive Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that the federal transportation legislation or FAST Act requires State DOT's and MPO's to adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. He went on to say that 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. Director Conrad informed members that the proposed Safety Targets were brought before them for review at a previous meeting and that they were published on the CRMPO website. Phil also reported that no public comments were submitted during the open comment period.

He went on to call members' attention to Attachment #6 which was a draft resolution in support of the new Safety Targets for the year 2020. Phil reported that the deadline for approval is February 27, 2020 and that approving safety targets has now become an annual requirement.

With no questions or comments heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to endorse the proposed Safety Targets. Mrs. Lori Furr seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

DRAFT 2022-2031 TIP Project Call-Division 9 Request

Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that the CRMPO held a call for new projects for all modes of transportation that ended on January 31, 2019. Any projects received would be considered for the FY 2022-2031 TIP cycle. Phil continued by saying that Division 9 has reported a desire for the CR MPO to re-submit the St. Matthew Road/High Rock Lake Crossing causeway project for quantitative scoring. Director Conrad then introduced Mr. Pat Ivey from Division 9 to explain the Division's request.

Mr. Ivey provided a brief presentation with maps on the need for the project which would consist of .33 miles of a two-lane road with widening of the paved shoulders on the Causeway and bridge. Mr. Ivey reported that Division 9 is allowed only 14 project submittals and his request of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is to ask the CRMPO to use one of their project submittal spots to submit this Division 9 project.

With discussion, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to endorse Division 9's request subject to available spots in P6.0. Mr. Chris Cranford seconded the motion and the 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 meeting packet. Mr. Brett Canipe, NCDOT Division 10 Engineer also reviewed for the members updates and delays on the Division 10 projects included in the meeting packet.
- Proposed STPBG Call for New Projects - Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the deadline for submitting new STPBG projects is April 30, 2020

- FY2020-2021 UPWP (Budget)-Director Conrad called TAC members' attention to information in their packets regarding the proposed FY 2020-2021 CRMPO Budget. Phil reviewed the information with the members and closed in letting the members know this would be coming back before them for approval at a future meeting.
- TAC Member Info: Metropolitan Transportation Planning – Director Conrad provided a presentation on the roles and responsibilities of MPO members.
- State Open Records Law Memo – Director Conrad called members attention to a letter from Mr. Jamal Alavi, NCDOT regarding the State's Open Records Law.

Informational Items

- ✦ RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ Project Completions: Old Beatty Ford Road Interchange and Coach Deal Road Extension.

Next Meeting is February 26, 2020.

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, CRMPO TAC Chairman Greg Edds adjourned the meeting.