

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Phil Collins	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
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Charles Ratliff	Cabarrus Co
Bob Bushy	Cabarrus Co
Victoria Bailiff	City Salisbury
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD
Alex Rotenberry	NCDOT IMS
Beau Mills	Metro Mayors
Phil Lookadoo	Salisbury
Blake Bush	HDR
David Wasserman	NCDOT STIP
Andy Christy	CK RIDER*
Andrew Babb	Bolton & Menk
Emily Stupka	NCDOT TEA
Mark Eatman	NCDOT TSU
LeDerrick Blackburn	Concord
Brielle Hartney	Concord
Andrei Dumitru	Concord
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff

TCC Chairman Richard Smith called the May 17, 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, TCC Chairman Smith moved to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Smith called the TCC members' attention to the minutes of the March 15, 2023 TCC meeting included in their meeting packets. TCC 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. Mrs. Erin Burris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #18

CRMPO Staff Planner Wendy Miller reported to the TCC members that sometimes staff will bring amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC for consideration. Staff Planner Miller continued by stating that the first project modification is the addition of a reduced conflict intersection (RCI) for NC 49 and Prince Circle in FY 23 (HE-0015). The second project modification is the delay of construction to FY 24 for the NC 152 east improvements (HE-0009). The third project modification is to add a project break for the Old Salisbury Concord Road safety improvements (W-5710A0). The fourth project modification is to add the Hickory Ridge Road sidewalk project with construction to begin in FY 25 (BL-0086). The fifth project modification is to add the Concord sidewalk projects with construction to begin in FY 24 (BL-0087). The final project is to delay professional engineering to FY 23 for the Brenner Avenue Safety Improvements (HL-0049).

Staff Planner Miller called the TCC members' attention to Attachment 3 in their meeting packets which was a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. Staff Planner Miller closed by informing the members that the new STIP is scheduled to be adopted in June and will be effective October 1, 2023.

With no questions and comments, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #18 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed CRP Project Submittal

CRMPO Staff Planner Wendy Miller reported to the members that the CRP or Congestion Reduction Program funds are a federal funding source for areas across the state to reduce transportation emissions under the recently enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). She went on to explain that CRP funds (Page 1 Printed on 5/10/23) require a local sponsor and a 20 percent local match. Eligible projects must demonstrate a transportation emissions reduction benefit to the local area. The MPO issued a call for new project applications with a deadline of April 28th. Staff Planner Miller went on to state that the CRMPO received a CRP project proposal for the Traffic Signal Central System Improvement Project from the City of Concord.

She continued by calling members' attention to the application and narrative for this project identified as attachment 4A in their packets. She also called attention to Attachment 4B which was a resolution of support. Staff Planner Miller continued by reporting that NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO can anticipate receiving about \$.5 million annually in CRP funds beginning with FY 2022. At that point, Mr. Andrei Dumitru with the City of Concord Traffic Engineering addressed the TCC members and explained and reviewed the project submittal with the TCC members.

After Mr. Dumitru concluded, Staff Planner Miller asked for any questions. With none heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the CRP Project submittal as presented. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

DRAFT 2026-2035 TIP Project Call

Director Phil Conrad explained to the TCC members that with the anticipated adoption of the 2024-2033 TIP in June, CRMPO staff has prepared a schedule for identifying and adopting the next STI list for the CRMPO area. The first step was to have a call for new projects (all modes) and the deadline for submitting new projects was May 5th.

Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment 5 in their packets that was a list of the nine new projects submitted to date. He reviewed the projects list with the members and called upon each jurisdiction's representative at the meeting to speak on their respective applications. Mrs. Eric Burris with the Town of Mount Pleasant addressed the TCC members first and reviewed the three sidewalk projects and one highway project for the members. Mr. Jason Hord with the Town of Granite Quarry presented the Town's roundabout project next. Then Mrs. Wendy Brindle with the City of Salisbury reviewed the City's two roadway project submittals. Last to present was Mr. Franklin Gover with the Town of China Grove. He reviewed the Town's submittal for a roundabout project and a Diverging Diamond Interchange project at exit 68. Phil explained that this list does not include any holding tank (select), P6.0 carryover, or previous carryover projects that will automatically be evaluated by NCDOT. Director Conrad went on to explain that a list will be provided by NCDOT later.

After review, Director Conrad asked for any questions or comments. With none heard, Mrs. Erin Burris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the New TIP Priority projects list for submittal to NCDOT for quantitative review. Mr. Jason Hord seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

Director Phil Conrad addressed the members and made a request to move topic number 3 to the head of the list due to time constraints in schedules. By consensus the TCC members approved.

1. Metro Mayors Coalition – Director Conrad introduced Mr. Beau Mills with the Metro Mayors Coalition. Mr. Mills provided a power point presentation to the TCC members. The presentation explained what the Coalition is and when and why it was founded in 2001. Mr. Mills also reviewed the initiatives that the Coalition is working on currently, and into the future.

2. Local Reports – MPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/PTD- Mr. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 representative reported to the TCC members that the updated spreadsheet was still in development and not included in today's meeting packet. He informed the members if they had any questions to please email them to him and he would get them the information that they need.

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 the next webinar would be held on May 25, 2023.

3. Update on Funding Swaps - Mr. David Wasserman with NCDOT-STIP provided the TCC members with information on funding swaps.

4. CMAQ Program Update – Mr. Mark Eatman with NCDOT addressed the TCC members and provided them with updates on the CMAQ program and rolling submittal schedule.

5. Special Studies Updates - Director Conrad requested updates from the respective jurisdictions on their projects. Mr. Ed Muire with Rowan County reported that he has a draft report on the study, and it is currently being circulated for comments. Mr. Franklin Gover with the Town of China Grove reported that their NC 152 corridor study is not going to be done this fiscal year. He also reported that their Main Street Corridor Study is complete now.

6. Cabarrus County Public Transit Performance Management Agreement – Mr. Bob Bushy with Cabarrus County addressed the TCC members and explained what the Public Transit Performance Management Agreement is. Director Conrad called members attention to a draft copy of the Agreement included in their packets. After Mr. Bushy completed his presentation of the draft Agreement, Mr. Phil Collins made a motion to forward the draft Agreement on to the CRMPO TAC for approval. Mr. Fred Haith seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

7. Section 5310 Grant Awards – Director Conrad reported that awards have been made to Rowan County and Cabarrus County. MPO staff served on the review committee.

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

Next scheduled meeting : June 21, 2023

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.