

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 27, 2012 – 5:30 pm

Salisbury City Hall
217 South Main Street
Salisbury, North Carolina 28146

Members:

Charles Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Richard Burleyson	Town of Mount Pleasant
Maggie Blackwell	City of Salisbury
H.A. Hilton	Town of Landis
Carl Ford	Rowan County
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Jim Ramseur	City of Concord
Lee Withers	Town of China Grove
John Bradford	Town of Cleveland
Tammy Corpening	Town of East Spencer

Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Director
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div. 9
Jim Gobbel	Town of Spencer
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Diana Moghrobi	City of Salisbury

Call to Order

The June 27, 2012 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by Chairman Tony Hilton at approximately 5:40 pm. Chairman Hilton requested that all present introduce themselves. After introductions were complete, Chairman Hilton called the roll of eligible TAC voting members and confirmed that a quorum had been met.

Chairman Hilton continued by asking if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. With no additions or corrections to the agenda being heard, Chairman Hilton moved to the next item of business.

Chairman Hilton asked for Commerce updates. Mr. Alex Rankin, representative for the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce relayed to the TAC members that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber continues to support the Cabarrus Rowan MPO in all of their endeavors to meet transportation needs.

Chairman H. A. Hilton asked for any speakers from the floor. With none heard, he moved on to the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Hilton called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the March 28, 2012 TAC meeting included in their agenda packets. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Jim Ramseur made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mrs. Maggie Blackwell seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

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 are presented for TAC consideration on the Consent Agenda:

FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #3

NCDOT is requesting various amendments to the MTIP's from MPO's throughout North Carolina. A draft resolution modifying the MTIP to reflect to the following projects is as follows; 1) Z-5400 – Highway-Rail Grade Crossing Safety Improvements, 2) Y-5500-Traffic Separation Study, 3) B4720-Bridge Replacement over Dutch Buffalo Creek, 4) K4704-Rest Area System Preservation, 5) B5548 – NC 49 Bridge Replacement, 6) M0451 – Preliminary Engineering for Statewide Landscape Plans for STIP construction projects, 7) W5209 and W5210 – Division 9 & 10 Rumble Strips, Guardrail and Safety and Lighting Improvements. These amendments have already been made by NCDOT in the State TIP through the NC Board of Transportation.

FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #4

The NCDOT is asking that the RIDER Transit System modify the MTIP with the following projects for years FY12 through FY18 as shown in Attachment #4 in their agenda packets. The amendments calls for increasing the cap for project TA4961, increasing the cap for TA5125 Expansion Bus from \$350,000 Federal match in FY13 & FY15 to \$620,000, increase the cap for project TG5103A Routine Capital from \$200,00 Federal match annually to \$400,000.

Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to endorse and approve Amendment #3 and Amendment #4 to the MTIP. Mr. Jim Ramseur seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Index

Director Conrad reported to the TAC that their TCC staff have spent the past few months working together on a Draft CTP Index to replace the current CRMPO Street Appendix. The Index Phil explained, will become the MPO's Street Appendix to coincide with the currently adopted CTP maps. Phil reported to TAC members that two public workshops were held, one in Salisbury and one in Concord, the week of April 16, 2012. These workshops were followed by a thirty day public comment period which ended on May 16, 2012. The final Index is also on the CRMPO website for review. Phil called TAC members' attention to two comments that were received the night of the Salisbury meeting that had been included in their packets along with a copy of the final CTP Index listed as Attachment #5.

Phil explained that the Index is a tool for local planning staff when coordinating future projects in their areas. Pat Ivey, Division 9 Engineer echoed Phil's comment stating that his Division uses the Index in determining sidewalks, and curb and gutter to projects. Phil asked for any comments, concerns, or corrections to the Index. Mrs. Maggie Blackwell had a question about Klumac Road and Phil was able to clarify the Index and no changes needed to be made. Mr. Bill Feather requested that the entry of US 52 Bypass be removed from the Index. Mr. Rick Burleyson also made a request that the item; Mt.

Pleasant Hwy. 49/Hwy 73 Bypass be corrected to reflect a cross section of 4-C instead of 4-B and that the right-of-way be changed from 150 feet to 100 feet.

With no other questions or comments heard, Mr. Rick Burleyson made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Transportation Plan with the requested revisions. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

MPO Planning Area Boundary

Phil informed TAC members with the release of the 2010 Census and the new urbanized area information, the new urbanized area for the Cabarrus Rowan MPO grew significantly. Along with the growth of the urbanized area comes the need to confirm a new Planning Area Boundary. Phil reported that at the last CRMPO TCC meeting, their staff supported the current boundary of both counties and believe it is consistent with the current MPO governance, plans, programs and existing membership

Phil continued by calling attention to a copy of a letter sent to the Chairman of the CRMPO TAC by Ms. Terry Arellano, NCDOT Systems Planning Group also included in their packets. Phil explained that the letter was sent to inform the TAC about the approved “smoothing” process if the CRMPO so desires to use this method to update their new boundaries. After review, Chairman Hilton asked what impact this new urbanized area had on mass transit in the Cabarrus Rowan MPO area. Phil replied that the only notable change was that the Salisbury Transit System would now fall under the CRMPO for transit coordination and funding in the State TIP.

After discussion, TAC members agreed by consensus to endorse the existing boundary for the Cabarrus Rowan MPO planning purposes for the next 10 years. Phil followed by informing TAC members that boundary agreements will be brought before them this fall.

Reports & Updates

- Local Reports – MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey of NCDOT Division 9 provided a handout to TAC members on Division 9 projects and reviewed for members the status of these projects.
- NC Mobility Fund Candidate Project Results – Phil called members’ attention to a spreadsheet included in their packets titled Draft Mobility Fund Project Scores. Project I-3802 was shown as last on the scoring list. TAC members questioned why the project was so far down the list and Phil and Pat Ivey said they would check into this project and report back to TAC members for the next round of NC Mobility funding.
- Federal Transportation Reauthorization – Phil reported that the new reauthorization bill may not be for six years that it may only be a two year bill. He said full details are not known at this time, but he will provide more information as it becomes available. (The new bill was adopted within days of the June TAC meeting and was entitled MAP-21.)

Information Items

- ✓ Concord Express, RIDER and Salisbury Transit, both Rowan Express routes, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Para-Transit Ridership - Phil highlighted ridership information included in their packets.
- ✓ Response to Kimball Road Sidewalk Project – Phil called members' attention to a letter to TAC Chairman Hilton regarding project P-5206C the Kimball Road Underpass Sidewalk.

Adjournment

With no other business before this committee, Mr. Lee Withers made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. Mrs. Maggie Blackwell seconded the motion and the TAC members' followed with a unanimous vote. Chairman Hilton thanked everyone for attending.

Next Meeting: August 22, 2012