

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

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

Members:

Al Brown
Arin Wilhelm
Maggie Blackwell
Elizabeth Poole
James Sells
H.A. Hilton
Reid Walters
Bobby Moore
Jeff Phillips
Ryan Dayvault

City of Concord
Town of Granite Quarry
City of Salisbury
Cabarrus County
Town of Mt. Pleasant
Town of Landis
Town of Spencer
Town of Rockwell
Town of Harrisburg
City of Kannapolis

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director
Denise Hallett Cabarrus Chamber
Doug Wilson City of Kannapolis
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff
Elaine Spalding Rowan Chamber
Lynn Raker City of Salisbury
Stuart Basham NCDOT Div 10
Warren Cooksey NCDOT Div 10
Scott Cole NCDOT-Div. 10
Keith Ralston NCDOT-Div. 9
Linda Dosse NCDOT-TPB
Alex Rankin Cabarrus Chamber
Deborah Carter Cabarrus Chamber
Carolyn Carpenter CCSC

Call to Order

TAC Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips called the June 25, 2014 meeting of the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO TAC to order. Vice Chairman Phillips welcomed those in attendance to the meeting and asked that those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge was recited, Vice Chairman Phillips continued by calling the roll of eligible members and determined that a quorum had been met. He then asked that everyone present to please introduce themselves. Once introductions were complete, Vice Chairman Phillips moved onto the next item.

Vice 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.

Vice Chairman Phillips asked if there were any updates from the Chamber of Commerce. Elaine Spalding with the Rowan County Chamber reported that the Rowan Chamber will begin their Resource Campaign on August 11, 2014. She also reported that a Drag Boat's Series is coming to High Rock Lake.

Denise Hallett with the Cabarrus County Chamber reported to the TAC members that the Chamber's Transportation Summit held on June 3rd was a great success and thanks to those present who attended. Deborah Carter also with the Chamber reported that as a result of a

survey conducted after the Summit, it was determined that Scott Cole with NCDOT Division 10 was the most impressive speaker at the Summit.

TAC Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Phillips asked for any adjustments to the agenda or consent agenda. Mrs. Maggie Blackwell requested that Item 2 under Reports/MPO Business be moved as Item 2A under the main part of the business meeting agenda so that the City of Salisbury's consultant for the Innes Street project could travel back home to Asheville earlier in the evening. With no objections being heard, Mrs. Blackwell made a motion to amend the agenda and consent moving Item 2 under Reports/MPO Business to Item 2A under the main business agenda. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

CONSENT AGENDA

NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Phillips called members' attention to the minutes of the April 23, 2014 TAC meeting included in their agenda packets. He asked if there were any adjustments or corrections to the minutes. With none heard, Mr. Al Brown, Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Jim Sells seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

East Innes Street Corridor Update

Mrs. Lynn Raker, City of Salisbury Senior Planner addressed TAC members and briefly explained what the Innes Street Corridor project is. She explained that the City of Salisbury had hired consultants with Design Workshops to assist them with determining the best use and appearance for Innes Street and surrounding streets. Lynn then introduced Mr. Drake Fowler from Design Workshops and he addressed the members.

Mr. Fowler provided TAC members with a detailed powerpoint presentation which fully explained how they reviewed the target areas for better ways to move traffic and people and how to make these changes safer as well. He showed before and after photo examples of what changes could be made and what their impact will be for drivers and pedestrians. He detailed a cost estimate for completing the recommended changes.

TIP Priority Projects STI Results

CR MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to members that NCDOT has been working to apply their methodology to rank all modes of transportation projects. Phil explained that NCDOT's methodology includes a quantitative component that was just recently released. The next step

will be for NCDOT to incorporate the quantitative scores with the CR MPO (local input) scores and the Division Engineers ranking (points) to work toward the development of the FY 2016-2025 TIP. Phil continued by calling TAC members attention to Attachment #3 in their packets which was a detailed list of Division 9 and Division 10 Highway STI Priorities for the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Phil reviewed the spreadsheet with members highlighting past project ranking as well as current rankings. The rankings included in the spreadsheet detailed not only highway projects, but aviation, greenway and sidewalk projects. Phil also called members' attention to a memo in their packets that provided a summary of STI and provided some examples as well. Phil closed by stating that the deadline for getting project points assigned and entered into the NCDOT system is August 29, 2014.

Upon completion of the review, Mr. Stuart Basham with NCDOT Division 10 provided TAC members with a powerpoint presentation explaining the new STI and how the final projects selected are determined by the Statewide, Regional and Division ranking. Stuart reviewed the criteria for how and why projects are ranked.

Once all information was provided to members, Phil reminded members that the data contained in the project and ranking spreadsheet must still be released for public comment. With no further discussion, Mrs. Elizabeth Poole made a motion to release the TIP Priority Project STI Results for public comment. Mr. Arin Wilhelm seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve.

Before moving to the next item, Mr. Scott Cole addressed the members regarding the deadline of when scoring and ranking data must be entered into the NCDOT system. Scott expressed concern that if the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC did not meet in July (as has been customary) and waited until their August meeting, there would not be sufficient time for scores to be thoroughly vetted by the August 29, 2014 deadline. After discussion, members agreed that if a meeting was warranted they would invite their respective TCC representatives to attend as well. With no further discussion, Mr. Tony Hilton made a motion to hold a special meeting on the fourth Wednesday in July 2014. Mr. Al Brown seconded the motion and member approved with a unanimous vote.

Resolution in Support of Statewide Tier Projects

Phil called member's attention to a resolution, Attachment 4A, included in their packets regarding the endorsement of Statewide Tier projects. Phil explained that the I-85 and I-77 corridors are important projects for the Metrolina Region. With the limited local input to the STI scores statewide, it is very important to have a unified voice of support from the region in maintaining and/or exceeding the proposed schedules for those projects.

Phil then continued by calling members' attention to Attachment 4B which was a list of the statewide tier projects for the region. After reviewing the list for members, Phil asked for questions or comments. With none heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to endorse the draft resolution in support of the Statewide Tier Projects including the I-85 project in southern Rowan County. Mr. Reid Walters seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #9

Phil explained that MPO staff is bringing this amendment before them for consideration as a result of a recent NCDOT Board of Transportation action. The amendment Phil explained, is for a delay of right-of-way and construction by one fiscal year for the NC 3 Widening project.

Construction would not begin until 2016 as a result of the amendment. With little discussion, Vice Chairman Jeff Phillips made a motion to endorse Amendment #9 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP. Mrs. Liz Poole seconded the motion and members approved unanimously.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Keith Ralston, NCDOT Division 9 attended on behalf of Mr. Pat Ivey and offered to answer any questions that he could about the project spreadsheet included in members packets. Mr. Tony Hilton had a question regarding the timeline on U-5608 and Keith said he would get the answer and get back to Mr. Hilton.

Scott Cole, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed the Division 10 Project spreadsheet also included in members' packets. Scott reported that a NC 3 Widening project meeting will be held on July 8, 2014 at a location TBD regarding State Historic Preservation Office concerns and the property owners. He also reported that a public meeting regarding the remainder of the I-85 widening in Cabarrus County would be held on July 24, 2014 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Kannapolis Middle School.

- ✓ MAP-21 Re-authorization – Phil called members' attention to information included in their packets regarding the reauthorization. He particularly highlighted the item 134 (d) pertaining to the Designation of new MPO's.
- ✓ MPO Member Spotlight: Town of Landis – Phil Conrad provided TAC members with background information and presentation on the Town of Landis. He reported on the progress the Town has made over the years and highlighted their accomplishments. Mr. Tony Hilton added information about the Town's amenities.
- ✓ Letter from Secretary Tata – Phil provided handouts of a copy of a letter from Secretary of Transportation Tata approving the Metrolina Area Boundary for the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO.

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 STI Public Workshops – July 15th 4 to 7 pm

- CRAFT Executive Committee Meeting – July 29th Rock Hill, SC
- Next meeting is July 23, 2014.

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Phillips thanked everyone for attending. With no other business to be considered, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to adjourn the June 2014 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC. Mr. Reid Walters seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.