

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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
Macon Sammons	Town of East Spencer
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland, Town of Spencer
Scott Cole	NCDOT-Div 10

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Rick Cloutier	Concord Airport
Warren Cooksey	NCDOT-Div 10
Stuart Basham	NCDOT-Div 10
Phillip Craver	NCDOT-Div 9
Rodney Harrison	City of Salisbury
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis

Call to Order

TCC Vice-Chair Wendy Brindle called the May 20, 2015 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Her first order of business was to call the roll of eligible TCC members. Once she determined a quorum had been met, Vice-Chair Brindle asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Vice-Chair Brindle requested that an item regarding the City of Salisbury Transit System be added to the end of the Reports section.

With no further additions or corrections to the agenda, Vice-Chair Brindle asked that guests please be introduced. With no introductions needed, Vice-Chair Brindle asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With no one coming forward, Vice-Chair Brindle moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Brindle called member's attention to the minutes of the March 18, 2015 TCC meeting which were included in their meeting packets. She asked members for any comments or corrections to those minutes. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Proposed CMAQ and TAP Programs

MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are a funding source for areas designated non-attainment by the EPA. Phil went on to say that CMAQ funds do require a local sponsor and a 20 percent local match before being approved. Eligible projects must demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit to the local area.

Phil continued by stating that NCDOT is in the process of accepting new project applications and that the applications must be submitted by July 15, 2015. Currently, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO has six existing CMAQ Project Proposals in the NCDOT system for consideration. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 4A in their packets which was a table listing the six projects already proposed. After review of the table, Phil went on to say that NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO can anticipate receiving approximately \$1.5 million per year in CMAQ funds for FY 2016 and 2017. With that amount of anticipated funding, only about half of the six current proposed projects can get funded. At this time, Vice-Chair Wendy Brindle made a request to remove the City of Salisbury's Old Wilkesboro Road Sidewalk project application from the list. TCC members discussed how to best use the available funds and funding by consensus agreed that using the funds on current underfunded projects would be the wisest decision. Projects from the list for Kannapolis, Concord, and Salisbury could be completed if the 2016 CMAQ funds could be used toward their deficiencies in funding. After all discussion, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to use the 2016 CMAQ funds on the underfunded projects in the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO project priority list. Mr. Zac Gordon seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Phil also reported to the TCC members that a new program is becoming available through NCDOT, the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The TAP is similar to the STP-DA fund sub-allocation program of previous years. The TAP will also require a 20 percents local match for bicycle and pedestrian eligible projects. Phil went on to say that the ten year allocation of this program will total \$2.2 million to the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO. He then called members' attention to Attachment 4B in their packets which was an excerpt of the *Draft* TIP explaining the funding for the new program. At this time, Phil asked for questions or comments. Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT-TPB explained to TCC members what is being done in other large MPO's around the state. After discussion, by consensus, the TCC members elected to discuss the issue in a TCC subcommittee and report back to the members at their next meeting.

Connect NC Bond Initiative

Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that MPO staff has prepared a *Draft* resolution in support of the statewide bond transportation project in Cabarrus County proposed by Governor Pat McCrory and called attention to Attachment 5 in their packets. Phil also reported that there are non-transportation projects proposed as part of the bond in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties.

Phil informed the TCC members that given the release of the recent STI scores, it may be important to advance some of these projects in both Division 9 and Division 10 given their current NEPA status and impacts to future STIP budgets. Phil went on to report that NCDOT staff has used the current STI list for identifying these priority projects. After little discussion, Mr. Macon Sammons made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Connect NC Bond Initiative in the form of a resolution to the legislative delegation. Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Phillip Craver from NCDOT Division 9 reviewed a spreadsheet of updates included in their packets on the Rowan County projects. Mr. Stuart Basham from Division 10 called TCC members' attention to a spreadsheet included in their packets with updates on Division 10 Projects
- ✓ 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 the *Draft* CTP maps are being reviewed and will soon go out for public comment.
- ✓ I-3802A Project Design and Status – Mr. Warren Cooksey from NCDOT Division 10 provided members with a presentation and visuals on how the new interchanges will look upon completion of the project.
- ✓ Kimball Road Public Meeting – Phil reported that there were a few citizens who attended the meeting and that they provided some alternatives to be considered on the project. NCDOT is in the process of reviewing those comments.
- ✓ DRAFT 2016-2025 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendment – Phil called members' attention to information included in their packets.
- ✓ 2014 Base Year Socioeconomic Update – Phil Conrad explained to members that this is an annual process for MPO staff and once the data is compiled it is forward to the Regional Model Custodian.
- ✓ Salisbury Transit Announcement – Vice-Chair Wendy Brindle called members' attention to a handout supplied at the meeting regarding the City of Salisbury now being designated as a new grantee for federal transit funds.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TCC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- NC Legislative Summary
- Next scheduled meeting is June 17, 2015.

Adjournment

With no other business to be considered, Mr. Zac Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ed Muire followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.