

# MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

NC Research Campus  
UNC Building  
500 Laureate Way  
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

### **Members:**

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Susan Closner	Town of Granite Quarry
Jonathan Marshall	Cabarrus County
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Diane Hampton	NCDOT - Div. 9
Linda Dosse	NCDOT - TPB
David Pugh	Town of Midland
Louis Mitchell	NCDOT - Div 10
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland, Town of Spencer

### **Others:**

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Rodney Harrison	City of Salisbury
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Rick Cloutier	Concord Airport
Stuart Basham	NCDOT- Div 10
Thad Howell	Rowan Co. Airport
Amy Schueneman	Mt. Pleasant

### **Call to Order**

The March 18, 2015 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by TCC Chair David Pugh and he began the meeting by welcoming everyone to the meeting. Chairman Pugh then proceeded to call the roll of eligible TCC members. Once he determined a quorum had been met, Chairman Pugh asked that those in attendance please introduce themselves.

Chairman Pugh continued by asking if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, he asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With no one coming forward, Chairman Pugh moved on to the next item of business.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Pugh called member's attention to the minutes of the January 21, 2015 TCC meeting which were included in their meeting packets. He asked members for any comments or corrections to those minutes. Chairman Pugh commented that he would like the January 21, 2015 minutes to be amended under the section "Draft 2016-2025 TIP and Conformity" to include wording, "that the TCC requested that the TAC be given further information on the item". Chairman Pugh then made a motion to accept the January 21, 2015 with the amended wording. Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a second and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

## **DRAFT 2016-2025 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendment**

CR MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO Staff and the Metrolina Regional Partners have begun work on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Phil explained that the TIP Conformity Report will demonstrate that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. Phil continued on by stating that it also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2040 MTP and Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Phil explained that due to an acceleration of several projects in the Cabarrus Rowan area using State transportation funds, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to amend the 2040 MTP to reflect the new schedules for these projects. He called members' attention to Attachment 3 in their packets which included a memo explaining the need for the amendment as well as spreadsheets detailing the projects affected by the acceleration in horizon years 2012-2015 and 2016-2025. After review of the projects for the TCC members, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the CR MPO TAC consider endorsing the projects for the MTP Amendment to be included in the upcoming Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2016-2025 TIP. Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **DRAFT 2015-2016 UPWP**

Phil reminded TCC members that each year the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program (UPWP). The UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2015-2016. He explained that the UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. He explained that this item had come before them at the previous meeting and was now coming before them for final recommendation. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 4A in their packets, which included a UPWP funding sources table, a detailed narrative of work tasks, the self-certification checklist, a Draft Resolution confirming the transportation planning process, a second Draft Resolution approving the FY 2015-2016 UPWP and a local match table,

With no questions or comments heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CR MPO TAC consider certifying the MPO transportation planning process and consider adopting the FY 2015-2016 UPWP. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #12**

Phil reported that NCDOT is requesting that the RIDER Transit System STIP Amendment for Vehicle Replacements and Operations in fiscal year 2015 be submitted for consideration along with the following projects; 1) Increase the cap for TO-5183 Operation Assistance from \$1,300,000 annual maximum Federal match to \$2,512,000 for FY 2015, 2) Add TA-5173 for Replacement Vehicles with a Federal share of \$1,353,000 for FY 2015.

Phil explained this request to modify the STIP is required in order to use expiring FY 2012 FTA 5307 funds that NCDOT has indicated will be expiring on September 30, 2015. NCDOT has stated that these modifications to the STIP will be presented to the Board of Transportation for approval at their April/May meeting. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5 in their packets which was a Draft Resolution Adopting Amendment #12 and a breakdown of the modifications requested.

With no discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the CR MPO consider endorsing Amendment #12 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mrs. Diane Hampton from NCDOT Division 9 reviewed a spreadsheet of updates on the Rowan County projects. Mr. Stuart Basham from Division 10 also provided an update on Division 10 projects for the TCC members.
- ✓ CTP Update – Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT TPB reported to TCC members on the status of the updating of the CTP which is currently underway. She reported that she is making progress on the deficiency analysis and alternatives analysis and continues to input data into the CTP maps. Linda also inquired as to whether or not the City of Salisbury has submitted all necessary forms for their transit funding designation. Rodney Harrison with Salisbury Transit stated that all forms have been submitted for review.
- ✓ Senate Bill 20 – Phil called members' attention to a February 4, 2015 copy of Senate Bill 20 which would alter the Motor Fuel Tax. Ms. Linda Dosse with NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch provided TCC members with a handout outlining the 2013-2014 NCDOT Sources and Uses with a Total Funding of \$4.4 Billion for information. When asked by TCC members for the respective Division's thoughts on the Senate Bill, Mrs. Diane Hampton reported that Division 9 supports Senate Bill 20.
- ✓ Air Quality/Ozone Emissions Modeling Update – Phil Conrad explained that the EPA's request for comment on the new ozone State Implementation Plan for the Metrolina Region is now out for public comment. An Executive Summary was included in the members' packets.
- ✓ NCAMPO Conference – Phil reported that the NCAMPO conference is coming up on April 29, 2015 and will be held in Raleigh.

### **Informational Items**

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TCC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- Division 9 STIP Public Meeting – April 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 to 7 pm at PTCOG office in Kernersville.

- Division 10 STIP Public Meeting – April 9<sup>th</sup> 4 to 7 pm at Stanly County Commons in Albemarle.
- Next scheduled meeting is April 15, 2015.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to be considered, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Mr. Ed Muire.