

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 25, 2015**

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

### Members:

Al Brown  
Bill Feather  
John Bradford  
Elizabeth Poole  
Ryan Dayvault  
H.A. Hilton  
Richard Wise  
Otis Gibson  
Jeff Phillips  
Jim Sells  
Reid Walters

City of Concord  
Town of Granite Quarry  
Town of Cleveland  
Cabarrus County  
City of Kannapolis  
Town of Landis  
Town of Midland  
Town of East Spencer  
Town of Harrisburg  
Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Town of Spencer

### Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director  
Arin Wilhelm Granite Quarry  
Carolyn Carpenter CCSC  
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff  
Alex Rankin Cabarrus Chamber  
Pat Ivey NCDOT Div 9  
Stuart Basham NCDOT Div 10  
Todd Paisley DENR  
Scott Cole NCDOT-Div. 10  
Rodney Harrison Salisbury Transit  
Wilmer Melton City of Kannapolis  
Linda Dosse NCDOT-TPB  
Bobby Moore Town of Rockwell  
Maddilyn Genovese Mr. Tillis Office  
Josh Ward Mr. Burr Office

### Call to Order

The March 25, 2015 meeting of the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by Chairman Jeff Phillips. Chairman Phillips welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that those present stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge was recited, Chairman Phillips proceeded on by calling the roll of eligible voting members and determined that a quorum had been met. He then requested that everyone present introduce themselves. Once introductions were complete, Chairman Phillips moved onto the next item.

Chairman Phillips reminded 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 excuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Moving forward, Chairman Phillips asked for any updates from the Rowan or Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce's. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Regional Chamber addressed the TAC members and reported that the Chamber appreciates all of the work the MPO has done concerning the transportation needs of the region and the Chamber continues to support those efforts. TAC Chairman Phillips then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Phillips asked for any adjustments to the agenda and consent agenda. Cabarrus Rowan MPO Director Phil Conrad requested that two items be added under

Reports/MPO Business. This first item was NC Senate Bill 396 and the second item was Kannapolis Town Signage requested by Mr. Ryan Dayvault. With no other adjustments being heard, Mr. Al Brown, Jr. made a motion to accept and approve the agenda as amended and the consent agenda. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the 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 November 19, 2014 Minutes**

Chairman Phillips continued on by calling members' attention to the minutes of the January 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.

### **DRAFT 2016-2025 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendment**

CR MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to TAC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO Staff and the Metrolina Regional Partners have begun work on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Phil explained that the TIP Conformity Report will demonstrate that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. Phil continued on by stating that it also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2040 MTP and Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Phil explained that due to an acceleration of several projects in the Cabarrus Rowan area using State transportation funds, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to amend the 2040 MTP to reflect the new schedules for these projects. He called members' attention to Attachment 3 in their packets which included a memo explaining the need for the amendment as well as spreadsheets detailing the projects affected by the acceleration in horizon years 2012-2015 and 2016-2025.

After review of the projects for the TAC members was complete, Mr. Tony Hilton made a motion to endorse the projects for the MTP Amendment to be included in the upcoming Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2016-2025 TIP. Mrs. Elizabeth Poole seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve

## **DRAFT 2015-2016 UPWP**

Phil reported to TAC members that each year the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program (UPWP). The UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2015-2016. 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. He explained that this item had come before them at the previous meeting and was now coming before them for final recommendation. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 4A in their packets, which included a UPWP funding sources table, a detailed narrative of work tasks, the self-certification checklist, a Draft Resolution confirming the transportation planning process, a second Draft Resolution approving the FY 2015-2016 UPWP and a local match table,

After review, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to certify the CR MPO transportation planning process. Mr. Richard Wise seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve. Mr. Richard Wise then made another motion to adopt the FY 2015-2016 UPWP. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve as well.

## **FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #12**

Phil informed the TAC members that NCDOT is requesting that the RIDER Transit System STIP Amendment for Vehicle Replacements and Operations in fiscal year 2015 be submitted for consideration along with the following projects; 1) Increase the cap for TO-5183 Operation Assistance from \$1,300,000 annual maximum Federal match to \$2,512,000 for FY 2015, 2) Add TA-5173 for Replacement Vehicles with a Federal share of \$1,353,000 for FY 2015.

Phil explained this request to modify the STIP is required in order to use FY 2012 FTA 5307 funds that NCDOT has indicated will be expiring on September 30, 2015. NCDOT has stated that these modifications to the STIP will be presented to the Board of Transportation for approval at their April/May meeting. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5 in their packets which was a Draft Resolution Adopting Amendment #12 and a breakdown of the modifications requested.

With little discussion, Mr. Richard Wise made a motion to endorse Amendment #12 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously 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. Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a request to please patch the roadway over the I-85 Bridge on Lane Street.

Mr. Scott Cole, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed updates on Division 10 projects from the information included in TAC members' packets. After review, Mr. Jeff Phillips with the Town of Harrisburg praised Division 10 Staff regarding all the work being done in Harrisburg currently and thanked them for all the assistance they have given the Town recently.

Mrs. Elizabeth Poole asked the Division 10 Staff if a presentation could be made at a future meeting to provide an update to the Exit 58 project. She too praised Division 10 Staff for all their work and assistance.

- ✓ Senate Bill 20 - Phil called members' attention to a February 4, 2015 copy of Senate Bill 20 which would alter the Motor Fuel Tax. This item was being provided as information to TAC members.
- ✓ Signage for Southbound I-85 to the Transportation Museum and Town of Spencer/City of Kannapolis Research Campus Signage – Mr. Reid Walters from the Town of Spencer reported to members that Mr. Ivey had responded very quickly to the Town's request for signage on I-85 and explained to members that the expense is too prohibitive for the Town to add any signage at this time. Mr. Ivey reported that NCDOT is willing to add the signage whenever the Town comes up with the funding.

Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a request for signage for the NC Research Campus be considered when doing the next phase of the I-85 road widening and bridge replacement near exit 54.

- ✓ Air Quality/Ozone Emissions Modeling Update – Mr. Todd Paisley with NC DENR provided TAC members with a presentation on the new ozone State Implementation Plan for the Metrolina Region. An Executive Summary was included in the members' packets.
- ✓ NC State Ethics Reminder – Chairman Phillips and Director Conrad reminded members to make sure all their required NC State Ethics paperwork had been submitted.
- ✓ MPO Member Spotlight: Rowan County – Phil Conrad provided TAC members with background information and a presentation on Rowan County. He reported on the accomplishments the County has made over the years.
- ✓ NC Senate Bill 396 - Copies of the Bill were provided to the TAC members as information and review.

### **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.
- Division 9 STIP Public Meeting – April 21<sup>st</sup> 4:00-7:00 pm at PTCOG Office in Kernersville, NC
- Division 10 STIP Public Meeting – April 9<sup>th</sup> 4:00-7:00 pm at Stanley County Commons in Albemarle, NC
- Next meeting is April 22, 2015.

## **Adjournment**

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