

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 – 5:30 pm

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

3003 Dale Earnhardt Blvd
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28083

Members:

Charles Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Rick Burleyson	Town of Mount Pleasant
Carl Ford	Rowan County
Tom Kincaid	City of Kannapolis
Tony Hilton	Town of Landis
Jim Ramseur	City of Concord
Richard Wise	Town of Midland
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Keith Deal	Town of Faith
Jeff Phillips	Town of Harrisburg
Lee Withers	Town of China Grove
Ralph Womble	NCDOT Board Member
John Cowan	Town of East Spencer

Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Director
Pat Ivey	NCDOT – Division 9
Richard Hancock	NCDOT- Division 10
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Debra Carter	Cabarrus Chamber
Al Brown	City of Concord
David Pugh	Town of Midland
Carolyn Carpenter	CCSC
Rebecca Yarbrough	Centralina COG

Call to Order

The January 26, 2011 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by TAC Chair Rick Burleyson. TAC Chairman Burleyson read the roll call of members and determined that a quorum had been met. Chairman Burleyson then requested that all members and guest to introduce themselves.

After introductions, Chairman Burleyson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. Cabarrus Rowan MPO Director Phil Conrad made a request to table Item 6 on the agenda due to the fact that there was a full agenda and no State representatives were in attendance to address questions regarding this issue. With no additional corrections or additions heard, Aldermen Bill Feather made a motion to accept the amended agenda. Commissioner Elizabeth Poole seconded the motion and TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

TAC Chairman Burleyson asked for updates from the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce representatives respectively. Mrs. Debra Carter, representative for the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce, informed the TAC members that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber continues to support the Cabarrus Rowan MPO in all of their endeavors to meet the transportation needs of Cabarrus County and that the Chambers' Legislative Agenda supports the MPO's efforts. She announced that the next Chamber Transportation Group will meet on March 25, 2011 at the RIDER Transit Center.

Chairman Burleyson asked for any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Burleyson moved on to the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

TAC Chairman Burleyson asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the October 27, 2010 TAC meeting. Aldermen Charles Wingerson made a motion to approve the minutes as they appear and Aldermen Bill Feather seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote to approve the October 27, 2010 minutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Centralina Transportation Planning Organization Study

MPO Director Phil Conrad called members' attention to Attachment #3 included in their agenda packets which was an Executive Summary of the Centralina Transportation Planning Organization Study. Phil proceeded by introducing Mrs. Rebecca Yarbrough from the Centralina COG, who had come to present the findings of the Study to the TAC. Rebecca presented TAC members with a powerpoint presentation regarding the results of the COG's Transportation Planning Organization Study. Rebecca reviewed why the Centralina Council of Governments thought the study was needed and identified what peer regions were studied for their approach to regional transportation planning.

After the presentation, Mrs. Yarborough fielded questions from TAC members. CRMPO TAC members pointed out that the CRMPO does not feel that the study was needed and provided any benefits to the MPO. TAC members questioned how much the study cost and where funding came from to complete the study. When questioned about what was the outcome of the study, Mrs. Yarbrough explained that the formation of a "Go Forward" Group would be the next step and that a meeting of that group would soon be conducted. Mrs. Yarbrough invited the Chair and Vice-Chair of the CRMPO to participate in the "Go Forward" Group meetings. TAC members voiced concerns about participating in the "Go Forward" Group and pointed out to Mrs. Yarbrough that some members of the MPO had recently withdrawn membership in the Centralina COG based on poor work performance, and they were not comfortable with the COG's Transportation Planning Organization Study.

After considerable discussion, Commissioner Liz Poole made a motion to authorize the CRMPO TAC Chairman, Vice-Chairman and MPO Director Phil Conrad to attend and observe these "Go Forward" Group meetings and report back to the TAC with their observations. Councilman Lee Withers seconded the motion. The majority of TAC members voted to approve with Commissioner Carl Ford voting no.

Nomination and Election of TAC Vice Chairman

Phil Conrad explained to TAC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO By-laws state that a new TAC Vice-Chairman must be elected each year. The TAC Vice-Chairman from the previous year automatically rotates to the Chairman position. Phil continued by stating that the TAC Chairman and Vice Chairman must be rotated between jurisdictions in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties.

TAC Chairman Burleyson opened the nominations from the floor. Councilman Lee Withers nominated Aldermen Tony Hilton as TAC Vice-Chairman and the motion was seconded by Alderman Reid Walters. Commissioner Carl Ford made a motion to close the nominations and that motion was seconded by Aldermen Bill Feather. TAC members voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

DRAFT Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC By-Laws

Phil Conrad reported to TAC members that their By-Laws have not been updated or amended since 2007 and that MPO Staff felt that it might be appropriate to evaluate them, which would provide an opportunity to make some technical corrections and add consistency with the language in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Phil called members attention to Attachment #5 DRAFT TAC By-Laws included in their packets and reviewed them with the TAC members.

After some discussion, Aldermen Bill Feather made a motion to accept the DRAFT TAC By-Laws and that motion was seconded by Councilman Jim Ramseur. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

Reports & Updates

- Local Reports – MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey of NCDOT Division 9 provided a handout which contained updates to projects in Division 9. Mr. Richard Hancock from NCDOT Division 10 provided handouts as well on Cabarrus County projects. Both Division representatives answered questions about their respective projects.
- FY 2012-2018 TIP and Conformity – Phil Conrad explained that each time NCDOT releases a new TIP the MPO is required to perform Transportation Conformity. As part of this new TIP release and Conformity, the CR MPO would be accelerating the Yadkin River bridge project in the 2035 LRTP. This amendment to the LRTP and the TIP will be combined into TIP Conformity Report that will come back to the TAC for their review and approval.
- Proposed TIP Priority Methodology – Phil reviewed for TAC members information contained in their packets in regard to the criteria for ranking projects for the MPO Priority List. Phil explained that FHWA has suggested for some time that the MPO establish criteria for ranking projects. Phil reported that the information is still being considered at the TCC level and will come back to them at a future meeting this spring.
- DRAFT 2011-12 Unified Planning Work Program – Phil called members attention to the DRAFT 2011-12 UPWP included in their packets for their review.
- NC Mobility Fund – Phil Conrad called TAC members attention to an information sheet included in their packets labeled Mobility Fund Criteria and Selection Process. This criteria has been presented to the NCDOT Board of Transportation.

Information Items

- ✓ NCDOT Division Organization Structure History – Information provided by the NCDOT Division Engineer.
- ✓ Concord Express, RIDER and Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Para-Transit Ridership - Phil highlighted ridership information included in their packets.
- ✓ Letter from Secretary Conti regarding ARRA Funds

Adjournment

With no other business before this committee, Councilman Lee Withers made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. Mayor Keith Deal seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.

Next Meeting: February 23, 2011

- Agenda items for February TAC meeting
- Upcoming items for discussion – Adoption of the FY 2011-12 UPWP, FY 2012-2018 TIP Conformity Report, TIP Priorities