

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 15, 2006 – 6:30 pm

### Salisbury City Hall

#### Members:

Tom Huntley	Town of Harrisburg
Don Bringle	Town of China Grove
Mark Lewis	City of Salisbury
Chuck Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Larry Helms	NCDOT - Board Member
Ken Geathers	City of Kannapolis
Carolyn Carpenter	Cabarrus County
Sam Morgan	Town of Spencer
Al Brown, Jr.	City of Concord
John Bradford	Town of Cleveland
Steve Blount	Rowan County

#### Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Planner
Dan Mikkelson	City of Salisbury
Linda Dosse	NCDOT – TPB
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber

#### Call to Order

TAC Chairman Don Bringle called the March 15, 2006 TAC meeting to order. TAC Chairman Bringle welcomed the members and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. With no changes being heard, Mr. Tom Huntley made a motion to accept the agenda and that motion was seconded by Mr. Steve Blount. Chairman Bringle asked for updates from the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce representatives respectively. Mr. Alex Rankin reported that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce continues to work with and support the CRMPO on all transportation issues. TAC Chairman Bringle then asked for any speakers from the floor. Mr. Phil Conrad presented Chairman Bringle with a TAC Presentation Request Form that was received by CRMPO staff after the mailing of the packets. Mr. Conrad informed the TAC members that the gentleman wishing to address the Committee was delayed and would be arriving momentarily and requested that he be given time to speak when he arrives. Chairman Bringle recognize the request and moved on to the next order of business.

#### Approval of Minutes

TAC Chairman Bringle asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the January 18, 2006 TAC meeting. Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Carolyn Carpenter seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote.

#### FY 2006-2012 TIP: Statewide Transportation Element

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to TAC members that NCDOT is requesting that all MPO's across the state adopt the statewide transportation element of the 2006-2012 TIP. This element includes projects that are of statewide or regional significance, highway, bridge, bike/ped, public transportation, enhancements, congestion mitigation, rail and hazard elimination. Phil went on to say that in order for NCDOT to authorize use of the TIP funds for these projects within the MPO, it must be part of the local

TIP. After review of the Statewide element, Phil called the TAC members attention to Project #P-3806. Phil explained to the TAC members that this project would restore passenger rail service between Salisbury and Asheville, North Carolina. He further explained that seven communities between these two destinations would have passenger stations put back into operation. Phil went on to say that TCC members make a recommendation to endorse this project in the 2006-2012 TIP. At that time a motion was made by Mr. Ken Geathers to endorse the Statewide TIP and a resolution of support for Project P-3806. Mr. Steve Blount seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.

### **Metrolina Regional Model Update**

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the Metrolina Regional Model Executive Committee met on February 6, 2006 to discuss Regional Model Tasks/Responsibilities and cost sharing. Phil then explained all of the proposals presented at the Executive Committee meeting for how to address the shared costs for model maintenance. He went on to say that the Executive Committee voted in favor of an annual budget of \$160,000 and also voted in favor of the population-based formula for the funding partners. Mr. Conrad called the TAC members attention to the fact that at the January 2006 meeting, the Cabarrus-Rowan TCC and TAC endorsed the Urbanized Area cost allocation using an annual budget of \$150,000. The CRMPO portion would be \$7,500 annually beginning in the current budget year. The population based formula would increase the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO's portion annually to \$16,000. After discussion by the members, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to approve a budget of \$7,500 for the FY 2005-06 Metrolina Regional Model Update and a budget of \$8,000 for the FY 2006-07 based on the Urbanized area formula as previously approved at the January 2006 TCC and TAC meetings. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion and TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.

### **FY 2006 – 2007 UPWP**

Mr. Conrad explained to TAC members, that each year the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program (UPWP). The UPWP, he explained is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2006-2007. The UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted with the planning area during the next fiscal year. Mr. Conrad went on to say that these projects include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the N.C. Department of Transportation and a new line item for Regional Model and LRTP Maintenance to be performed by the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO, Charlotte DOT and NCDOT. It also includes urbanized area transit related planning activities conducted by the RIDER Transit System. Phil further explained that as part of the UPWP, the Federal government is requiring all MPO's to certify their transportation planning process on an annual basis. Phil called the TAC members attention to a checklist included in their packets for CRMPO to use to certify the MPO transportation planning process. After review, Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to approve the resolution regarding the Certification Process review. Ms. Carolyn Carpenter seconded the motion and TAC members followed with a unanimous vote. In addition, the CR MPO allocates the 20 percent local match among the member jurisdictions. In the past this allocation of the local match has been based on Census population. The MPO receives federal funding based on the urbanized area population as defined by the Census. During the discussion, it was asked how the new Model Maintenance element would impact the UPWP for 2006-2007. Mr. Conrad explained that the MPO could make that budget change at this time before approving the UPWP. At this time, Mr. Mark Lewis made a motion to adopt the UPWP with an increase to the 2006-2007 UPWP budget for Model Maintenance to \$8,000 based on urbanized area population, since that is the formula used in receiving federal funding. Mr. Steve Blount seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.

## **FY 2005 – 2006 Amendment #1**

No amendment was required because of the TCC members vote on the FY2005-2006 budget allocation for Model Maintenance.

### **Reports & Updates**

- Local Reports – MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Cabarrus-Rowan MPO Staff distributed updates for Division 9 and Division 10 projects as provide by the respective divisions.
- NCDOT Strategic Highway Corridors Study – Mr. David Wasserman, NCDOT gave a power point presentation on NCDOT Facility Types and Control of Access Definitions
- GARVEE Bonds – Phil Conrad provided the TCC members with a presentation that had been given at the most recent CRAFT meeting.

### **Information Items**

- Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad called the TAC members attention to the ridership information included in their packets

### **Adjournment**

With no other business before this committee, Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. Ms. Carolyn Carpenter seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2006 and will be held at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.