

## MINUTES

### TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday March 15, 2006 – 12 Noon

Salisbury City Hall

#### Members:

Ed Muire  
Jeff Young  
Dan Mikkelson, Chair  
Richard Smith  
Chris Moore  
  
Ritchie Hearne  
Joe Wilson  
Brett Abernathy  
Linda Dosse  
Loretta Barren  
Jack Flaherty

Rowan County  
City of Concord  
City of Salisbury  
City of Kannapolis  
Midland, Harrisburg  
& Mt. Pleasant  
NCDOT – Division 10  
City of Concord  
NCDOT – Division 9  
NCDOT - TPB  
FHWA-NC  
NCDOT – Transit

#### Others:

Phil Conrad MPO Planner  
Donny Hamilton, Jr. FHWA-NC  
Randy Bass CCTS  
Barry Moose NCDOT-Division 10  
David Naylor NCDOT – Division 10  
Aldie Whitmore NCDOT – Division 10  
Rob Walter Concord Regional Airport  
Connie Cunningham MPO Staff

#### Call to Order

The TCC Chairman Dan Mikkelson called the March 15, 2006 TCC meeting to order. Chairman Mikkelson welcomed the members. Chairman Mikkelson asked everyone to introduce themselves. TCC Chairman Mikkelson then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With no additions or corrections coming from the TCC members, TCC Chairman Mikkelson continued on to the next item of business.

#### Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Mikkelson asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the January 18, 2006 TCC meeting. Mr. Jack Flaherty made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

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

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to TCC 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, TCC Chairman Dan Mikkelson called the TCC members attention to Project #P-3806. Chairman Mikkelson explained to the TCC 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. TCC Chairman Mikkelson then expressed a desire to have the TCC members make a recommendation to endorse this project in the 2006-2012 TIP. At that time a motion was made

by Mr. Jeff Young to recommended to the Cabarrus-Rowan TAC that they approve the Statewide TIP and a resolution of support for Project P-3806. Mr. Richard Smith seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote.

### **Metrolina Regional Model Update**

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TCC 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 TCC 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, they approved by consensus to provide Charlotte DOT with \$7,500 for FY2005-2006 as previously approved at the January 2006 TCC and TAC meetings.

### **FY 2006 – 2007 UPWP**

Mr. Conrad explained to TCC 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. 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. Ritchie Hearne made a motion to recommend to TAC 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. Chris Moore seconded the motion and the TCC 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 / MPO Business**

- Local Reports -MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – NCDOT Division staff member Aldie Whitmore reported on pending projects for Division 10 and referred to a handout. Brett Abernathy from Division 9 provided a handout of project updates for Division 9 projects.
- FHWA Interim Guidance for Transportation Conformity – Loretta Barron was to provide a presentation, but due to technical difficulties with the equipment was unable to give the presentation. She will come back at a later date to present.
- GARVEE Bonds – Phil Conrad provided the TCC members with a presentation that had been given at the most recent CRAFT meeting.
- MPO Street Appendix – Phil Conrad reported that this is still a work in progress and will be emailing information out very soon to all members.
- 2006 Transportation Conformity for MUMPO/NCDOT – Phil Conrad explained that FHWA is requiring MUMPO to perform another conformity on their LRTP due to inconsistencies between the Environmental document for the Monroe Bypass and their LRTP. A section of the Bypass was not included in the LRTP nor the Monroe Thoroughfare Plan because it is not buildable, but must be included in the Environmental document in order for the other two sections of the project to proceed. The amendment to the MUMPO LRTP will trigger a new conformity for the Metrolina non-attainment area. The CR MPO will be responsible for releasing the new conformity report for public review and adoption. The CR MPO LRTP will not be affected and this item is continuing to progress.
- Metrolina ITS Strategic Deployment Plan Program – Mr. Conrad reported that Planning & Engineering staff from the City of Salisbury attended this meeting.
- 2006 MPO conference Update and Local Host Committee – Connie Cunningham reported that final plans had been made for the 2006 NC MPO Conference to be held on October 25-27, 2006 at the University Place Hilton. She provided hotel registration information to TCC members.

## **Information Items**

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

## **Adjournment**

With no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned by TCC Chairman Dan Mikkelson. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.