

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

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

Members

Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
Christopher Barfield	Town of Harrisburg
Bobby Brown	Town of Landis
Brian King	City of Concord
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Otis Gibson	Town of East Spencer
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Lloyd Payne	City of Concord
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT - TPD
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Ahmad El Khatib	NCDOT - TBD
Elaine Spaulding	Rowan Chamber
Deloris High	East Spencer
Fred Haith	NCDOT – Div 9
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Tim Norris	Rowan

Chamber

Call to Order

The May 23, 2018 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by TAC Chairman Ryan Dayvault. Chairman Dayvault welcomed the members and asked all present to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Dayvault continued by calling the roll of eligible voting members and determined that a quorum had been met.

TAC Chairman Dayvault continued the meeting by reading 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 Dayvault then asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates or reports. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Chamber addressed the members and said there was nothing new to report from the Cabarrus Chamber. Chairman Dayvault then asked Rowan County Chamber representative Mrs. Elaine Spaulding if she would like to provide an update. Mrs. Spaulding addressed the TAC members and introduced Mr. Tim Norris also with the Rowan Chamber. Chairman Dayvault proceeded on by thanking both Chamber representatives for their updates.

Chairman Dayvault continued on by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. Mr. Pat Ivy with NCDOT Division 9 introduced Mr. Fred Haith, newly named Engineer from NCDOT Division 9. With no other requests heard, Chairman Dayvault asked if there were any adjustments or additions to the agenda. With no requests made, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to accept the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Brian King seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be 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:

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of March 28, 2018 Minutes

Chairman Dayvault called the TAC members' attention to the minutes of the March 28, 2018 meeting of the CRMPO TAC included in their agenda packets. He asked if there were any adjustments or corrections to the minutes. With no adjustments or corrections being heard, Mr. Bobby Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

TIP Priority Project STI Results

Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank the transportation projects across North Carolina. Their methodology he explained, includes a quantitative component that was recently released for all projects in North Carolina. He continued by reporting that NCDOT will incorporate the quantitative scores with the CRMPO's points and the Division Engineer points to create the FY 2020-2029 TIP.

Phil then called members' attention to Attachment 3 – MPO Highway STI Priorities from their packets. The attachment contained the results for the top highway, aviation, rail, sidewalk and greenway projects within the CRMPO. Phil explained that MPO staff has already applied the local methodology to the projects. Phil reviewed the Attachment project by project for the members. During the review of the aviation projects Phil reminded member that the three projects shown could receive up to \$300,000 each. Additionally, during the review of the rail projects, TAC members requested Director Conrad to contact the NC Rail Division and NCDOT Rail Department to set up a time with both groups to attend a TAC meeting to provide a presentation of information on the CRMPO rail projects.

Once the review was complete and with minimal discussion, Mr. Brian King made a motion to endorse the regional tier portion of the TIP Priority Project List subject to any public comments. Mr. Christopher Barfield seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Local Priority and Point Assignment Methodology

Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT has informed MPO staff that Session Law 2012-84 requires the Department to develop a process for standardizing the local input methodology. He went on to say that CRMPO staff has submitted multiple drafts of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO's local input methodology to NCDOT for review and approval.

Director Conrad went on to say that after review, NCDOT granted conditional approval to the CRMPO's methodology with public comment still required. The required public comment period was held and ended on March 21, 2018 and Phil reported no comments were received. He then directed members to Attachment 4 in their packets which was Cabarrus Rowan MPO 2018 MTIP Project Solicitation and Ranking Process document. Phil reviewed the document in detail for the TAC members which included an Introduction, Schedules for project solicitation and rankings, the Public Input Process, Description of Criteria and Weights and Total Scores and Project Ranking Approach. After review, Phil informed the TAC members that this document would standardize the language so that all MPO's would contain the same wording and would need to be reviewed every two years.

With no questions or comments, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to approve the Local Priority-Point Assignment Methodology. Mrs. Deloris High seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Performance-Based Planning: CMAQ Targets

Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that new federal transportation legislation, known as the FAST Act now requires that NCDOT and MPO's adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. Phil continued by stating that NCDOT just released congestion performance measures for the Charlotte UZA which included; 1) annual hours (34) of peak hour excessive delay per capita (PHED), and 2) percent (21) of non-SOV travel.

Phil explained that due to the small amount of the Charlotte UZA in Cabarrus County which included the Highway 73/Odell School Road area, these performance measures will apply to the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Phil continued by explaining the PHED is a four-year target and the non-SOV is a two and four-year target. He called members' attention to Attachment 5 in their packets which were power point presentation slides from NCDOT outlining the CMAQ targets.

After reviewing the attachment with members, Phil reported that it is up to each individual MPO to either adopt these targets as presented or develop their own targets. Mrs. Loretta Barren from Federal Highway Administration explained to the members the repercussions on the CRMPO of not meeting the targets.

With little discussion, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the CMAQ Performance Targets as presented. Mr. Brian King seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Performance Management Agreement

Director Conrad explained to the TAC members that in keeping with the FAST Act requirements, NCDOT and MPO's are required to adopt performance-based planning including various protocols for coordination between stakeholders. Phil continued by saying that NCDOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) have suggested a performance management agreement that specifically outlines data sharing as it concerns performance measures.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment 6 in their packets which was a Draft of the Performance Management agreement between Cabarrus Rowan MPO, Concord-Kannapolis RIDER Transit System and the NCDOT, SCDOT, the Gaston-Lincoln-Cleveland MPO, the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization and the Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study. Phil reviewed the Draft agreement in detail with the members. After the review, Phil informed the members that the agreement was being required to be completed and signed by May 26, 2018 and was confirmed by Federal Highway representative Mrs. Loretta Barren.

With little discussion, Mr. Christopher Barfield made a motion to endorse the CMAQ Performance Management Agreement. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2018-2027 MTIP Performance Management

Director Phil Conrad explained that NCDOT has recommended certain language be added to each MPO's TIP in order to be in compliance with 23 CFR 450.326(d). This recommendation would be an administrative modification. Phil continued by saying that the STIP will include similar language added also as an administrative modification in order to comply with a STIP modification agreement between FHWA and NCDOT.

Phil read the language recommended; "*The Cabarrus Rowan MPO has established performance management targets for highway safety and for transit tier 2 providers that choose to participate in NCDOT's Group Transit Asset Management (TAM) Plan and will establish federally mandated performance management targets for infrastructure condition, congestion, system reliability, emissions and freight movement. The Cabarrus Rowan MPO anticipates meeting their identified targets with the mix of projects included in the TIP.*"

Phil closed by saying that all MPO's have been asked to include this new language. With no further questions or comments, Mrs. Deloris High made a motion to include the suggested language from NCDOT in the FY 2018-2027 MTIP. Mr. Brian King seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 Engineer addressed the TAC members and reviewed the Division 9 project updates included in the members' packets. Pat reported that NC Secretary of Transportation Trogdon will soon be asking legislators to approve the Build NC Bonding Plan which would provide the funds to build regional and division level projects.

Mr. Brett Canipe, NCDOT Division 10 Engineer reviewed updates on the Division 10 projects with the members as well. He highlighted projects I-3802A, I-3802AA, U-4910 and U-5608. Brett finished by reporting that P5.0 is moving forward but NCDOT has delayed the public comment period to June 19, 2018.

- South Coast Air Quality Management District court case – Phil reported to the members that included in their packet were slides from a power point presentation regarding the case. He informed the members if the appeal on this case was unsuccessful, it would bring back the 1997 ozone standard.
- Triad Regional ITS Strategic Deployment Plan - Phil called members' attention to a map in their packet outlining the Triad Regional ITS Strategic Deployment Plan and reported that CRMPO had been invited to participate for free.

Informational Items

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

- Next Meeting is April 25, 2018

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Brian King. The meeting was adjourned.