

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

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

Members:

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT-TPB
Scott Cole	NCDOT-Div 10
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div 9
Chris Stiller	Town of Rockwell
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland
Doug Paris	Town of Midland
Zac Gordon	City of Kannapolis
Rob Donham	Town of Harrisburg

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Wilmer Melton	Kannapolis
Andrew Strong	Harrisburg
Marc Morgan	NCDOT Div 10
Andy Christy	RIDER

Call to Order

The October 18, 2017 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by TCC Chairman Doug Paris. Chairman Paris called the roll of eligible TCC members. Once the roll was called, Chairman Paris determined a quorum had been met. Chairman Paris then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With no additions or corrections being heard, Chairman Paris continued by asking for any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Paris moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Paris called TCC members' attention to the August 16, 2017 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. With no corrections or additions being heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Zac Gordon seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

High Impact/Low Cost Funds

Mr. Scott Cole from NCDOT Division 10 and Mrs. Diane Hampton from NCDOT Division 9 provided a presentation to the TCC members in regard to NCDOT's High Impact/Low Cost Project Selection Criteria. They reported to the members that as part of Senate Bill 257, Section 34.7.(c) -Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2017, each Division office is required to develop a quantitative, evidence based scoring formula to use in selecting projects to receive funding under

this program. They called TCC members' attention to Attachment #3 in their packets which was a spreadsheet of the scoring criteria. They informed members that under the Act, the funds will be allocated equally among the 14 Highway Divisions and projects for intersection improvements, minor widening projects, and operational improvement projects will be considered.

They reviewed Attachment #3 with the members which outlined the criteria considered and points allocated. The criteria included Traffic Volume, Traffic Restrictions, Safety, Roadway Characteristics, Level of Service, Multimodal Benefits, Other Funding Availability and County Economic Well Being.

Diane explained that in Division 9, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO projects being considered are the roundabout at Highway 153 and Cannon Farm Road and turn lanes at Heilig Road and Faith Road. Scott explained that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO projects in Division 10 were a roundabout at Highway 3 and Odell School Road and turn lanes at Poplar Tent Road and Rock Hill Church Road.

After all discussion, by consensus the TCC members agreed to support and move forward with the projects proposed by Division 9 and Division 10.

Draft Public Participation Policy Revisions

Cabarrus Rowan MPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that at the last Federal Certification Review, the Federal Highway Administration suggested that the CR MPO consider some modifications to the CRMPO's Public Involvement Policy document. These modifications would make the Policy document consistent with the recent FAST Act.

Phil reminded members that this committee has authorized release of the modifications for a forty-five day public comment period, which ended on August 24, 2017. Phil reported that there were no public comments received. Phil then called members' attention to Attachment #4 in their meeting packets which was a draft of the revised CRMPO Public Involvement Policy.

Phil reviewed the sixteen page draft document with the members and called attention to the addition of the RIDER Transit System Program of Projects that had been added to the document as well as the addition of a Performance Measures section.

With little discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider approving the DRAFT Public Involvement Policy. Mr. Ed Muire seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Reports/CRMPO Business

Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – NCDOT Division 9 representative Mrs. Diane Hampton updated members on projects included in the Cabarrus Rowan Urban Area MPO Transportation Update report included in their packets. Diane called attention to projects U-5608, U-5820-A and U-5601-DY and reviewed them with the members. She also called attention to updates on projects associated with the widening of I-85.

Mr. Scott Cole, representative for Division 10 reviewed with members updates on projects in Division 10 included on the Cabarrus Rowan MPO Division 10 Transportation Update. Scott

reported that completion of the I-85 projects is a top priority. He also informed members that Concord Lake Road overpass over I-85 will not have to be closed as planned, when the project began. Scott went on to review projects U-4910, U-5773, U-5806 and R-2246-B for the members.

Mr. Reuben Crummy, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch, reported to members that the CTP 2.0 update has begun. He also stated that NCDOT-TBP was reviewing the Mobility Solutions Unlimited LLC contract as well as NCDOT's Draft Freight Plan. Reuben also reported that the new CRMPO website had received good comments.

2018 TAP ADA Funds – Mrs. Diane Hampton from Division 9 reported to members that Transportation Alternatives Program funds are available for certain projects. She explained what TAP funds are and what types of projects are eligible for these funds. She also explained that these funds are available to both Division 9 and Division 10 projects that meet the criteria and score well. She closed in saying that new project submittals would be accepted until the first week in December.

SPOT Project Evaluation Schedule – Phil reported that all project submittals had to be received by the SPOT office by the end of September 2017. He stated that SPOT's timeline called for the SPOT office and the Prioritization Team to score projects from October 2017-February 2018. He reported that all CRMPO projects had been entered and that the SPOT office should release scores in April 2018.

2015 Ozone NAAQS Designation Delay Withdrawal - Phil reported that the new standard has not yet been released to date. (Note: The new Standard was released on November 6, 2017.)

Updated Demographics for the 2045 MTP. - Phil reported that this update is in process and that the updated modeling is due by the end of October. He also reviewed with the members updated demographic maps included in their packets and said he would put them on the CRMPO website for information.

Remix Kickoff – Phil reported that the kickoff for the Remix system was held and that online training will be held on October 23.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information – Phil referenced the ridership information included in the member packets.
- Next scheduled meeting September 20, 2017.
- Mrs. Susie Morris representing Cabarrus County informed members that the Harrisburg Land Use Update will be holding a meeting on November 2nd in Harrisburg. (MPO staff attended this meeting.) Susie also announced that Cabarrus County recently completed a rebranding and website update to reflect the new County brand.

- Mr. Andy Christy with the RIDER Transit System reported to members that they are working to coordinate a stop to connect to the light rail. The connection will be from the Big Lots on Highway 29 in Concord to J.W. Clay Park and Ride in Mecklenburg County.

Adjournment

TCC Chairman Paris asked if there was any other business to discuss. With no other business to be considered, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Ed Muire seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.