

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

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

Members

Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
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
Del Eudy	Town of Mt Pleasant
Tamara Sheffield	City of Salisbury

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Div 10
Bobby Brown	Town of Landis
Brian King	City of Concord
Scott Cole	NCDOT Div 10
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Nastasha Earle-Young	NCDOT TPB
Lily Cloud	NCDOT TPB
Arron Alston	NCDOT TPB

Call to Order

The May 22,2019 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO was called to order by Chairman Liz Poole. 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 asked the group to go around the room and introduce themselves. After 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.

Chairman Poole continued with the meeting by asking for any Chamber of Commerce updates or reports. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Chamber reported to the members that the Cabarrus Chamber is immersed in race week activities and that he had no updates to report. Chairman Poole thanked Mr. Rankin for the updates 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. Greg Edds made a motion to accept the agenda as

presented and Mr. Del Eudy seconded the motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Approval of March 27, 2019 Minutes

Chairman Poole called the TAC members' attention to the March 27, 2019 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. Chairman Poole asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Lee Withers seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Resolution Supporting Light Rail

CR MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the City of Concord has been tracking the construction of the light rail in northeast Charlotte for many years. Beginning in 2003 the City of Concord and the CRMPO had budgeted funds for extending the Major Investment Study (MIS) into Cabarrus County. This was done due to the close proximity of the final proposed transit station across I-485. Phil went on to say that the light rail or Blue Line extension opened recently and that Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is beginning to look at other corridors and extensions. Phil then called members' attention to Attachment #3, a Draft Resolution Supporting Light Rail into Cabarrus County. Phil stated that the cities of Concord and Kannapolis and Cabarrus County have already passed similar resolutions of support.

Phil reported to the TAC members that at the May 15, 2019 meeting of the CRMPO TCC members questioned whether the Resolution should include Concord specifically or should it call attention to Cabarrus County only, so that all jurisdictions in Cabarrus County would be implied. Phil went on to say that the TCC had voted to recommend the resolution be amended to a Resolution Supporting Light Rail into Cabarrus County and specific language in paragraph seven be omitted to refer to Cabarrus County only. Phil then passed out the amended resolution for the TAC members to review.

With little discussion or questions, Mr. Lee Withers made a motion to endorse the resolution supporting extension of the Light Rail into Cabarrus County as amended. Mr. Del Eudy seconded the motion and the members voted unanimously to approve.

STBG Projects

Executive Director Conrad reminded TAC members that at their March 2019 meeting, NCDOT Staff provided them with a presentation on funding and requested a swap of \$6 million in STBG funds that would be repaid at some point in the future. Phil reported that the CR MPO has used STBG funds in the past to fund high priority and hard to fund projects. But due to changes under the STI, NCDOT has reported to CRMPO staff that no projects in the CRMPO area score high enough to receive consideration for the non-federal match. Phil continued by calling TAC members' attention to a memo from Mr. Bobby Lewis, COO of NCDOT regarding the funding swap as well as a memo from Mr. Van Argabright, NCDOT Director of Planning and Programming

regarding the release of the 2020-2029 STIP. In closing Phil reported to the TAC members that it was decided by consensus at the May 15, 2019 meeting of the TCC to designate a subcommittee to discuss the STBG funds and create a methodology to select projects to make use of the remaining funds. Once the subcommittee meets and develops some options for this methodology, MPO staff will bring the information back to TAC for their review.

FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification #1

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that periodically MPO staff will bring amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to them for consideration. Phil explained that the first project modification being brought before them was for project EB-5732, calling for a delay in the construction schedule to FY 2021 for the Bruton Smith Boulevard sidewalk project. He continued on by stating that the second project modification was for project P-5726, calling for a delay in the construction schedule to FY 2020 for track improvements to the Kannapolis Amtrak Train Station. Director Conrad called members' attention to Item N which was a description of the projects being requested for changes and Attachment #5 in their meeting packets which was a Draft resolution modifying the MTIP.

Director Conrad asked if there were any questions. With no questions or comments heard, Mr. Del Eudy made a motion to endorse the 2018-2027 MTIP Modification #1. Chairman Liz Poole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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 reviewed the progress of the I-85 projects in southern Rowan County which included projects I-3802B, I-3804 and I-3610 and B-5365. He also called attention to projects I-5858, U-5608, U 5820A and some new projects under development. Pat said if there were questions on any other project's he would be happy to answer them.
- Mr. Brett Canipe, 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 and U-5806.
- NC Moves 2050 Presentation - Ms. Natasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPB provided a power point presentation on the NC Moves 2050 program. Ms. Earle-Young reviewed all forms of transportation including Aviation, Ferry and Ports, Highways, Pedestrian and Bicycle, Public Transportation and Rail. Her presentation was very informative providing data on each mode of transportation as it relates across NC. At the close of her presentation she requested the TAC members provide feedback about the information provided and some of the TAC members did so. She also provided members with a short survey to complete and submit to NCDOT.
- 2020-2029 TIP Schedule, Conformity and 2045 MTP Amendment – Phil Conrad called members' attention to a letter from Mr. Van Argabright included in their packets outlining the

delay in getting the NC Board of Transportation to approve the 2020-2029 STIP. It will not come before them until September 2019 for approval.

- NCAMPO Conference – Phil reported that this years NCAMPO conference was well attended and that there were some good topics discussed with some good speakers present.
- 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative- Phil reminded TAC members that the deadline for submitting applications for the 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative is August 2, 2019. He then referred members to a draft resolution from the Town of China Grove seeking support for the application they are submitting. With little discussion, Mr. Tommy Garver made a motion to approve the letter of support for the Town of China making application. Mr. Del Eudy seconded the motion and the TAC voted unanimously to approve.

Informational Items

- ✦ RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ Phil Conrad called members attention to the meeting minutes of the last NC First Commission meeting.
- ✦ Phil also reported that NCDOT is in the process of kicking off their new Rail Division Plan.

Next Meeting is June 26, 2019.

Adjournment

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