

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Members

Blake Kiger	Cabarrus County
Jim Sells	Town of Mt. Pleasant
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Jim Greene	Rowan County
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Meredith Bare Smith	Town of Landis
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Chris Cranford	Town of Rockwell
Tony Hillian	Town of East Spencer
Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
Charles Seaford	Town of China Grove
Sharon Hovis	Town of Spencer
Andrew Perkins	NCDOT Board

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Div 10
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Loretta Barren	FHWA
David Wasserman	NCDOT STIP
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPD
Diamond Staton-Williams	Harrisburg
Barbara Strang	Cabarrus County
Arthur Heggins	Town of China Grove
Terry Crawford	City of Concord
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis

Call to Order

TAC Vice Chair Meredith Bare Smith called the June 2, 2021 virtual meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC to order at approximately 5:30 pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed on their screens. After reciting the pledge, Vice Chair Smith called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad 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.

Director Conrad moved on to Chamber of Commerce updates. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Chamber reported to TAC members that the Chamber would be holding an Advocacy Committee Meeting on June 11, 2021. The topic of the meeting will be Working for Creative Solutions for Workforce. Mr. Rankin invited the TAC to attend if interested.

Director Conrad reported on behalf of Mrs. Elaine Spaulding from the Rowan County Chamber who could not be in attendance. Director Conrad informed the TAC members that the Rowan

Chamber will be holding its Mayor's Round Table session on June 11, 2021 hosted by the Governmental Affairs Committee.

Moving on, TAC Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any speakers from the floor who would like to speak. With none heard, she moved onto the next order of business.

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. With none heard, Mr. Ron Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented including the Consent Agenda and Mr. Arthur Heggins 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:

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of March 24, 2021 Minutes

Vice Chair Smith called members' attention to the minutes from the March 24, 2021 meeting included in their meeting packets. Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. J.C. McKenzie 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.

Funding Swap Request

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT is proposing the swapping of funding sources for several projects with the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Director Conrad explained to the TAC members that the swapping of funds could potentially help NCDOT secure additional federal funding for North Carolina. Director Conrad continued by explaining that the funding swap would involve switching \$5,000,000 of the CRMPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable federal funds for \$5,000,000 in other flexible federal funds in the years the STBG-DA funds were programmed. At that time, Director Conrad introduced Mr. David Wasserman from NCDOT's STIP Unit to provide additional information.

Mr. David Wasserman provided a Power Point presentation to the TAC members explaining the \$5,000,000 funding swap request. Mr. Wasserman explained that the CRMPO controls its allotment of DA funds and that's why NCDOT is making this request to the CRMPO. The money

transferred would be swapped from the Poplar Tent Road/Harris Road intersection, the Grants Creek Greenway to cover the I-85 widening overdrafts. Mr. J.C McKenzie expressed concern to Mr. Wasserman regarding the current funding swap request in light of the fact the MPO had already approved a different funding swap earlier. Mr. Wasserman reported that the CRMPO will not lose money and that the money is just delayed for certain projects. Director Conrad directed members to Attachment 3 in their packets which was a memo from NCDOT staff explaining the request and proposed swap.

With no other comments or questions, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to endorse the request from NCDOT to swap funds for the STIP projects as proposed. Mr. Ron Smith seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #6

Director Phil Conrad reminded the TAC members that MPO staff is sometimes requested to bring amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. A request from the last NCDOT BOT meeting was made to modify additional projects. Director Conrad called members' attention to the information included in their packets regarding the specific project modifications.

The first project modification was for the delay of construction of Y-4810K to FY2023 which is the Rogers Lake Road grade separation project. The second modification request was to EB-5619 which called for a description change to use segments A, B and C. The third project was W-5710 which is for safety improvements at various locations in Division 10. The fourth and fifth projects were for various statewide CMAQ projects C-5600 and C-5601.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 4 which was a draft resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. He asked for any questions or comments regarding the information presented. With none heard, Mr. J.C. McKenzie made a motion to endorse modification #6 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

2021 Draft Local Priority Methodology

Director Conrad reported that NCDOT staff has indicated that Session Law 2012-84 requires the Department to develop a process for standardizing or approving MPO local input methodology. With recent changes in the way that points can be flexed between tiers, CRMPO staff has submitted a draft of the CRMPO local input methodology to NCDOT for content review. Director Conrad went on to say that after the content review the NCDOT staff will grant conditional approval to the MPO's methodology subject to public input and the CRMPO Board approval. He then called attention to Attachment 5 which was the CRMPO's local priority methodology. Director Conrad reviewed the methodology with the members and pointed out that the proposed edits were located under the public input process section of the document. He also explained that Local Input Point Flexing is a new added process and is included in the Local Priority Methodology document.

With no questions or comments heard, Blake Kiger made a motion to endorse the Draft Local Priority Methodology. Mr. Charles Seaford seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

RIDER Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan

Director Phil Conrad reported to TAC members that the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) final rule, 49 C.F.R. Part 673, requires certain operators of public transportation systems that are recipients or subrecipients of FTA grand funds, to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures necessary for implementing Safety Management Systems.

Director Conrad explained that the Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit System and the City of Concord opted to use the NCDOT Safety Plan which allowed them to draft and certify their Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan under NCDOT's framework and requirements. The Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit System is allowed to choose this option because they utilize less than 100 buses and are considered a small public transportation provider. Director Conrad stated that the required annual review of the PTASP was approved by the Concord Kannapolis Area Transit Commission on April 21, 2021 and by the City of Concord City Council on May 13, 2021.

Director Conrad continued by explaining that approval by the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization is required for approval and certification by NCDOT. He then informed the TAC members that the 307 page Plan document can be found in its entirety at the link, ckrider.com/wp-content/uploads/2021-Public-Transportation-Agency-Safety-Plan-Final-Version.pdf.

With no comments or questions heard from Director Conrad, Mr. J.C. McKenzie made a motion to approve the Rider Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. Mr. Chris Cranford seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 informed TAC members that Division 9 Updates are included in their meeting packet. He offered to discuss any projects on the list with members.

Mr. Brett Canipe, NCDOT Division 10 Engineer reviewed for TAC members projects included in the updates spreadsheet that was included in their packet. Mr. Canipe also reported that the statewide Debris Removal Program held in April was a huge success.

Mr. Andrew Perkins NCDOT Board of Transportation member reported to the TAC members that the Board is meeting with the NC Legislature to discuss the transportation needs of the State.

2. STBGP Project Call Deadline – Executive Director Phil Conrad reminded members that the deadline for project submittal is August 6, 2021.

3. 2021 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Application Cycle- Director Conrad called TAC members' attention to information included in their packets on the application process.

Informational Items

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

Next Meeting is June 23, 2021

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Ron Smith followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.