

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 31, 2006 – 6:30 pm

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

Concord, North Carolina

Members:

Tom Huntley	Town of Harrisburg
Butch Bivens	Town of China Grove
Maura Eberhardt	Town of Mount Pleasant
Chuck Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Darrell Page	Town of Midland
Ken Geathers	City of Kannapolis
Carolyn Carpenter	Cabarrus County
Sam Morgan	Town of Spencer
William Feather	Town of Granite Quarry

Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Planner
Mike Nunn	MPO Director
Linda Dosse	NCDOT – TPB
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Beau Taylor	Town of Rockwell
Jeff Moody	City of Kannapolis

Call to Order

TAC Vice-Chairman Tom Huntley called the May 31, 2006 TAC meeting to order. TAC Vice-Chairman Huntley welcomed the members and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. With no changes being heard, Vice-Chairman Huntley moved onto the next item of business and asked for updates from the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce representatives respectively. Mr. Alex Rankin reported that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce continues to work with and support the CRMPO on all transportation issues. TAC Vice-Chairman Huntley then asked for any speakers from the floor. There being none heard, Vice-Chairman Huntley moved on to the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

TAC Vice-Chairman Huntley asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the March 15, 2006 TAC meeting. Mr. Charles Wingerson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Ms. Carolyn Carpenter seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote.

FY 2006-2012 TIP Amendment #2

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to TAC members that the Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit system, RIDER, began service in April 2004. As part of this system, NCDOT will fund the planning, design and construction of a permanent transit transfer center. Phil went on to tell the TAC members that NCDOT has asked that the CRMPO amend the State TIP to reflect the correct fiscal year for expenditure of the planned transit capital projects and cost sharing portion of the FY 2006 Urban Area Formula Grant Section 5307. Mr. Conrad informed TAC members that the TCC had voted to recommend that the CRMPO TAC adopt FY 2006-2012 TIP amendment #2 and waive the public comment period. At that time Phil called the TAC members attention to the resolution that was included in their packets and explained to them that as a recommendation from NCDOT, the wording in the resolution had been

changed in two places. Under the wording in section "WHEREAS, the following amendment has been proposed: Amend (move) should read Amend (change), and further down in the same section where it refers to Urban Area Formula Grant Section 5307, it should read Urban Area Formula Grant Section 5309. At that time a motion was made by Mr. Ken Geathers to adopt the resolution supporting the FY 2006-2012 TIP Amendment #2 and waiving the public comment period. Ms. Carolyn Carpenter seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.

Metrolina Regional Model Update

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the Metrolina Regional Model partners have requested that the CRMPO reconsider their vote in favor of the urbanized area formula for funding the Metrolina Regional Model maintenance. Mr. Conrad called the TAC members attention to the fact that at the January 2006 meeting, the Cabarrus-Rowan TCC and TAC endorsed the Urbanized Area cost allocation using an annual budget of \$150,000. The CRMPO portion would be \$7,500 annually beginning in the current budget year. The population-based formula would increase the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO's portion annually to \$16,000. Phil went on to say that during the May 17, 2006 TCC meeting it was reported that the some of the Metrolina Regional Model Executive Committee members felt their recommendation to use the population based formula for funding allocation should be followed by the funding partners. Mr. Conrad reported that the TCC voted unanimously to uphold their original vote in support of the urbanized area funding and to provide Charlotte DOT with \$7,500 for FY 2005-2006 and \$8,000 for the FY 2006-2007 as previously approved at the January 2006 TCC and TAC meetings. As a group TAC members discussed the actual work products and the benefits to the CRMPO of the Metrolina Regional Model and the maintenance of it. The TAC members recognized the importance of the maintenance of the model and keeping it updated, but by consensus still feel they must base their participation level to the UZA based formula rather than the MAB formula since that is how the CRMPO PL funding is received from NCDOT. Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT –TPB informed the CRMPO TAC members that it was only an \$8000 increase in expenses and that the TAC should reconsider their original vote. With no further discussion, Ms. Carolyn Carpenter made a motion to uphold the previous decision of the CRMPO TAC and approve that the CRMPO provide the City of Charlotte with a total of \$7500 for FY 2005-2006 and budget \$8000 for FY 2006-2007 for Metrolina Regional Model maintenance, which is based on the UZA formula to coincide with the UZA based funding formula of the CRMPO PL funds. Mr. William Feather seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.

Reports & Updates

Local Reports – MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Cabarrus-Rowan MPO Staff distributed updates for Division 9 and Division 10 projects as provide by the respective divisions.

NC Research Campus – Mr. Jeff Moody, Engineer for the City of Kannapolis provided TAC members with a presentation on the transportation needs of the new Biotechnology Research Campus, which is under construction in Kannapolis. He also reported that a Traffic Study had been finalized to address some of those needs.

Draft 2007-2013 TIP Schedule - Phil Conrad reported that the projected release date of the Draft TIP schedule should be in August 2006.

MPO Workshop: Products/Services/Acronyms – Phil Conrad called attention to the

TAC members' packets regarding the products and services that Mobility Solutions LLC can and does provide to the MPO and its member jurisdictions. He also referred the TAC members to the pages of acronyms and explanation of these acronyms for their review and use.

State Open Meetings Law – Phil called the TAC members attention to a letter included in their packets from Mr. Mike Bruff of NCDOT, which explained the requirements of the NC Open Meeting laws.

Information Items

Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad highlighted Concord Express ridership information included in their packets

Adjournment

With no other business before this committee, Ms. Carolyn Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2006 and will be held at Salisbury City Hall.