

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

North Carolina Research Campus
UNC Building
Room 2201
500 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

Members:

Al Brown
Liz Poole
Dorland Abernathy
Del Eudy
Ryan Dayvault
Chamber
Richard Wise
Lee Withers
Otis Gibson
Benita Conrad
Greg Edds
Sylvia Chillcott
Jake Alexander

City of Concord
Cabarrus County
Town of Landis
Town of Mt Pleasant
City of Kannapolis

Town of Midland
Town of China Grove
Town of East Spencer
Town of Harrisburg
Rowan County
Town of Spencer
NCDOT Board Member

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director
Pat Ivey NCDOT Div 9
Alex Rankin Cabarrus Chamber
Warren Cooksey NCDOT Div10
Deborah Carter Cabarrus

Scott Cole NCDOT-Div 10
Reuben Crummy NCDOT-TPB
Bobby Moore Town of Rockwell
Jeff Phillips Town of Harrisburg
Tommy Garver Town of Landis
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff
Reid Walters Town of Spencer

Call to Order

The January 27, 2016 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO was called to order by TAC Chairman Greg Edds. Chairman Edds welcomed all those in attendance and asked that everyone present to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge was recited, Chairman Edds continued the meeting by calling the roll of eligible voting members and determined that a quorum was met. He then requested that those present introduce themselves. Chairman Edds proceeded by informing the TAC members of the NC State Ethics Commission Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest requirement and asked that should a conflict arise during any part of the meeting, the member should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

He then continued the meeting by asking for any updates from the Rowan or Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce's. Mrs. Deborah Carter with the Cabarrus Regional Chamber reported to the members that the Chamber is in the process of conducting their Advocacy Meetings and one component of those meetings is local transportation needs. She stated that the Chamber continues to support the work of the CRMPO.

Chairman Edds moved on by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, he then asked for any adjustments to the agenda and the consent agenda. With no

adjustments or corrections being heard, Mr. Richard Wise made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Lee Withers seconded that motion. TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. If a TAC member requests discussion on an item, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. The following items were presented for TAC consideration on the Consent Agenda:

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of October 28, 2015 Minutes

Chairman Edds called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the October 28, 2015 TAC meeting included in their agenda packets. He asked if there were any adjustments or corrections to the minutes. With no adjustments or corrections being heard, Mr. Richard Wise made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

Nomination and Election of TAC Vice-Chair

Cabarrus Rowan MPO Director Phil Conrad reported that the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO TAC Bylaws state that a new TAC Vice-Chairman must be elected each year and that the jurisdiction representatives must alternate between Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. He stated that the TAC would need to nominate and elect a Vice-Chair from Cabarrus County for 2016. Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to nominate Mrs. Liz Poole as the Vice Chair for 2016. Mr. Richard Wise seconded the motion. With no other nominations being heard, Mr. Dayvault made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Wise seconded that motion as well. TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

2015 Draft Local Priority Methodology

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members, that NCDOT staff has informed CRMPO staff that Session Law 2012-84 now requires the Department to develop a process for standardizing or approving MPO local input methodology. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 4 included in their packets titled Cabarrus Rowan MPO 2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Project Solicitation and Ranking Process. Phil advised the members that CRMPO staff has prepared and submitted drafts of the document to NCDOT for their review.

After completing a series of reviews, NCDOT staff made recommendations for some cosmetic and tabular changes to the document and has now granted a conditional approval to the CRMPO's methodology subject to public input and MPO Board Approval. Phil continued by stating that the CRMPO released the Draft Methodology for a thirty day public input comment

period which ended on December 31, 2015. He reported that no comments had been received to date.

After a reviewing the document with the TAC members, Phil asked for questions or comments. With none heard, Mr. Lee Withers made a motion to adopt the Draft Local Priority Methodology. Mr. Richard Wise seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed TAP Program Selection Process

Phil reminded TAC members that back in May 2015, MPO staff presented information on a new NCDOT program called the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). This program Phil explained, is similar to the STP-DA sub-allocation program in that it will require a twenty percent local match for eligible bicycle and pedestrian projects. He stated that the ten year allocation of funds under this program will be \$2.2 million to the CRMPO.

Phil continued by reporting that the CRMPO TAC released the proposed TAP Program Selection Process for public comment as suggested by FHWA. Phil reported that there had been no comments or questions received during the public input period which ended on December 31, 2015. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5 in their packets and reviewed the process with members. After the review was complete, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to adopt the TAP Program Selection Process. Mr. Lee Withers seconded the motion and the TAC members voted to approve.

FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment #1

Director Conrad called the TAC members' attention to a Proposed Amendment modifying the MTIP for certain projects in the FY 2016-FY 23 included in their packets. Those projects include ADA Paratransit Services, Preventive Maintenance, Expansion Vehicles, Planning Assistance and the addition of two new line items for the implementation of the Concord UZA 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities 5310 Program as well as the Concord UZA Bus & Bus Facilities 5339 Program for FY16-FY25.

Phil reported an increase in the annual maximum Federal Match for TG-5103B Routine Capital – ADA Services, TG-5103C Preventative Maintenance, and TP-5118 Planning Assistance as outlined in the list of TIP Amendment Requests. The amendment will also modify the planning year and maximum Federal match for TA-5125 Expansion Bus and add new MTIP/STIP items to allow Concord to administer grants to recipients and sub-recipients under FTA's 5310 and 5339 programs. Phil referred to a list of TIP Amendment Requests that was included in the TAC member's packets.

Phil continued by calling members' attention to the Draft Resolution included in their packets that would modify the existing MTIP. He reported to the members that NCDOT has requested that the RIDER TRANSIT SYSTEM/City of Concord submit a resolution from the CRMPO along with the Amendment. Phil also reported that the amendment would have no negative Impact to the other transportation systems in the MPO area.

With no comments or questions, Mr. Richard Wise made a motion to execute a resolution endorsing the Rider Transit System Amendment to the FY2016-FY 2025 MTIP. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and TAC members voted to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 reviewed the Division 9 projects update list included in the members' packets. He called members' attention to specific projects within the MPO area. Mr. Scott Cole, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed updates on the Division 10 projects from the information included in TAC members' packets as well.
- ✓ Old Beatty Ford Road Interchange Update – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 reported to members that NCDOT is continuing to work on this project and progress is being made. Phil Conrad added that local planning staffs are submitting additional information about economic development along that corridor as well.
- ✓ FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment #2 – Phil reviewed with members the Rowan and Cabarrus County revisions to STIP included under Amendment #2. Spreadsheets containing the information had been included in their packets.
- ✓ Ramp Meter Study Update – Director Conrad reported to members that the current phase of the study should be complete by December 2016. He reminded members that they had approved \$10,000 to the study.
- ✓ CTP Update – Phil reported to members that NCDOT has notified staff that the final CTP maps should be available to the MPO within the next sixty days.
- ✓ Draft 2016-2017 Planning Work Program (UPWP)(Budget) – Phil called members' attention to a Funding Sources Table included in their packets. Phil reviewed the table with members and then reviewed the Local Match Table, also included. He stated that this would come back to them at a future meeting for discussion and approval.

TAC Member Info: Metropolitan Transportation Planning – Phil Conrad provided a power point presentation to members on the roles and responsibilities of TAC members. In the presentation he provided pertinent training and information about what the MPO is and what functions it serves.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- Phil reported that the Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation (CRAFT) Executive meeting will be held on February 29, 2016 at 4:00 pm at Concord Fire Station #9.
- Next Meeting is February 24, 2016

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Lee Withers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Richard Wise seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.