

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday May 17, 2006 – 12 Noon

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

Members:

Ed Muire
Jeff Young
Dan Mikkelson, Chair
Wilmer Melton
Mike Byrd

Barry Moose
Joe Wilson
Brett Abernathy
Linda Dosse

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

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Planner
Leah Wagner NCDOT– Division 10
Randy Bass CCTS
Loretta Barren FHWA-NC
David Naylor NCDOT – Division 10
Lindsey Hobbs City of Kannapolis
Rob Walter Concord Regional Airport
Mike Nunn CRMPO Director
Greg Fuller NCDOT - ITS
Buddy Murr NCDOT - ITS
Mike Braswell NCDOT – ITS
Ritchie Hearne NCDOT – Division 10
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff

Call to Order

The TCC Chairman Dan Mikkelson called the May 17, 2006 TCC meeting to order. Chairman Mikkelson welcomed the members. Chairman Mikkelson did the role call and determined there was a quorum present to conduct the meeting. 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 March 15, 2006 TCC meeting. Mr. Wilmer Melton 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 Amendment #2

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to TCC members that the Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit system, RIDER, began service in April 2004. As part of this system, NCDOT will fund the planning, design and construction of a permanent transit transfer center. Phil went on to tell the TCC members that NCDOT has asked that the CRMPO amend the State TIP to reflect the correct fiscal year for expenditure of the planned transit capital projects and cost sharing portion of the FY 2006 Urban Area Formula Grant Section 5307. Chairman Mikkelson asked TCC members if they fully understood what the amendment was and what it pertained to. By consensus, the TCC members agreed that they were aware of the need for an amendment. At that time a motion was made by Mr. Joe Wilson to recommend to the Cabarrus-Rowan TAC that they approve the FY2006-2012 TIP Amendment #2. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports -MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – NCDOT Division staff member Ritchie Hearne reported on pending projects for Division 10 and referred to handouts Brett Abernathy from Division 9 provided a handout of project updates for Division 9 projects.
- FHWA Interim Guidance for Transportation Conformity – Loretta Barron provided a presentation on the SAFETEA-LU Transportation conformity changes. Loretta focused on Conformity Re-determinations, frequency of Conformity Determinations, Time Horizons and Conformity lapses.
- NCDOT Traffic Signal System Rehab – Greg Fuller, NCDOT – ITS and Signal Unit provided the TCC members with a presentation on the upgrading of traffic signal systems. Mr. Fuller expressed the need for MPO awareness of the need to get the Salisbury Signal System rehabilitation into the TIP as quickly as possible. Chairman Mikkelson pointed out that the City of Salisbury is in the process of securing funding to upgrade their traffic signal system and that the cities of Concord and Kannapolis will soon be have the same need.
- MPO Street Appendix – Phil Conrad reported that this is still a work in progress, but that there is an immediate need to begin pulling all the information together and get it put into the LRTP. The CRMPO office is getting an increasingly amount of calls requesting the up to date information. By consensus, the TCC members agreed to hold a subcommittee meeting in the next thirty days to begin completing the process.
- Metrolina Regional Model Update - Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the Metrolina Regional Model partners have requested that the CRMPO reconsider their vote in favor of the urbanized area 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. Mr. Jeff Young, Metrolina Regional Model Executive Committee member reported to TCC members that the Executive Committee members felt their recommendation to use the population based formula for funding allocation, should be followed by the funding partners. After discussion by the members, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend to the TAC that they uphold their original vote in support of the urbanized area funding and to provide Charlotte DOT with \$7,500 for FY2005-2006 and \$8,000 for the FY2006-2007 as previously approved at the January 2006 TCC and TAC meetings. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members follow with a unanimous vote.
- 2006 Transportation Conformity for MUMPO/NCDOT – Phil Conrad explained that FHWA is requiring MUMPO to perform another conformity on their LRTP due inconsistencies between the Environmental document for the Monroe Bypass and their LRTP. 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.

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, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Lindsey Hobbs seconded the motion and all TCC members voted unanimously to adjourn. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 21, 2006 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.