

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

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

Members:

Joe Wilson
Samantha Fisk
Jonathan Marshall
Doug Paris
Reuben Crummy
Scott Cole
Diane Hampton
Zac Gordon
Ed Muire

City of Concord
Town of Mt. Pleasant
Cabarrus County
Town of Midland
NCDOT-TPB
NCDOT-Div 10
NCDOT-Div 9
City of Kannapolis
Rowan County, Town of Cleveland, Town of Spencer

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff
Stuart Basham NCDOT Div 10
Thad Howell Rowan Regional
Lloyd Payne City of Concord
L.J. Weslowski RIDER Transit
Rodney Harrison Salisbury Transit

Call to Order

The October 19, 2016 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by Chairman Wendy Brindle. Chairman Brindle welcomed everyone and began the meeting by calling the roll of eligible TCC members. After the roll was called and it was determined a quorum had been met, Chairman Brindle asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, Chairman Brindle continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Brindle moved forward with the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Brindle called TCC members' attention to the August 17, 2016 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to accept the minutes as they appear. Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

TIP Priority Project Division Tier List

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reminded TCC members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank transportation projects across the state. Phil continued by explaining this methodology includes a quantitative component that was recently released for all projects in North Carolina. Phil went on to state that NCDOT will incorporate the quantitative scores with the CRMPO points assigned as well as the Division Engineer points to initiate the development of the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Phil then called members' attention to Attachment 3 in their packets which outlined the results for the top highway, aviation, rail, sidewalk and greenways projects in the CRMPO area. Phil reviewed the attachment with the

members explaining each project. Phil reported that this list was released for a public comment period and that no comments have been received as of yet.

After the review was complete, Phil asked for questions or comments. Mr. Jonathan Marshall asked if the Project Name & Description section could be updated to include better updated description language. Mrs. Diane Hampton suggested adding SPOT ID numbers to projects as well. With no additional comments heard, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the division tier portion of the TIP Priority Project List. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Grant Application

Phil informed TCC members that the Town of Mount Pleasant has completed an application for grant funding for a Bicycle Plan. He called upon Ms. Samantha Fisk from the Town of Mount Pleasant to address the members. Samantha explained that as part of the grant application process NCDOT is requesting that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO support their application by providing a resolution of support for the project. Phil then called members' attention to Attachment 4 in their packets which was a Draft Resolution of Support.

With no comments or questions heard, Mr. Doug Paris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Town of Mount Pleasant's Grant application for a Bicycle Plan. Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed New CMAQ Project – City of Salisbury

Phil reminded members that the City of Salisbury was awarded approximately \$332,000 in FY 2016 by the MPO to place bike lanes on West Innes Street to Catawba College. Phil then called upon Mrs. Wendy Brindle with the City of Salisbury to explain to members what the City of Salisbury would like to request in exchange for the original project award funds. Wendy explained that the City of Salisbury would like to submit a new project for sidewalks on Old Concord Road from Ryan Street to Jake Alexander Blvd. This requested change is a result of TAP funds approved by the MPO will provide a greenway trail near Catawba College, which would make the bike lane project redundant. Wendy went on to explain that the City currently has a sidewalk project to connect from Harrell Street to Ryan Street. She continued by stating there is an existing pedestrian path adjacent to Old Concord where the City proposes to locate the sidewalk.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5A which was a copy of the original grant award letter. After review, he also called attention to Attachment 5B the new proposed CMAQ application for the Old Concord Road sidewalk project. In conclusion, Phil directed TCC members to Attachment 5C which was a draft resolution of support for the new CMAQ project.

After little discussion, Mr. Doug Paris made a motion to recommend the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the application for the Old Concord Road sidewalk project. Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment #6

Phil presented the requested amendment to the TCC members. He explained that the proposed amendment would modify MTIP projects in FY 2016-2023 and the planning year as well as add a new MTIP/STIP. The amendment Phil went on to say, would allow the City of Salisbury to apply for and receive FTA 5307 and 5339 program funding. The projects included in the amendment includes ADA Paratransit Services, Preventive Maintenance, Safety and Security, Planning Assistance, Replacement Buses, Expansion Vehicle Operating-Free Fare, Bus Stop Shelters/Benches, Shop Equipment, Spare Parts, Farebox and Service Vehicles. Phil explained that there is a new item, TG-6179 Automatic Vehicle Locator System, Bus and Bus Facilities 5339 Program. Phil then called upon Mr. Rodney Harrison, Transit Director for the City of Salisbury to answer any questions for members.

Mr. Harrison reported to members that this request is not a change in funding allocation but would assist the City of Salisbury to apply for and receive FTA funds directly. He explained this is the exact same request that was made to them by the RIDER Transit System and members approved that request. He also informed TCC members that NCDOT has already added the requested changes to the STIP.

After all discussion, Mrs. Diane Hampton made a motion to request that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing Amendment #6 to the FY 2016-2025 MTIP. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment #7

Phil explained to the members that as a result of a recent NCDOT Board of Transportation meeting, staff was bringing Amendment #7 to them for consideration. The first project in the amendment was regarding an acceleration to FY 2017 for the construction of a commercial services terminal at the Concord Regional Airport, project #AV-5732. The second project Phil explained is a delay of construction by one fiscal year to FY 2017 for the widening of NC 3 in Kannapolis, #U-3440.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment #7 in their packets which was a Draft resolution modifying the MTIP for the two projects.

With little discussion, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to request that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing Amendment #7 to the FY 2016-2025 MTIP. Mr. Jonathan Marshall seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

RIDER Transit Program of Projects (POP)

Phil explained to members that the Program of Projects is a list of proposed Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant requests to support the operations of RIDER Transit in FY 2016. Phil reported that RIDER Transit System had decided to use the MPO's Public Involvement Policy procedures to fulfill this FTA annual requirement. Mr. L.J. Weslowski, Transit Director with the City of Concord reported to members that this is a federal government requirement. Phil explained that a public comment period was held from September 19 to October 17, 2016 and no public comments were received. Phil continued by calling TCC members' attention to Attachment #8 in their packets which was an information sheet on the Program of Projects.

With little discussion, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to request that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Program of Projects. Mr. Doug Paris seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – NCDOT Division 9 representative Mrs. Diane Hampton called members' attention to a spreadsheet included in their packets of updates on the Rowan County projects. Diane called attention to and highlighted updates on Rowan County projects. Mr. Stuart Basham from Division 10 also highlighted project updates on Division 10 Projects for the TCC members from a spreadsheet included in member packets as well. Stuart informed members that the Division Tier project point assignment process has been extended from October 24 to November 7 and the process will close on November 14, 2016. This is due to Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts in some parts of the state of NC.

CTP Comments and Maps – Mr. Reuben Crummy, NCDOT TPB reported to members that the final internal review of the CTP was complete pending any comments received during the public comment period. He also reported that TPB has a new supervisor, Mr. Brian Wert and that former CRMPO TPB Coordinator Ms. Linda Dosse is retiring December 31, 2016.

After informal discussion, it was determined that MPO staff will assist Reuben in setting up a place and time for public comment meetings on the CTP.

Proposed Federal Rule on Coordination and Planning Area Reform for MPO's – Phil Conrad reported to members that the comment period on the proposed NPRM which proposed reform in MPO Planning areas across the nation has been extended to October 24, 2016. Phil also informed members that the Federal Office of Budget and Management must ultimately approve this change.

State of NC Ozone Boundary Designation Recommendation – Phil referred members to a copy of a letter from Mr. Donald R. van der Vaart, Secretary, NCDEQ to the Regional Administrator for USEPA Region 4, regarding NC Recommendations for Air Quality Designations for the 2015 8-Hour Ozone Standards. The letter requests that all NC counties be classified as attainment!

CMAQ Call for Projects – Phil directed member's attention to an email from Ms. Terry Arellano, NCDOT in their packets. The email provides information on the FY 208-19 CMAQ applications, deadlines, and funding.

MPO Website RFQ's Update – Phil reported that RFQ's were mailed out and that a subcommittee will meet when RFQ's are received and select the best candidate to update the CRMPO website. The target date for the new website to be live is March 15, 2017.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information – Phil

referenced the ridership information included in the member packets.

- Ribbon cutting ceremony for Klumac Road project is October 28, 2016
- Next scheduled meeting November 16, 2016.

Adjournment

With no other business to be considered, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Ed Muire seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.