

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

NC Research Campus
Kannapolis City Hall
2ND Floor Conference Room
401 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord*
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County*
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland*
Theo Ghitea	NCDOT Div. 10
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury*
Mallory Hodgson	Town of Harrisburg*
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry*
Richard Smith	Town of Kannapolis
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant*
Steve Blount	Town of Spencer*

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Phil Collins	Cabarrus Co*
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Victoria Bailiff	City Salisbury*
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD*
Alex Rotenberry	NCDOT IMD*
Andy Bailey	NCDOT-TPD*
Terry Arellano	NCDOT
Andy Christy	CK RIDER*

*Attended Via Zoom

TCC Chairman Richard Smith called the March 15, 2023 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. Chairman Smith called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum was met. Chairman Smith then asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. With none heard, Chairman Smith continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, Chairman Smith moved to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Smith called the TCC members' attention to the minutes of the January 18, 2023 TCC meeting included in their meeting packets. Chairman Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. No corrections or additions were heard, therefore Chairman Smith asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Mr. Jason Hord seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #17

CRMPO Director Conrad reported to the TCC members that staff typically will bring amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC and TAC for consideration. The first project modification Director Conrad explained is the delay of right-of-way

to FY 23 for the US 70/US 601 sidewalk project (BL-0034). The second project modification is the delay of right-of-way to FY 25 for the Bruton Smith Blvd sidewalk project (EB-5732). The third project modification is the delay of construction to FY 24 for the US 24/27 and Bethel School Road RCI project (HS-2010D). The fourth project (Cabarrus) modification is the delay of construction to FY 24 for the track improvements, second platform, pedestrian underpass, etc. (P-5725). The fifth project (Rowan) modification is the delay of construction to FY 25 for the track improvements, second platform, pedestrian underpass, etc. (P-5726). The final project modification is the delay in construction for the Salisbury Train Station second platform and pedestrian underpass (P-5726A) to FY 24. After reviewing the modifications in detail, Director Conrad directed members to attachment #3 in their packets which was a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects.

With no questions and comments, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #17 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Fred Haith seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

NCDOT Performance Measures

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that the former FAST Act required that State DOTs and MPOs adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. Director Conrad went on to state that the CRMPO has published for public review the targets for pavement and bridge conditions, travel time and truck freight reliability, and CMAQ Performance Measures, which are consistent with measures established by the NCDOT. These performance measures are available for public comment through March 22, 2023. Director Conrad presented a power point presentation provided by NCDOT to explain how and why the measures are necessary. Director Conrad reported that the CRMPO has opted in the past to use the NCDOT performance measures. Director Conrad closed by stating these performance measures are a federal requirement.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 4 in their packets which was a resolution endorsing the performance measures as presented. With no questions or comments heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the performance measures as presented. Mr. Fred Haith seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2024-2027 TIP Conformity

Director Phil Conrad reported that the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2024-2027 TIP. Director Conrad continued by stating that the TIP Conformity Report demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. He also reported that it also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2050 MTP and that the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 5 which was an excerpt from the TIP Conformity Report. Director Conrad reviewed the Attachment in detail with the members. In closing he reported that the public comment period is scheduled to close on March 22, 2023 for the Conformity Report and that a copy of the report is on the MPO website.

With no discussion or comments, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC adopt the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2024-2027. Mr. Steve Blount seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2023-2024 DRAFT UPWP

Director Phil Conrad reminded the TCC members that the CRMPO annually develops and adopts a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Director Conrad went on to explain that the UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2023-2024. Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment #6 in their packets and explained the draft budget. The UPWP he went on to explain identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. He went on to state that these projects include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the NCDOT and one line item for Regional Model and MTP Maintenance.

Director Conrad reported that in the Fall of 2022, NCDOT informed CRMPO staff that the full allocation in FY 2023-2024 to the CRMPO is \$412,300 and that there are no more unobligated balances for PL funds to MPO's in North Carolina.

Director Conrad explained that as part of the UPWP, the Federal government requires all MPO's to certify their transportation planning process on an annual basis. He called members' attention to Attachment 6B which was a checklist for the CRMPO to certify their transportation planning process. Director Conrad continued on by calling attention to Attachment 6C which was the local match table and Attachment 6D which was a draft resolution to be used in adopting the UPWP.

With little discussion, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider certifying the CRMPO transportation planning process and adopting the FY2023-2024 UPWP. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports – MPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/PTD- Mr. Phillip Craver, NCDOT Division 9 representative called members' attention to the Division 9 spreadsheet included in their packets. He reviewed some of the items on the spreadsheet.

Mr. Theo Ghitea, NCDOT Division 10 representative called the TCC members' attention to a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates and highlighted some of the ongoing projects in Division 10.

Mr. Alex Rotenberry with NCDOT IMD reported to the TCC members that the IMD division at NCDOT has quarterly webinars available to provide members assistance and information. He went on to report that assistance is also available on multi-modal planning. He also informed the members that Applications for Studies on Microtransit are also available.

2. P7.0 Project Call - P6.0 Carryover Projects - MPO Director Phil Conrad directed the TCC members to an email from Ms. Sarah Lee with NCDOT regarding a P7.0 project call included in their packets. The email explained the process being used to and provided information on how organizations may designate projects that were originally submitted to P6.0. Phil was requested to email the members a list of projects submitted to P6.0 to better assist members in deciding what projects to submit to P7.0. By consensus, the TCC members decided to receive this item as information and asked that the CRMPO TAC be provided with this information to decide what action should be taken.

3. Special Studies Updates – Mr. Ed Muire with Rowan County reported that there were no new updates since his report last month. No members from the Town of China Grove were present to provide an update on their projects.

3. 2020 Census Urbanized Area Schedule of Activities- Director Conrad called members' attention to information included in their packets regarding 2020 Census Urbanized Area Schedule. He reported that there was no agreement in place with the City of Charlotte as to the boundary lines for the last Census. Director Conrad reported that a new agreement will be needed for the 2020 Census UZA overlap into Mecklenburg.

4. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project Call - Due March31, 2023 - Director Conrad reported to TCC members that a call for projects was recently released. He explained this program is like CMAQ funds and reviewed the program for the members. Mr. Phillip Graham addressed the TCC members and requested that the due date be moved to April 28, 2023 to give members more time to prepare applications. By consensus the TCC members agreed to move the date to April 28, 2023.

Informational Items

Director Conrad called attention to the following informational items included in their packets:

RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership
TPD Newsletter
CRAFT Meeting Minutes
NC MPO Conference – April 26-28 in Greenville, NC

Next scheduled meeting : April 19, 2023

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Fred Haith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Richard Smith seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.