

# MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, April 20, 2011 – 12 Noon**

Salisbury City Hall  
217 South Main Street  
Salisbury, North Carolina 28146

### Members:

Joe Wilson  
Dan Peters  
Adrian Cox  
Jonathan Marshall  
Ed Muire

David Pugh  
Brett Abernathy  
Dan Mikkelson  
Ken Deal  
Leah Wagner  
Wilmer Melton

City of Concord  
Town of Granite Quarry  
Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Cabarrus County  
Rowan County  
Town of Cleveland  
Town of Midland  
NCDOT Division 9  
City of Salisbury  
Town of China Grove  
NCDOT- Division 10  
City of Kannapolis

### Others:

Phil Conrad  
Thad Howell  
Connie Cunningham  
Rob Walter  
Rodney Harrison  
Joe Sides  
CRMPO Director  
Rowan Co. Airport  
CRMPO Staff  
Concord Airport  
Salisbury Transit  
CCSC

### **Call to Order & Quorum**

The April 20, 2011 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by TCC Chairman Adrian Cox. Chairman Cox called the roll and determined that a quorum was met. Chairman Cox continued on by asking if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With there being none heard, Chairman Cox continued on to the next item of business.

### **Approval of Minutes**

TCC Chairman Cox proceeded by requesting any comments or corrections to the minutes from the January 19, 2011 TCC meeting. With there being no corrections or comments heard, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Ken Deal seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2011 meeting.

### **FY 2011-2020 TIP Conformity and LRTP Amendment**

Cabarrus Rowan MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members, that the CR MPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2011-2020 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). A copy of the previous 2009 TIP report Phil explained, is available on the CRMPO website.

The TIP conformity report Phil explained, demonstrates that the financially constrained LRTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. It also certifies that the TIP is a subset of the 2035 LRTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Phil continued on by calling TCC members attention to an excerpt from the TIP Conformity Report included in their agenda packets and labeled as Attachment 3A.

Phil reported that due to the acceleration of project I-2304 the I-85 widening project over the Yadkin River, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to amend their LRTP to reflect the new schedule for this project. He called TCC members attention to Attachment 3B in their packets which was a memo explaining this amendment. A public comment period would be open until the June 2011 MPO meeting and the Report would be forwarded to FHWA for the Federal conformity finding in July or August 2011.

With no comments or questions being heard, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC authorize release of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2011-2020 TIP for a thirty (30) day public comment period. Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **TIP Priority Methodology**

Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that due to the fact that NCDOT recently applied a new statewide methodology to rank projects for the FY2011-2020 TIP, CRMPO staff has been working on the development of a methodology to rank highway projects in the CRMPO area. Phil reminded TCC members that the Cabarrus Rowan TIP Priority Methodology was presented and reviewed by the TCC and TAC at their respective January 2011 meetings with minimal discussion.

Phil called TCC members attention to Attachment 4A in their packets which was a copy of the Draft TIP Priority Methodology and also a spreadsheet labeled Attachment 4B which included local projects which were scored using this methodology. Phil also called TCC members attention to a series of slides identified as Attachment 4C in their packets that outlined the schedule for submitting projects for the 2014-2020 TIP. After minimal discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend the Draft TIP Priority Methodology to the TAC for their approval with a stipulation that in the future the CRMPO utilize the control point method totaling 1300 points. Mr. Dan Peters seconded the motion and all TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Draft FY 2011-2012 Unified Planning Work Program**

Director Conrad reported to the TCC members that each year the Cabarrus Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program (UPWP). The UPWP, Phil continued, is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2011-2012. Phil called TCC members' attention to Attachment 5A in their agenda packet.

Phil continued by explaining that the UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and the funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. Phil informed TCC members 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 then called TCC members attention to Attachment 5B in their packets which was a checklist for the CR MPO to certify the MPO transportation planning process. These projects Phil stated, include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the NCDOT and a line item for Regional Model and LRTP Maintenance. It also includes urbanized area transit related planning activities conducted by the CK Rider Transit system. Phil also informed TCC members that NCDOT requires a 5 Year Planning Calendar be developed in coordination with the annual UPWP and that a Draft copy of calendar is included in their agenda packets labeled Attachment 5C. Phil reviewed all of the attachments with TCC members.

After little discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider certifying the CR MPO transportation planning process and adopt the 2011-2012 UPWP. Mr. Jonathan Marshall followed with a second to the motion, and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **Reports / MPO Business**

- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Brett Abernathy with NCDOT Division 9 presented and reviewed a handout on the Rowan County projects. Mrs. Leah Wagner with NCDOT Division 10 also provided TCC members with a handout of Division 10 projects and reviewed their status with TCC members.
- Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets – Phil Conrad reviewed the Emissions Comparison Summary for Cabarrus and Rowan counties included in TCC members' packets. The comparison showed the NOx and VOC emissions for each county separately. TCC members had the option to keep emission budgets separate by county or to combine and use one consolidated emissions budget for the CR MPO. Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to combine the budgets and use one budget for the CR MPO area and Mr. Dan Mikkelson seconded the motion. TCC members voted unanimously to approve.
- Rowan Express – Phil Conrad advised TCC members that the Rowan Express Route will need to seek funding to continue the service in the new fiscal year. The services have been funded by a CMAQ grant through NCDOT but the three year funding grant is due to expire at the end of June 2011. The Rowan Express staff has made a request that the CR MPO write a letter of support for the Rowan Express Route to continue operations. With no further discussion, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to send a letter of support for the Rowan Express Route to the Rowan County Commissioners. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.
- HB 635 Adjust Highway Equity Formula – Phil Conrad called TCC members' attention to information regarding House Bill 635 included in their packets. The bill would adjust the distribution formula for funds expended on the intrastate system and to the transportation improvement program.
- 2011 NC MPO Conference/April 27-29, 2011 – Phil informed TCC member's that the 2011 NC MPO Conference would be held on April 27-29 in Fayetteville, North Carolina and that staff would be attending.
- Traffic Safety Unit Workshop – Phil Conrad relayed information to TCC members regarding a traffic safety workshop that he had attended with NCDOT. Phil said he got a lot of good information from the workshop to bring back to the MPO.

## **Information Items**

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

## **Adjournment**

With no other business to bring before the CR MPO TCC, the April 20, 2011 meeting of the CRMPO TCC was adjourned with a motion made by Mr. Joe Wilson and seconded by Mr. Ed

Muire. The next meeting will be May 18, 2011 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.