

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

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

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Crystal Smith	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Troy Powell	Town of Spencer
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Doug Paris	Town of Midland
Crystal Smith	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT TPD
Scott Cole	NCDOT Div. 10
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Gretchen Coperine	Kannapolis
Donald Griffith	NCDOT Div 10
Erin Burris	Mt. Pleasant
Stuart Basham	NCDOT DIV 10

Call to Order

TCC Chairman, Mr. Wilmer Melton called the October 17, 2018 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at 10:10 am. Chairman Melton called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum had been met. Chairman Melton then asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, Chairman Melton continued by asking for any speakers from the floor. With none heard, he moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Melton called the TCC members' attention to the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. Chairman Melton asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Reuben Crummy requested that titles be added to the names of Mr. Andy Bailey and Mr. Brian Wert in the August 15th minutes. He requested that Mr. Bailey be identified as Mr. Andy Bailey, Western Piedmont Planning Group Supervisor and that Mr. Wert be identified as Mr. Brian Wert, NCDOT Planning Unit Head. With no other corrections or additions being heard, Mr. Troy Powell made a motion to approve the minutes as modified. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Nomination and Election of TCC Chair

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that due to the resignation of the Vice Chairman, the TCC would need to elect a replacement for calendar year 2019. Phil reminded members that the Chairman and Vice Chairman positions are rotated between jurisdictions in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties therefore the Vice Chairman should be from a jurisdiction in Rowan County.

With that being said, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to nominate and elect Mrs. Wendy Brindle from the City of Salisbury as the CRMPO TCC Vice Chairman. With no other nominations being heard, Chairman Melton closed the nominations. The TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

TIP Priority Project STI Results

MPO Director Conrad informed the TCC members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank the transportation projects across North Carolina. Their methodology he explained includes a quantitative component that was recently released for all projects in North Carolina. He continued by stating NCDOT will incorporate the quantitative scores with the CRMPO's points and the Division Engineer points to create the FY 2020-2029 TIP.

Phil then called members' attention to Attachment 4 – MPO Highway STI Priorities from their packets. The attachment was the results for the top highway, aviation, rail, sidewalk and greenway projects within the CRMPO. Phil explained that MPO staff has already applied the local methodology to the projects. Phil reviewed the Attachment project by project for the members. Mr. Scott Cole, NCDOT Division Engineer called members' attention to the fourth project listed in Attachment #4. He reported that this project, Poplar Tent Road and Rock Hill Church Road, has already been funded by incorporating the work with another project and therefore no points need to be assigned to it. Phil finished by letting the members know that the public comment period was conducted and concluded on October 4, 2018 with no comments received.

Mr. Stuart Basham also with NCDOT Division 10, informed members that the George Lyles Parkway project had been classified incorrectly and after corrections were made the project did score higher in the SPOT Unit.

With no further discussion, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the division tier portion of the TIP Priority Project List with the modifications reported. Mr. Troy Powell seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment #5

Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that MPO staff periodically brings amendments before them as a result of NCDOT Board agendas. These amendments, he explained will ultimately be passed onto the CRMPO TAC for consideration and approval.

Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment 5 in their meeting packets. The attachment was a draft resolution modifying the MTIP for six projects;

U-5956, a request to delay right-of-way to FY 2020 for the US 29 and Union Cemetery Road intersection improvement.

P-5756, an acceleration in the construction schedule to FY 2019 for improvements to the Salisbury Amtrak Train Station.

U-6130, planning and environmental funds for US 29 and NC 152 intersection improvement.

The three remaining projects AV-5889, AV-5890 and AV-5892 are planning and environmental funds for aviation projects at the Concord-Padgett Regional Airport.

With no questions or discussion, Mr. Troy Powell made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing Amendment #5 to the FY 2018-2027 MTIP. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

CMAQ Performance Plan in the Charlotte UZA

Executive Director Conrad explained to the members that under the new federal transportation legislation, FAST Act, all State DOT's and MPO's are required to adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. Director Conrad reminded members that the Plan was presented to them at the August 2018 TCC meeting for information. He then called their attention to Attachment #6 in their packets which was the CMAQ Performance Plan. This Plan he explained, has been drafted by the NC Transportation Planning Department (TPD). Phil went on to review the Plan in detail for the TCC members. Phil closed by stating that State DOT's are now required by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) to submit CMAQ Performance Plans with their biennial reports. Phil informed TCC members that NCDOT's first biennial report is due October 1, 2018.

With no discussions, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the CMAQ Performance Plan in the Charlotte UZA. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously to approve.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Grant Applications

Phil informed the TCC members that the Towns of China Grove and Mt. Pleasant have completed applications for grant funding for municipal Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans. Phil went on to say that as part of the application process, NCDOT requires a resolution of support from the Cabarrus Rowan MPO be included with the applications. Phil then opened the floor to the representatives from the Towns of China Grove and Mt. Pleasant to provide any additional comments they wanted to add. Mr. Franklin Gover from the Town of China Grove and Ms. Erin Burris representing the Town of Mt. Pleasant both gave a brief summary of their respective applications.

With no discussion, Mr. Troy Powell made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Town of China Grove and the Town of Mt. Pleasant's Grant application for Bicycle

and Pedestrian Plans. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

CTP Amendments and Public Review Process

Executive Director Conrad reminded the TCC members that NCDOT has spent the past year working on amendments to the adopted Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). The CRMPO's CTP is an addition to the current fiscally constrained MTP. Phil also reminded members that NCDOT's TPD had provided an update on the CTP at the August 2018 meeting but due to some inconsistencies in the amendments the review was tabled until the issues could be reviewed, corrected, and incorporated.

Mr. Reuben Crummy, NCDOT TPD addressed the TCC members and reported that all of the issues in question at the August 2018 had been reviewed and all updates and corrections had been incorporated. Mr. Crummy reviewed and explained the changes made for the members. When the review was complete, Mrs. Wendy Brindle from the City of Salisbury questioned Mr. Crummy about Bendix Drive that did not appear on the maps that previously was included on them. After discussion, it was determined that Mr. Crummy would review and correct the map to once again include Bendix Drive.

With no further discussions, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting the CTP amendments with the Bendix Drive correction. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2018-2022 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendment

Director Conrad reminded the TCC members that the CRMPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2018-2022 TIP. Phil explained that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Conformity Report demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. He went on to explain that it also certifies that the TIP is a subset of the 2045 MTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Phil then called members' attention to Attachment #9 in their packets which was a segment of the draft of the Conformity Analysis and Determination Report Amending the Metrolina Area 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plans and the FY 2018-2022 Transportation Improvement Programs. Phil explained that due to the increase in scope for the Odell School Road widening project, the CRMPO is being required to amend the MTP. He reported that a public comment period was advertised and held which ended on October 4, 2018 with no comments being received.

After all review, Phil asked for any questions. With none heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2018-2022 TIP. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

Local Reports - MPO/TPD/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Fred Haith from NCDOT Division 9 reported he had nothing to add to the Cabarrus Rowan Urban Area MPO Transportation Update report included in their packets. He offered to answer any project specific questions that anyone may have. Fred also reminded members who have current Bike and Pedestrian grant projects to keep them moving forward.

Mr. Stuart Basham, representative for Division 10 reviewed with members updates on projects in Division 10 included in the Cabarrus Rowan MPO Division 10 Transportation Update. Stuart reviewed the progress on the I-85 projects, U-5806 the Concord Mills flyover as well as Derita Road and Poplar Tent Road projects.

Transportation Alternatives Program Update – Mr. Donald Griffin, NCDOT Division 10 reported to the TCC members that Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds are available to assist jurisdictions with populations of 5000 or less to do curb repairs, curb ramp repairs, broken side walk repairs, and cross walk markings. Mr. Griffin also reported that he had already contacted those jurisdictions within the CRMPO who would be eligible under the guidelines. He also reminded members that there would be a 20% cost share on eligible projects.

2022-2031 TIP Call for New Projects – Phil reported that he would soon be sending out an email call for new projects.

MPO Newsletter-Draft – Phil called members attention to a draft of the newsletter in their packets.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information – Phil referenced ridership information included in the member packets.
- Phil called members' attention to the minutes from the most recent meeting of CRAFT.
- Phil reported that he is continuing to participate in the Triad Regional ITS Strategic Deployment Plan.
- Next scheduled meeting November 21, 2018.

Adjournment

TCC Chairman Melton asked if there was any other business to discuss. Mrs. Susie Morris invited members to attend any of the upcoming public meetings on the Cabarrus County Long Range Transit Master Plan. With no other business to be considered being heard, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to adjourn and that motion was seconded by Mr. Troy Powell and the meeting was adjourned.