

# MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, June 18, 2014**

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

**Members:**

Margaret Pearson	City of Concord
Dan Peters	Town of Granite Quarry
Jeff Wells	City of Kannapolis
Jonathan Marshall	Cabarrus County
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Macon Sammons	Town of East Spencer
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div. 9
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB
David Pugh	Town of Midland
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland, Town of Spencer
Scott Cole	NCDOT- Div 10

**Others:**

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Thad Howell	Rowan Airport
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Rodney Harrison	Salisbury Transit
Rob Walter	Concord Airport
Lynn Raker	City of Salisbury
Stuart Basham	NCDOT-Div 10
James Lim	NCDOT-PTD
Glenn Walters	Design Workshop
Drake Fowler	Design Workshop

### **Call to Order**

TCC Chairman Ed Muire called the June 18, 2014 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. Chairman Muire welcomed everyone in attendance and proceeded to call the roll of eligible TCC members. Once he determined a quorum had been met, Chairman Muire asked that guests please be introduced. Phil Conrad, MPO Director introduced Drake Fowler and Glenn Walters from Design Workshop, James Lim from NCDOT Public Transportation Department, Margaret Pearson from the City of Concord, Stuart Basham from NCDOT Division 9 and Lynn Raker from the City of Salisbury.

Chairman Muire continued on by asking if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Representatives from the City of Salisbury made a request to have the East Innes Street Corridor Study Presentation under Reports/MPO Business moved to Item 2A in the main part of the agenda to allow the consultants from Design Workshop to travel back to Asheville. With no other requests or corrections to the agenda, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to amend the agenda as requested. Mr. David Pugh seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman Muire then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Marshall moved on to the next item of business.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Muire called TCC member's attention to the minutes of the March 19, 2014 TCC meeting which were included in their meeting packets. He 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 presented. Dan Peters seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

## **East Innes Street Corridor Study Presentation**

Mrs. Wendy Brindle from the City of Salisbury addressed the TCC members and explained the East Innes Street Corridor Study project. Once Wendy had fully explained the need for the study and the goals the City of Salisbury hoped to accomplish by doing the study, she introduced Mr. Glenn Walters and Mr. Drake Fowler consultants with Design Workshops who conducted the study for the City. Mr. Walters and Mr. Fowler explained in detail how they worked with Salisbury City staff and Salisbury citizens to arrive at ideas best suited to improve and enhance the three mile Corridor Study.

They provided a power point presentation which illustrated in detail the processes and vision of conducting the study. Their presentation also provided before photo's of existing street conditions and after renditions of how improvements could be made to the corridor. These improvements would make pedestrian traffic much safer and create a more esthetically pleasing streetscapes.

## **TIP Priority Projects STI Results**

CR MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to members that NCDOT has been working to apply their methodology to rank all modes of transportation projects. Phil explained that NCDOT's methodology includes a quantitative component that was just recently released. The next step will be for NCDOT to incorporate the quantitative scores with the CR MPO (local input) scores and the Division Engineers ranking (points) to work toward the development of the FY 2016-2025 TIP.

Phil continued by calling TCC members' attention to Attachment #3 in their packets which was a detailed list of Division 9 and Division 10 Highway STI Priorities for the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Phil reviewed the spreadsheet with members highlighting past project ranking as well as current rankings. The rankings included in the spreadsheet detailed not only highway projects, but aviation, greenway and sidewalk projects. Phil also called members' attention to a memo in their packets that provided a summary of STI and provided some examples as well. Phil closed by stating that the deadline for getting project points assigned and entered into the NCDOT system is August 29, 2014.

Upon completion of the review, Mr. Stuart Basham with NCDOT Division 10 provided TCC members with a power point presentation explaining the new STI and how the final projects selected are determined by the Statewide, Regional, and Division ranking. Stuart reviewed the criteria for how and why projects are ranked according to the Division 10 Methodology.

Once all information was provided to members, Phil reminded members that the data contained in the project and ranking spreadsheet must still be released for public comment. With no additional discussion, Mr. Dan Peters made a motion to recommend that the TAC release the TIP Priority Project STI Results for public comment. Mr. David Pugh seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Resolution in Support of Statewide Tier Projects**

Phil called member's attention to a draft resolution, Attachment 4A, included in their packets regarding the endorsement of Statewide Tier projects. Phil explained that the I-85 and I-77 corridors are important for the Metrolina Region. With the limited local input to the STI scores statewide, it is very important to have a unified voice of support from the region in maintaining and/or exceeding the proposed schedules for those projects.

Phil then continued by calling members' attention to Attachment 4B which was a list of the statewide tier projects for the region. After reviewing the list for members, Phil asked for questions or comments. With none heard, Mr. David Pugh made a motion to recommend that the TAC consider endorsing the draft resolution in support of the Statewide Tier Projects including the I-85 project in southern Rowan. Chairman Ed Muire seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #9**

Phil explained that this amendment is being brought before them for consideration as a result of a recent NCDOT Board of Transportation action. The amendment Phil explained, is for a delay of right-of-way and construction by one fiscal year for the NC 3 widening project.

Construction would not begin until 2016 as a result of the amendment. With no discussion, Mr. Jeff Wells made a motion to recommend that the TAC endorse Amendment #9 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 –Diane Hampton from NCDOT Division 9 called TCC members' attention to a spreadsheet of updates on the Rowan County projects included in their packets and reviewed for the members. Scott Cole provided TCC members with verbal updates on Division 10 Projects. Rob Walters from Concord Regional Airport provided TCC members with a handout for the Concord Regional Airport.
- ✓ Functional Classification Maps – Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT TPB reported to TCC members on the status of the updates and revisions to the Functional Classification maps. She reported that she had spoken with Rockne Bryant NCDOT TPB and that the internal review was still in process. Ms. Dosse stated that she would provide additional information as it becomes available to her. Linda also reminded TCC members that work on updating the CTP is underway and that it will required approximately 18 to 24 months to complete

the update. She requested that monthly meetings be conducted with a TCC subcommittee to work on the update.

- ✓ MAP-21 Reauthorization - Phil called members' attention to information included in their packets regarding the reauthorization. He particularly highlighted the item 134 (d) pertaining to Designation of MPO's. The current MAP-21 Reauthorization expires September 30, 2014.
- ✓ 2013 Base Year Socioeconomic Update - Phil reported that staff is currently working on the update.

### **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.
- Division 9 STI Public Workshop – July 15<sup>th</sup> 4 to 7 pm in the Rowan County Commissioners Room
- Next scheduled meeting is August 20, 2014.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to be considered, Mr. David Pugh made a motion to adjourn the June 2014 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC. Mr. Jeff Wells seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.