

# MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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

### Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Zac Gordon	City of Kannapolis
Doug Paris	Town of Midland
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPD
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div. 10
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9
Sushil Nepal	Town of Harrisburg
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove
Chris Stiller	Town of Rockwell
Troy Powell	Town of Spencer
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant

### Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
LeDerick Blackburn	Concord
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Andy Christy	RIDER Transit
LJ Weslowski	RIDER Transit
Beth Hassenfritz	Kannapolis
Brielle Hartney	Concord
Scott Kaufhold	Kannapolis

### **Call to Order**

TCC Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Wendy Brindle called the May 15, 2019 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order and called the roll of eligible TCC members determining that a quorum had been met.

Vice-Chairman Brindle then asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, Vice-Chairman Brindle continued by asking for any speakers from the floor. CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that Mr. Troy Powell with the Town of Spencer has accepted another position with a different jurisdiction and will no longer be a member of the CRMPO TCC. Director Conrad wished him well in his new endeavor. With no additional comments heard, she moved on to the next item of business.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Vice-Chairman Brindle called the TCC members' attention to the March 20, 2019 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. Vice-Chairman Brindle asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions being heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a

motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Chris Stiller seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

### **FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment #7**

Director Phil Conrad addressed the TCC members and reported that periodically MPO staff will bring amendments from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC for consideration. Phil explained that the first project amendment being brought before them was for project EB-5732, calling for a delay in the construction schedule to FY 2021 for the Bruton Smith Boulevard sidewalk project. He continued on by stating that the second project amendment was for project P-5726, calling for a delay in the construction schedule to FY 2020 for track improvements to the Kannapolis Amtrak Train Station. Director Conrad called members' attention to Item N which was a description of the projects being requested for changes and Attachment #3 in their meeting packets which was a Draft resolution modifying the MTIP.

Once finished with the explanations Director Conrad asked if there were any questions. With no questions or comments heard, Mr. Zac Gordon made a motion to forward Amendment # 7 to the TAC for their consideration and Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Resolution Supporting Light Rail**

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the City of Concord has been tracking the construction of the light rail in northeast Charlotte for a number of years. Beginning in 2003 the City of Concord and the CRMPO had budgeted funds for extending the Major Investment Study (MIS) into Cabarrus County. This was done due to the close proximity of the final proposed transit station across I-485. Phil continued on by saying that the light rail or Blue Line extension opened recently and that the Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is beginning to look at other corridors and extensions. Phil then called members' attention to Attachment #4, a Draft Resolution Supporting Light Rail into Concord and Cabarrus County. Phil closed in stating that the City's of Concord and Kannapolis and Cabarrus County have already passed similar resolutions of support.

TCC members individually read the Draft Resolution and some Cabarrus County jurisdiction representatives questioned whether the Resolution should include Concord specifically or should it call attention to Cabarrus County only so that all jurisdictions in Cabarrus County would be implied. After discussions, by consensus it was determined to have the resolution pertain and reference Cabarrus County only without specifying individual jurisdictions. It was also mentioned to include in the sixth item of the resolution, a Whereas after the wording \$3.5 billion.

With no further discussion or questions, Mr. Doug Paris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the resolution supporting extension of the Light Rail into Cabarrus County. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion and the members voted unanimously to approve.

## **Reports/CRMPO Business**

**Local Reports - MPO/TPD/NCDOT Division 9 & 10** – Mr. Stuart Basham, representative for Division 10 provided the TCC members with a spreadsheet listing Division 10 updates. Stuart provided updates on projects I-3802B I-85, U-3440, U-4910 A and B, U-5806 and B-5123. He also informed the TCC members that Bike and Pedestrian project grants are available and that applications are due on or before August 2, 2019. Stuart also provided the TCC members with updates on the project schedule changes for Mallard Creek widening, NC 73 widening, and Poplar Tent Road widening that would be reflected in a 2045 MTP amendment as part of the TIP adoption later this calendar year.

Mr. Fred Haith, representing Division 9 reported he had nothing to add to the spreadsheet of updates from Division 9 included in their meeting packets. He offered to answer any questions after the meeting concluded.

Mr. Andy Bailey, NCDOT TPD reported to the TCC members that the CRMPO CTP had been approved and adopted.

**STBG Projects and Funding Swap** – Phil reviewed the minutes of the last CRMPO TAC meeting regarding the funding swap for the TCC members. He continued by calling TCC members' attention to a memo from Mr. Bobby Lewis, COO of NCDOT regarding the funding swap as well as a memo from Mr. Van Argabright, NCDOT Director of Planning and Programming regarding the release of the 2020-2029 STIP. After discussion it was decided by consensus of the members to designate a subcommittee to discuss STBG remaining funds and create a methodology to select projects to make use of the remaining funds. Phil will relay this information to the CRMPO TAC at their next meeting.

**NCAMPO Conference Report** – Phil reported that there were over 600 attendees at this year's NCAMPO Conference and that the conference provided all with a lot of good information. He highlighted the presentations provided on the NC Moves, the NC Rail Plan and the NC First Commission.

**2018 Base Year Update** – Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that work is underway on the 2018 Base Year Update. The work involves gathering up to date employment data, school enrollment data and as well as population information. Phil noted that getting school enrollment data is the biggest challenge.

**CTP** – Phil reported that the CTP is an always evolving process and work continues on it.

**P6.0 Project Input Forms and Subcommittee**- It was determined by consensus that the subcommittee formed to address the STBG funding projects would also work on the P6.0 project input forms.

**NC Moves 2050 Presentation** - Ms. Natasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPD provided a power point presentation on the NC Moves 2050 program. Ms. Earle-Young reviewed all forms of transportation including Aviation, Ferry and Ports, Highways, Pedestrian and Bicycle, Public Transportation and Rail. Her presentation was very informative providing data on each mode

of transportation as it relates across NC. At the close of her presentation she requested the TCC members provide feedback about the information provided and some of the TCC members did so. She also provided members with a short survey to complete and submit to NCDOT.

### **Informational Items**

- RIDER Transit Ridership Information – Phil noted the ridership information included in their packets
- Phil noted the minutes from the most recent meeting on the Triad ITS Regional Strategic Deployment Plan and the most recent CRAFT meeting.
- Phil reminded the TCC members that Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant applications are due by August 2, 2019.
- Next scheduled meeting is June 19, 2019..

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Chris Stiller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Doug Paris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.