

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday March 21, 2007 – 12 Noon

Salisbury City Hall

217 South Main Street
Salisbury, NC 28146

Members:

Ed Muire

Joe Wilson

Dan Mikkelson

Wilmer Melton, Chair

Brett Abernathy

Chris Moore

Linda Dosse

Leah Wagner

Jack Flaherty

Ken Geathers, Jr.

Dan Peters

Lindsey Hobbs

Rowan County,
Town of Cleveland

City of Concord

City of Salisbury

City of Kannapolis,

NCDOT – Division 9

Midland & Mt. Pleasant

Harrisburg, Cabarrus County

NCDOT - TPB

NCDOT – Division 10

NCDOT - Transit

Town of East Spencer

Town of Granite Quarry

Town of China Grove

Others:

Phil Conrad

Jeff Young

Mike Nunn

Mike Shaffner

Connie Cunningham

Rob Walter

CRMPO Planner

City of Concord

CRMPO Director

NCDOT-Division 9

CRMPO Staff

Concord Airport

Call to Order

The March 21, 2007 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by TCC Chairman Wilmer Melton. Chairman Melton welcomed the members and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With no additions or corrections being heard from the TCC members, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Dan Mikkelson seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve the agenda. TCC Chairman Melton continued on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Melton asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the January 17, 2007 TCC meeting. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Lindsey Hobbs made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mrs. Leah Wagner seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

Draft 2007-2013 TIP Conformity

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report on the 2007-2013 TIP. Phil went on to explain that the TIP Conformity Report provides documentation that the financially constrained Long Range Transportation Plan's (LRTP's) in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. The Conformity Report also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is a subset of the 2030 LRTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Improvement Plan (SIP). Phil proceeded by calling the TCC member's

attention to a summary of the TIP Conformity Report that was included in their packets. He went on to say that the Draft Report is still in production and that the public comment period would be open until the May CRMPO TCC meeting and that the Report would be forwarded to FHWA for the Federal conformity finding in June 2007. With little discussion, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion that the TCC members recommend that the CRMPO TAC authorize release of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2007-2013 TIP for a 30 day public comment period as soon as the report is complete. Ms. Linda Dosse seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

FY 2007-2008 UPWP

Phil Conrad informed the TCC members that each year the Cabarrus Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program or UPWP. The UPWP he stated is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2007-2008. He explained that the UPWP 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. Phil went on to explain that these projects include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and line items for Regional Model and LRTP Maintenance to be performed by the Cabarrus Rowan MPO, Charlotte DOT, and NCDOT; and the recently initiated Regional HOV/HOT Study and the urbanized area transit related planning activities conducted by the RIDER Transit System.

Phil continued by saying that as part of the UPWP, which is due to NCDOT by April 27, 2007, the Federal government is requiring all MPO's to certify their transportation planning process on an annual basis. He then called the TCC member's attention to a checklist included in their packets for the CRMPO to use to certify the MPO transportation planning process. Phil then pointed out to the TCC member's that also in their packets was a copy of the resolution certifying the CRMPO Transportation Planning Process for FY2008, information regarding each member jurisdiction's allocation for the 20 percent match and a resolution approving the FY2007-2008 UPWP.

After little discussion among the TCC members, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC adopt the Resolution Certifying the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transportation Planning Process for FY2008, approve the 2007-08 Planning Work Program Local Match and the Resolution Approving the FY 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program for the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Ms. Linda Dosse seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Revised Memorandum of Understanding

Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that at the September 20, 2006 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC, the TAC voted to add the Town of East Spencer to the Cabarrus Rowan MPO and revise the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to include their membership. The MOU, Phil explained, outlines the roles and responsibilities of the MPO and its member jurisdictions. He reminded TCC members that they had discussed the draft MOU at their November 2006 meeting and that since that time NCDOT has submitted some additional comments and edits to the document. Those revisions Phil pointed out, are reflected in the document included in their agenda packets. After discussion among the TCC members, it was decided by consensus to refer the revised draft MOU to a TCC subcommittee for review and then bring back to the TCC at their next meeting.

MPO Street Appendix and Map

Mr. Phil Conrad updated the TCC members that MPO staff and a subcommittee have continued to work on the MPO Street Appendix and Map. The Appendix Phil stated, reflects existing cross sections and right-of-way, future cross sections, and future right-of-way. The Street Appendix and the corresponding map for the Cabarrus Rowan Planning Area has been reviewed by staff from each CR MPO jurisdiction. Phi went on to inform TCC members that the Street Appendix and Map is now available online at www.crmppo.org. Mr. Conrad advised TCC members that a 30 day public comment period and a workshop was held in Concord and Granite Quarry to give citizens the opportunity to voice comments and concerns.

After lengthy discussion about proposed revisions to the Street Appendix, the TCC members determined by consensus to have staff do some additional research on these items and bring the MPO Street Appendix and Map back to TCC for consideration at their next meeting.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports -MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Brett Abernathy, NCDOT Division 9 staff member, reported on pending projects for Division 9 and referred to a handout included in the agenda packets.
- Funding for I-85/Yadkin River Bridge Bill – Phil Conrad updated TCC members on a Bill that was currently being proposed by legislators in the Rowan County area that would offer a toll bridge as a funding alternative for repairs to the Yadkin River Bridge. After all discussion were complete, TCC Chairman Wilmer Melton made a motion to request that the CRMPO TAC consider other alternatives of funding for the Yadkin River Bridge repairs rather than a toll bridge. Mr. Dan Mikkelson seconded the motion. TCC members voted by majority to approve the motion, with two no votes counted.
- 2009-2015 TIP Priority List – Phil reported to the members that work would soon begin on identifying projects for the Priority List.
- Metrolina Regional Model Protocol – Phil Conrad reported that a draft protocol use and maintenance handout was available for anyone interested in obtaining this information. He advised interested members to see him after the meeting concluded.
- Regional HOV/HOT Study – Dan Mikkelson gave a brief update on the Regional HOV/HOT Study and indicated that there were two consultant submittals for this project.
- FHWA Final Rule on Metropolitan Transportation Planning – Phil Conrad referred TCC members to the information included in their packets.

Information Items

- Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad called the TCC members attention to the ridership information included in their packets

Adjournment

With no other business to consider, TCC Vice Chairman Ed Muire made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dan Mikkelson seconded the motion and the meeting of the TCC was adjourned. The next meeting will be April 18, 2007 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce in Kannapolis.