

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 20, 2014

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

Members:

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Dan Peters	Town of Granite Quarry
Jeff Wells	City of Kannapolis
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div. 9
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB
David Pugh	Town of Midland
Marc Morgan	NCDOT- Div.10
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland, Town of Spencer

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Rodney Harrison	Salisbury Transit
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Scott Cole	NCDOT-Div 10
Rob Walter	Concord Airport
Stuart Basham	NCDOT-Div 9
James Lim	NCDOT-PTD
LJ Weslowski	RIDER
Misty Lippard	AWCK
Wilmer Melton	Kannapolis

Call to Order

The August 20, 2014 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by Chairman Ed Muire. Chairman Muire welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded to call the roll of eligible TCC members. Once he determined a quorum had been met, Chairman Muire asked that guests be introduced. Misty Lippard from Alley, Williams Carmen & King was in attendance as a guest.

Chairman Muire continued by asking if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, he asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With no one coming forward, Chairman Muire moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Muire called members' attention to the minutes of the June 18, 2014 TCC meeting which were included in their meeting packets. He asked members for any comments or corrections to those minutes. Chairman Muire called attention to an incorrect name in the minutes. Staff stated they would correct the error. With no additional comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Dan Peters made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Jeff Wells seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

TIP Priority Projects STI Final Point Assignment

CR MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank all modes of transportation projects across North Carolina. This methodology Phil explained, includes a quantitative component that was just recently released. Now NCDOT will 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 called TCC members' attention to Attachment #3A in their packets which was a detailed list of Division 9 and Division 10 Highway STI Priorities projects for the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Phil reviewed the spreadsheet with members which included division and regional assignment of points as well as Statewide, Regional, and Division project quantitative ranks.

Phil continued on by reminding TCC members that at the joint TCC/TAC meeting held in July 2014, revisions to the point assignments of two projects were made which were also reflected on Attachment 3A. Those revisions were done to the Main Street (Wincoff School Road to Kimball Road) project and the Newsome Road Extension project. Attachment #3B, Phil noted, reflected the CR MPO point assignment methodology to determining the 2014 MTIP Project Solicitation and Ranking Process.

In closing, Phil called members' attention to Attachment 3C which was a *Draft* Resolution Endorsing CRMPO's Local Input Point Allocations to Projects Proposed under the NCDOT Prioritization 3.0. With no further discussion or questions, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the TAC approve the Resolution Endorsing CRMPO's Local Input Point Allocations to Projects Proposed Under the NCDOT Prioritization 3.0. Mr. David Pugh seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Planning Boundary Agreement

Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that as a result of the 2000 Census, the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO was required to execute an agreement to assume planning responsibilities for the part of the Charlotte Urbanized Area in Cabarrus County which included the Town of Harrisburg. Phil reminded members that the agreement required additional federal planning requirements including a certification review and a congestion management plan.

With the growth reflected in the 2010 Census, some areas including the Town of Harrisburg are now part of the CRMPO's Urbanized Areas. However, there are still small sections of Cabarrus County along the Mecklenburg County line that remain in the Charlotte Urbanized Area. As a result, a new agreement is required by FHWA to formally transfer planning responsibilities for those portions of the Charlotte Urbanized Area designated by the 2010 Census from the Charlotte Regional TPO to the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment 4 in their packets which was a *Draft* Planning Boundary Agreement. After review and with no discussion, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Planning Boundary Agreement as presented. Mr. David Pugh seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Transit Appointment to the MPO

Phil informed TCC members that one of the provisions of the MAP-21 is to have a representative from the transit community to serve on the CRMPO Board. Phil reported that per FHWA staff, this requirement can be fulfilled with a resolution rather than a formal amendment to the CRMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Phil pointed out that there are currently four transit operators in the MPO area and one includes a Transit Commission.

Phil reported that based on the current operations of each system and the nature of MPO business meetings, MPO staff would like to recommend that the TCC consider appointing a member of the Concord-Kannapolis Area Transit Commission as the voting delegate. Phil reminded members that the TAC representative cannot fulfill dual roles as the delegate from a member city or county. The suggestion was to appoint the current Chairman of the CKTC as the voting member representing transit.

TCC members voiced many concerns with how to fairly distribute the representation of this transit delegate to the MPO Board. The representatives of the Salisbury Transit System, the RIDER Transit System and member jurisdictions present, proposed different ideas as to how to make sure all entities would be fairly represented with only one member representing all entities. After a very lengthy debate and discussion, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to appoint a representative to the CRMPO TAC from the Salisbury Transit and a representative from the RIDER Transit System to the TAC. The motion also included appointing a Rowan Transit representative to the CRMPO TAC and a Cabarrus County representative as alternates with both committees rotating members on a one year basis. Mr. Dan Peters seconded the motion and members voted to approve. Mr. Joe Wilson voted no to the motion.

CRAFT MOA Amendment

Phil reported that the Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation (CRAFT) Technical Committee is proposing several changes in the CRAFT Memorandum of Agreement. Phil explained that CRAFT was originally begun in 2002 as the four MPO's in North and South Carolina. One of the changes proposed is to reflect RPO boundaries from the 2010 Census. With the expansions of the Charlotte and Gaston MPO's boundaries, one of the RPO's is no longer in existence and rural portions of South Carolina's do not have a formal RPO structure. Currently the Catawba Council of Governments represents these portions of the region and are requesting membership in CRAFT.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment #6 in their packets which was a *Draft* Revised MOA. After review and by consensus, members agree to forward to the CRMPO TAC for their review and possible endorsement.

FY2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #10

Phil presented a *Draft* Amendment to the TCC members for their review which came as a result of a recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agenda. The first project amendment is to delay right-of-way by two fiscal years and construction by one fiscal year for the intersection realignment of the NC 801 and Cools Springs Road. The delay would mean the project would not begin until

FY 2016. The second part of the amendment concerned the widening and installation of rumble strips to Old Beatty Ford Road from Lentz Road to Lower Stone Church Road. The amendment would require the project to be delayed one year for planning and design. Phil called members' attention to Attachment #7, a *Draft* resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. With no discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the CR MPO TAC consider endorsing Amendment #10 to the FY 201-2018 MTIP. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the 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. Marc Morgan provided TCC members with updates on Division 10 Projects. Rob Walters from Concord Regional Airport provided TCC members with a handout for the Concord Regional Airport.
- ✓ CTP Update – Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT TPB reported to TCC members on the status of the updating the CTP, which is currently underway. She reported that two meetings have been held with the TCC subcommittee to work on the update. They are currently working to identify the task updates.
- ✓ Charlotte Region Freight Mobility Plan Steering Committee – Phil called members' attention to an information sheet and an email regarding Charlotte Region Freight Mobility Plan proposal.

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.
- Next scheduled meeting is September 17, 2014.

Adjournment

With no other business to be considered, Chairman Muire adjourned the August TCC meeting.