

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016**

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

**Members:**

Del Eudy  
Liz Poole  
Dorland Abernathy  
Sylvia Chilcott  
Benita Conrad  
Greg Edds  
Ryan Dayvault  
Otis Gibson  
Bobby Moore  
Lee Withers  
Jake Alexander  
Arin Wilhelm

Town of Mt Pleasant  
Cabarrus County  
Town of Landis  
Town of Spencer  
Town of Harrisburg  
Rowan County  
City of Kannapolis  
Town of East Spencer  
Town of Rockwell  
Town of China Grove  
Board of Transportation  
Town of Granite Quarry

**Others:**

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director  
Pat Ivey NCDOT Div 9  
Denise Hallett Cabarrus Chamber  
Stuart Basham NCDOT Div 10  
Neil Perry NCDOT – Rail  
Tommy Garver Town of Landis  
Reuben Crummy NCDOT - TPB  
Brian Gackstetter NCDOT- Rail

### **Call to Order**

The May 25, 2016 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO was called to order by TAC Chairman Greg Edds. Chairman Edds welcomed everyone and asked that those present 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 had been met. He then asked 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.

Chairman Edds continued the meeting by asking for any Chamber updates. Ms. Denise Hallett with the Cabarrus Regional Chamber noted a successful Transportation Summit held on May 24, 2016 with Secretary of Transportation Nick Tennyson as the keynote speaker.

Chairman Edds then proceeded by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. Mr. Brian Gackstetter with the NCDOT Rail Division addressed the TAC with a request to assign 22 regional points to the NCDOT project to purchase 5 bi-level rail coach cars. He indicated that the project had been submitted by the Capital Area MPO, but a percentage of the project was in the CR MPO. The project would add capacity for future service along the Piedmont Crescent. Following public comment, Chairman Edds then asked for any adjustments to the agenda and the consent agenda. With no adjustments or corrections being heard, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to approve

the agenda and Mr. Dorland Abernathy 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:

#### **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment #4**

The first project amendment is a change in funding for I-3802B I-85 widening from GARVEEE to traditional federal funding (NHP). The second project is a change in the project description for the I-85 pavement rehabilitation project (I-5859) to extend the northern limit based on the interstate maintenance prioritization. The third project is widening of Derita Road or U-4910A and U-4910B and would delay construction from FY 2016 to FY 2017 due to the pre-construction schedule. The A section is STP funded. The fourth project is a delay of construction from 2015 to 2016 for U-5522 for the Concord Traffic Management System. The fifth project is the delay by one fiscal year in right-of-way and construction to FY 2018 for the Concord Mills Blvd flyover U-5806 to minimize traffic disruptions. The sixth project is a 3 year acceleration of B-5793 or bridge on Crowell Road to FY 2017. The seventh project is a new greenway project in Landis as part of the Grant's Creek Greenway or EB-5813. The eighth project is the delay of right-of way by one fiscal year to FY 2016 for the Mt. Vernon Road bridge replacement B-5160. The ninth project is the seven year construction acceleration to FY 2018 of the Peach Orchard Road bridge replacement B-5769. The final project R-5778 is to provide access to a proposed industrial site also known as Bill McGee Road. Mr. Ryan Dayvault then made a motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda item with Mr. Otis Gibson following with a second to the motion. TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### ***Approval of March 23, 2016 Minutes***

Chairman Edds called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the March 23, 2016 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. Del Eudy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Arin Wilhelm seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

### ***TIP Priority Project STI Results***

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank transportation projects across the state. This methodology includes a quantitative component that was recently released for all projects in NC. He noted that NCDOT

will incorporate the quantitative scores with the local input (MPO) points and Division Engineer rankings/points to initiate the development of the FY 2018-2027 TIP. He referred to the TAC packets that included tables showing the results for the top highway, aviation, rail, sidewalk, and greenway projects in the MPO area. He stated that MPO staff had applied the local methodology and provided a scenario for allocating points to projects in all categories. TAC members asked specific questions about project points under the regional tier. Ms. Liz Poole expressed frustration with the progress on the George Liles Parkway extension. NCDOT staff indicated the low quantitative score has been a barrier for this project. (The project scored a 10 under P4.0.) After some discussion by the members, Mr. Dorland Abernathy made a motion to endorse the local input point allocation for the regional tier projects for the CR MPO. Mr. Bobby Moore seconded the motion, and the members voted to approve with Mr. Lee Withers opposed.

### **Amended Prospectus**

Phil reported to the TAC members that the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO last adopted a Prospectus in September 2003 in response to the expansion of the MPO Planning Boundary in Rowan County. He stated that the Prospectus is a menu of tasks that the MPO staff can pursue and document as part of the UPWP. He referenced recent changes requested by the Transportation Planning Branch (TPB) as well as noted many of the task codes or line items have been consolidated from the last version. He stated that MPO staff has made revisions to the Prospectus based on input from TPB.

After little discussion, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to approve the amended Prospectus. Mr. Lee Withers seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **TAP Program Project Call**

Phil reported to the TAC members that MPO staff introduced a new program in 2015 called the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). He noted that this program is similar to the STP-DA suballocation program, requiring a 20 percent local match for bicycle and pedestrian eligible projects. He stated that the ten year allocation is a total of \$2.2 million to the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO and also that the TAC recently adopted the TAP Program Selection Process. He mentioned that the MPO issued a call for project proposals that concluded on April 30<sup>th</sup> with receipt of a total of 3 project proposals submitted by the cities of Concord and Salisbury. He displayed a resolution from the City of Salisbury committing to the local match as well as noted a letter in the TAC packets from the City of Concord.

After little discussion, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to approve the amended Prospectus. Ms. Sylvia Chilcott seconded the motion and 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 project updates list included in the members' packets. He called members' attention to specific projects within the MPO area. Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT

Division 10 reviewed updates on the Division 10 projects from the information included in TAC members' packets as well.

- Division 9 & 10 Scoring Methodology – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 presented a series of slides on the Division scoring methodology for STI projects. He noted changes from P3.0. Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 presented very similar slides on the Division scoring methodology for STI projects. He also noted changes from P3.0 as well as highlighted the Division Public Meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> in Stanly County.
- Old Beatty Ford Rd Interchange Update – Mr. Pat Ivey noted recent progress on the Old Beatty Ford Road project including the accelerated schedule to coincide with the widening of I-85.
- Freight Study Update – Phil referred to a summary in the TAC packets on the progress of the regional Freight Study.

### **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.
- Next Meeting is June 22, 2016

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Otis Gibson seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.