

# MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

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

### Members:

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Zac Gordon	City of Kannapolis
Jonathan Marshall	Cabarrus County
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT-TPB
Stuart Basham	NCDOT-Div 10
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div 9
David Jaynes	Town of East Spencer
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland
Samantha Fisk	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer

### Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Tony Tagliaferri	VHB Engineer
Scott Cole	NCDOT Div 10
Lloyd Payne	City of Concord
Thad Howell	Rowan Airport

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Wendy Brindle called the May 18, 2016 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at 12:20 pm. Chairman Brindle welcomed everyone in attendance and started the meeting by calling the roll of eligible TCC members. After the roll was called, it was determined a quorum had been met. Chairman Brindle then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, Chairman Brindle continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no response heard, Chairman Brindle moved forward with the meeting.

### **Approval of Minutes**

TCC Chairman Brindle called TCC member's attention to the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to accept the minutes as they appear. Mr. Reid Walters seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

### **TIP Priority Project STI Results**

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that NCDOT has now applied their methodology to rank transportation projects across the state. Phil explained this methodology includes a quantitative component that was recently released for all projects in North Carolina. Phil went on to state that NCDOT will incorporate the quantitative scores with the

CRMPO points assigned as well as the Division Engineer points to initiate the development of the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Phil then called members' attention to Attachment 3 in their packets which outlined the results for the top highway, aviation, rail, sidewalk, and greenways projects in the CRMPO area. Phil reviewed the attachment project by project for the members as well as providing scenarios for allocation of points to projects with the local methodology applied.

Diane Hampton with NCDOT Division 9 provided members with a Revised P4.0 Schedule of Key Dates. She outlined the calendar dates of when each stage of the process was to be complete and ready for the Draft STIP approval.

After all review was complete, Phil asked for questions or comments. With none heard, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the regional tier portion of the TIP Priority Project List. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Amended Prospectus**

Phil reported to TCC members that the CRMPO last adopted its Prospectus in September 2003 due to the expansion of the MPO Planning Boundary in Rowan County. Phil continued on by explaining that due to recent changes requested by the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch (TPB) in their development of the recent Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), MPO staff was requested to develop a *Draft* Prospectus that consolidates many of the task codes or line items. Phil reported that MPO staff has made those revisions to the Prospectus based on the input from NCDOT TPB to meet Federal requirements.

Phil reviewed the *Draft* Prospectus with the TCC members and then asked for any questions or comments. With little discussion, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adoption of the amended Prospectus. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **TAP Program Project Call**

Phil reminded members that he had introduced a new federal program at the March TCC meeting called the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Phil explained this program is similar to the STP-DA sub-allocation program and would still require a 20 percent local match for bicycle and pedestrian eligible projects. The allocation of these funds for ten years totals \$2.2 million to the CRMPO.

Phil stated that the CRMPO TAC adopted the TAP Program Selection Process at their January 2016 meeting and that the CRMPO issued a call for project proposals on March 1 to all jurisdictions within the MPO area. That call ended on April 30, 2016.

Phil reported that three project proposals were submitted by project sponsors. He called members' attention to Attachment 5A in their packets which was a summary of the submitted projects. After review of those projects, Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5B which included all three project proposals for their review. After review of the projects, Mr. Zac Gordon made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the three TAP Program

Projects for inclusion in the MTIP. Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment #4**

Phil explained to members that staff is presenting amendments as a result of a recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agenda to the TCC and TAC for consideration. The first project change Phil presented, was a change in funding for project I-3802B widening project from GARVEE funds to traditional federal funding (NHP). After review, Phil presented the second requested project change.

The second project was a change in the project description for I-5859 the I-85 pavement rehabilitation project to extend the northern limits based on the interstate maintenance prioritization. After review, Phil presented a third project change concerning the widening of Derita Road (U-4910A and U-4910B) which was a request to delay construction from FY 2016 to FY 2017 due to the pre-construction schedule. Phil reported that U-4910A is STP funded by the MPO. The fourth project change is a delay of construction from 2015 to 2016 for U-5522 for the City of Concord Traffic Management System. The fifth change requested was for a delay for one fiscal year in right-of-way and construction to FY 2018 for the Concord Mills Blvd flyover (U-5806) to minimize traffic disruptions.

The sixth project change Phil presented, was a three year acceleration of project B-5793 or bridge on Crowell Road to FY 2017. The seventh project change was for a new greenway project in Landis as part of the Grants Creek Greenway (EB-5813). The eighth project change is for a delay of right-of-way by one fiscal year to FY 2016 for the Mt. Vernon Road bridge replacement which is project B-5160.

The ninth project change requested was for the seven year construction acceleration to FY 2018 of the Peach Orchard Road Bridge replacement (B-5769). The tenth and final program presented for changes was for R-5778 which is to provide access to a proposed industrial site also known as Bill McGee Road. Phil then called members' attention to Attachment 6 which was a *Draft* Resolution modifying the MTIP for these requested project changes.

With little discussion, Mr. Reid Walters made a motion to request that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing amendment #4 to the FY 2016-2025 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 – NCDOT Division 9 representative Mrs. Diane Hampton reviewed a spreadsheet of updates on the Rowan County projects that was included in the TCC meeting packets. Mr. Stuart Basham from Division 10 also highlighted project updates on Division 10 Projects for the TCC members. Both Division representatives reported to members that their respective divisions have met with the

MPO's in their areas to discuss project point allocations and they will support the local project point distributions.

- ✓ Division 9 & 10 Scoring Methodology - Both division representatives reported to members that their respective divisions have met with the MPO's in their areas to discuss project point allocations and they will support the local project point distributions. Stuart Basham called members' attention to the public meeting schedule information provided to members. He reported that results of the Division point allocation will be published on June 10, 2016.
- ✓ CTP Index – Phil reported to members that a large amount of local government and MPO staff time has been devoted to the CTP Index, and that NCDOT has still not provided the updated/final CTP Index and maps. The older version is still on the MPO website due to this reason. Mr. Reuben Crummy, NCDOT TPB was asked for an update on the CTP and when the CR MPO could potentially see the approved document and maps. Mr. Crummy reported that after the NCDOT TPB review was completed, there were some maps that needed further updates. Ms. Linda Dosse is still working to revise and update the CTP maps. Mr. Crummy was unable to provide a timeframe for the TCC as to when they could expect to see the final NCDOT approved package. Mr. Joe Wilson and Mr. Ed Muire requested that Mr. Crummy arrange a meeting for TCC members to meet with Ms. Dosse as soon as possible to discuss the issue of getting an approved and updated CTP.
- ✓ TCC Meals – Phil reported to TCC members that NCDOT will no longer approve payment on MPO invoices for meeting meal costs. Members have always paid a portion of the total cost and the remainder of the cost was billed on MPO invoices. Since members pay \$5 per meal, it was pointed out that the meal served to them today was a \$5 per person meal and not the quality of a meal normally served. Members discussed several scenarios for meal and payment options before deciding to move the meeting time so that no meal has to be provided. After all discussion, Mr. Reid Walters made a motion to move the monthly TCC meetings to 10:00 am. His motion was seconded by Mr. David Jaynes and members voted unanimously to approve.
- ✓ 2015 Base Year Socioeconomic Updates – Phil reported that staff is currently working on updates and those updates will be incorporated into the regional travel demand model. The updates are due by the end of June.

### **Informational Items**

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information – Phil called the TCC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- Freight Study Update – Phil called members' attention to information provided in their packets.
- Next scheduled meeting is June 15, 2016.

## **Adjournment**

With no other business to be considered, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.