

# MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

### HYBRID MEETING

NC Research Campus  
Kannapolis City Hall  
401 Laureate Way  
Kannapolis, NC 28081

#### Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div. 10*
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Mallory Hodgson	Town of Harrisburg
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9
Richard Smith	City of Kannapolis
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove*
Larry Smith	Town of Granite Quarry

#### Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director*
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10*
Phil Collins	Cabarrus Co.
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD
Clay Heath	Harrisburg
Brad Lagano	Concord
Alex Rotenberry	NCDOT IMD
Alana Sweat	China Grove*
Andy Christy	RIDER Transit
Brian Murphy	NCDOT
Paul Hoben	ACWR
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff

\*Met in person

TCC Chairman Franklin Gover called the November 16, 2022, meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at approximately 10:00 am. Chairman Gover welcomed the members and called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum was met. Chairman Gover continued by asking if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. With none heard, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to accept the agenda as presented and the motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Smith. TCC members voted unanimously to approve. Chairman Gover continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, Chairman Gover moved to the next item of business.

### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gover called the TCC members' attention to the meeting minutes of the September 21, 2022 TCC meeting included in their meeting packets. Chairman Gover asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mrs. Susie Morris called attention to the fact the Mr. Phil Collins name had been omitted from the attendees list when he was in fact present at the previous meeting. With no further corrections or additions being heard, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion

to approve minutes as amended. Mr. Richard Smith seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously for approval.

### **Nomination and Election of TCC Vice-Chair**

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC Bylaws state that a new TCC Vice-Chair must be elected each year. Phil reported that the Vice-Chair would rotate to the Chair position in January 2023. He stated that the TCC would need to nominate and elect a new Vice-Chair from Cabarrus County at today's meeting since the current elected Vice Chair is unable to serve at this time. After discussion, Mr. Phillip Graham nominated Mr. Richard Smith to become the 2022 Vice Chair of the CRMPO TCC. Mr. Smith agreed to serve. With that, Mr. Ed Muire asked to close the nominations and made a motion to elect Mr. Richard Smith as the 2022 CRMPO TCC Vice Chair. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded that motion, and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve Mr. Smith to the position. Mr. Richard Smith nominated Ed Muire to serve as the 2023 CRMPO TCC Vice Chair and Mrs. Susie Morris second that motion. The TCC members voted unanimously to approve Mr. Muire to the position for 2023.

### **RIDER Transit Program of Projects (POP)**

Mrs. Wendy Miller reminded the TCC members that the Program of Projects is a list of proposed FTA grant requests to support the operations of Rider Transit in FY 2023. She explained that this is an annual requirement. She went on to say that the RIDER Transit System has opted to use the CRMPO's Public Involvement procedures to process this requirement. She went on to draw the members' attention to Attachment 4 which was a copy of the program. She also reported to the TCC members that a public comment period ended on November 7, 2022, and that no public comments were received during that period. She then asked for any additional information or comments from RIDER Transit's representative, Mr. Andy Christy. He indicated that he appreciated the MPO taking the lead on this item and would request approval of the POP as presented.

With no additional questions or comments, Mr. Richard Smith made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TCC consider recommending endorsement of the POP by the TAC. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **Performance Based Planning: Safety Targets**

Director Conrad reported that the federal transportation legislation or FAST Act requires State DOT's and MPO's to adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. He went on to say that NCDOT recently released the next round of safety targets for North Carolina and that it is up to each MPO to either adopt those targets or create their own. Director Conrad informed members that the proposed Safety Targets are published on the CRMPO website. Director Conrad continued by stating the Safety Targets were released for public comment until November 7, 2022, with none being received.

Director Conrad then called members' attention to a memo included in their packets from Mr. Brian Mayhew with NCDOT referring to the Safety Targets. Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment 5 which was a draft resolution in support of the new Safety Targets for year 2023. He closed in stating that this is an annual requirement.

At that point, Director Conrad turned the meeting over to Mr. Brian Murphy with NCDOT who provided members with a power point presentation on the NC Strategic Highway Safety Plan. Mr. Murphy stated the goal of the plan is to reduce all fatalities in North Carolina. When the presentation had concluded, Mr. Alex Rotenberry asked how the CRMPO plans to allocate their PL fund set aside for Safety measures. Director Conrad stated he was not completely aware of this new required allocation percentage but did call attention to safety projects already in the works for the area. Mrs. Loretta Barren from Federal Highway addressed the members and stated that 2.5% of PL Funds are set aside for Complete Streets and Safety projects. (This set aside applies to the FY 24 budget.)

With no additional comments or questions heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Safety Targets. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #15**

Mrs. Wendy Miller 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 is the addition of the NC 49 access management improvements in FY 23 (HL-0062). The second project modification is the addition of the Caldwell Road extension in FY 23 (HL-0063). The third project modification is the addition of the US 29/Main Street improvement in FY 24 (HL-0064). The fourth project modification is the segmentation of the Old Concord Road sidewalk project (C-5603D). The fifth project modification is the segmentation of the Brenner Avenue sidewalk project (C-5603H). The sixth project is the segmentation of the US 601/Flowes Store Road intersection project (C-5603I). The seventh project is the delay of construction for the Brenner Avenue intersection project to FY 24 (HL-0049). The eighth project is the delay of right-of-way for the NC 24-27 and Bethel School Road intersection project to FY 23 (HS-2010D). The ninth project is the acceleration of right-of-way for the NC 24-27 and Pine Bluff Road intersection project to FY 23 (HS-2010F). After reviewing the modifications in detail, Mrs. Miller directed members to attachment 6 in their packets which was a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects.

With no questions and comments after the presentation, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #15 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Larry Smith 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. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 representative called members attention to the Division 9 spreadsheet included in their packets. He reported he had no additional information to report.

Mr. Stuart Basham, 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.

**2. TAP Fund Project Call** – Director Conrad reminded members that applications for TAP fund funding are due November 30, 2022. Mr. Phillip Graham addressed the members and requested, if possible, could the deadline be moved to December 30, 2022. After little discussion and by consensus, the TCC members agreed to move the deadline for application submittal to December 30, 2022.

**3. FY 24 CMAQ Call for Projects** - Director Conrad reported that applications for CMAQ project funding will be due in January 2023. He also reported that the CRMPO's annual allocation is approximately \$1.6 million in federal funds.

**4. Special Studies Update- Rowan County, Town of China Grove and 2050 MTP Assistance** - Mr. Ed Muire with Rowan County reported to members the County's Long Ferry Road Study in the land use development stage. Chairman Franklin Gover with the Town of China Grove reported that the Main Street Corridor Study is in the last stages of the project and will be completed soon. Chairman Gover also reported that the Town's NC 152 Corridor Study is in the beginning planning stages.

**5. Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway (ACWR) Letter of Support** – CRMPO Director Phil Conrad introduced Mr. Paul Hoben with ACWR and turned over the meeting to Mr. Hoben. Mr. Hoben explained the request to the TCC members. He reported that ACWR intends to improve rail lines through the Town of Midland by upgrading the current smaller rails to a large rail which will increase average speeds from 10 mph to 25 mph. Mr. Hoben reported that a \$32 million-dollar federal grant will make these changes on 35 miles of rail from Charlotte to Aquadale, NC. It would also include a \$64 million-dollar federal grant to make the same upgrades to 70 miles of rail from Charlotte to Star, NC. Mr. Hoben stated that ACWR would like to get a letter of support for these projects from the CRMPO to pursue a federal CRISI grant. With no questions or comments, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider supporting the projects outlined by the ACWR representative. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded her motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

**6. Update on Census Defined Urban Areas** - Director Conrad informed the TCC members that a new UZA will be available from Census in December 2022.

**7. Update on the 2024-2033 TIP Conformity** - Director Conrad reported to TCC members that staff is continuing to work on the TIP Conformity and Modeling processes.

**8. Economic Development Information for Purpose and Need/Project Development** - This item was tabled.

### **Informational Items**

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

- RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership
- NC Transportation Summit in Raleigh – January 18-19, 2023
- TPD Newsletter

- 2022 Federal Authorizations – currently available on [crmpo.org](http://crmpo.org)
- FY23 Carbon Reduction Program Allocation Letter – included in the TCC packet
- MPO Newsletter – included in the meeting packet
- CRAFT Meeting Minutes

**Next scheduled meeting: January 18, 2023**

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