

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, August 24, 2016**

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

**Members:**

Brandon Linn  
Bobby Moore  
Dorland Abernathy  
Al Brown  
Benita Conrad  
Greg Edds  
Ryan Dayvault  
Otis Gibson  
Bobby Moore  
Bill Feather

Town of China Grove  
Town of Rockwell  
Town of Landis  
City of Concord  
Town of Harrisburg  
Rowan County  
City of Kannapolis  
Town of East Spencer  
Town of Rockwell  
Town of Granite Quarry

**Others:**

Phil Conrad      CRMPO Director  
Chris Corriher    NCDOT Div 9  
Alex Rankin      Cabarrus Chamber  
Stuart Basham    NCDOT Div 10  
Deborah Carter    Cabarrus Chamber  
Denise Hallet     Cabarrus Chamber  
Reuben Crummy   NCDOT - TPB  
Deloris High     Town of East Spencer  
Jeff Phillips      CCSC  
Carl Ford         NC House  
Josh Ward         Senator Burr's Office  
John McDonald    Senator Burr's Office  
Harry Warren     NC House

### **Call to Order**

TAC Chairman Greg Edds called the August 24, 2016 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC to order. Chairman Edds welcomed everyone and asked that those present please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The Chairman then led the group in an opening prayer. 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 by asking for any adjustments to the agenda and the consent agenda. CR MPO Executive Director Phil Conrad addressed the Chairman and requested that item two under Reports be moved to item seven under Call to Order. With no discussion, Mr. Dorland Abernathy made a motion to amend the agenda as requested and Mr. Bobby Moore seconded the motion. TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman Edds then welcomed Representative Carl Ford and Representative Harry Warren with the NC House of Representatives to the TAC meeting. Representative Warren addressed the group first and reported that the House was currently out of session with the exception of a

few interim committee meetings. He let members know that a lot of progress on importation transportation issues had been accomplished this past year.

Representative Ford echoed Representative Warren comments and stated it had been a very good Transportation year and highlighted some of the important strides that had been accomplished on projects in the Cabarrus Rowan MPO area. Chairman Edds thanked both Representatives for all the work they do for our member areas.

Chairman Edds continued the meeting by asking for any Chamber updates. Mrs. Denise Hallett,

Mr. Alex Rankin, and Mrs. Deborah Carter with the Cabarrus Regional Chamber all addressed the TAC members in regard to the projects moving along in the CR MPO area and that the Cabarrus Chamber continues to support the efforts of the MPO. Ms. Elaine Spaulding with the Rowan County Chamber reported to members that they will be holding a transportation meeting on September 15, 2016 and the keynote speaker will be [NC](#) Transportation Secretary Tennyson. Elaine also informed members that the Rowan Chamber will be traveling to Washington, DC on September 12 and 13, 2016 to lobby for transportation needs in the Rowan County area.

TAC Chairman Edds proceeded onto the next order of business, the Proposed Federal Rule on Coordination and Planning Area Reform for MPO's. Director Conrad introduced Mr. Josh Ward and Mr. John McDonald with Senator Richard Burr's office. Mr. Ward and Mr. McDonald each spoke to the members in regard to the proposed federal rule changes regarding MPO's that is being proposed by US Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx. Both Mr. Ward and Mr. McDonald answered questions from members in regard as to how this would impact the CRMPO. Mr. McDonald, whose main focus in the Senator's office is Energy and Transportation provided members with information as to how the rule changes would affect all MPO's across the State. Chairman Edds thanked Mr. Ward and Mr. McDonald for coming to the TAC meeting and providing this information to the MPO. Director Conrad then called members' attention to a Power Point presentation handout provided by FHWA that explains the proposed planning rule changes and schedule for these changes to be implemented. Phil reviewed the information with the members. Phil then called members' attention to a draft Resolution in Opposition to the MPO Coordination and Planning Reform NPRM by USDOT also included in their packets. After Phil provided a review of the draft Resolution, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion that the CRMPO support the opposition to the planning rule changes and authorize signing the Resolution by the CRMPO Chair. Mr. Al Brown seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman Edds continued on by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Edds moved on to the Consent Agenda. Director Conrad called members' attention to Item 2 under the consent agenda.

## **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 #5

~~Phil reported to TAC members that CRMPO staff is bringing MTIP Amendment #5 before them from a recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agenda for their consideration. Phil called members' attention to information included in their packets which explained which projects were included in the amendment. Phil explained that the first part of the amendment concerned some additional TAP funds in FY 2016 at the Division level for Division 9 and 10 projects (R-5789 and R-5790). The second project of the amendment Phil reported, is the delay of construction by one fiscal year to FY 2017 for the Mt. Vernon Road bridge replacement project B-5160. The third and final project in the amendment, W-5313 is to widen Old Beatty Ford Road and provide rumble strips, and construction has been delayed to FY 2017 as well.~~

With no comments or questions, Mr. Al Brown made a motion to endorse Amendment #5 to the FY 2016-2025 MTIP. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

#### THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### *Approval of May 25, 2016 Minutes*

Chairman Edds called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the May 25, 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. Dorland Abernathy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Otis Gibson seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

#### *TIP Priority Project Division Tier List*

Phil Conrad CRMPO Executive Director reminded TAC members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank transportation projects across the state. Phil continued by explaining this methodology includes a quantitative component that was recently released for all projects in North Carolina. Phil went on to state that NCDOT will incorporate the quantitative scores with the CRMPO points assigned as well as the Division Engineer points to initiate the development of the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Phil then called members' attention to Attachment 4 in their packets which outlined the results for the top highway, aviation, rail, sidewalk and greenways projects in the CRMPO area. Phil reviewed the attachment with the members explaining each project.

Phil called members' attention to a copy of the Revised P4.0 Schedule of Key Dates included in their packets and reviewed it with the members.

After all review was complete, Mr. Al Brown made a motion to release the division tier portion of the TIP Priority Project List for public comment. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2016-2020 MTIP Amendment #2 and Conformity**

Phil reported to the TAC members that staff has been working on an Air Quality Conformity Determination Short Form Report due to amendments to the 2016-2020 TIP. Phil reminded members that the TIP Conformity Report demonstrates that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2040 MTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Phil continued by stating that due to the acceleration of some of the projects in the CRMPO area using State transportation funds, the CRMPO is required to amend the MTIP using this Short Form Report to show the new schedules for the accelerated projects. Phil called members' attention to Attachment #5 included in their packets which was a draft copy of the report and a worksheet of Proposed List of Changes for CRMPO TIP Amendment #2. Phil reviewed the information with the members

Phil continued by calling TAC members' attention to Attachment 5A in their packets. Attachment 5A was a draft resolution to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Determination Short Form. With little discussion, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Determination Short Form Report. Mr. Al Brown seconded the motion and TAC member voted unanimously to approve.

Phil ~~referenced went on the~~ Attachment 5B also included in members packets. This attachment was a resolution adopting the MTIP Amendment. After review by the members, Mr. Dorland Abernathy made a motion to endorse the Resolution adopting the MTIP Amendment. Mr. Otis Gibson seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **County Level Socioeconomic Projections**

Phil informed the TAC members that the CRMPO has been working on projecting population and employment for the 2025, 2035 and 2045 horizon years in the Metrolina Regional Model. CRMPO Phil explained, is one of four MPO's in the ~~proposed~~ non-attainment Metrolina/Charlotte Region. Phil called TAC members' attention to Tables 1 and 2 under Attachment 6 in their packets which was a summary of County level projections. After reviewing the population and employment projections data with the members, he asked for any questions or comments.

With none heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to endorse the socioeconomic projections for Cabarrus and Rowan counties. Mr. Dorland Abernathy seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Chris Corriher, 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. Stuart also called members attention to the P4.0 schedule included in their packets.

- 2045 MPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan Goals – Phil Conrad called members' attention to the CRMPO's draft 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Goals and Objectives included in their packets. Phil reported to the members that a section for Freight Goals had been added to the Plan Goals and Objectives.
- Freight Study Update – Phil referred to a summary in the TAC packets on the progress of the regional Freight Study.

CTP Presentation - Mr. Reuben Crummy, NCDOT TPB presented a PowerPoint presentation of map updates to the CTP. Reuben explained that comments provided by TCC members were taken and implemented into the CTP maps. The Power Point [slides](#) displayed those updates to the maps on a comment by comment basis. Once his presentation was complete, Reuben explained that the CTP Appendix and the CTP Inventory are both complete and these corrections to the maps that he had just reviewed now made the CTP Maps complete as well. Reuben closed by saying that the final product will now be sent to NCDOT TPB for final approval.

After all discussions, Mr. Al Brown made a motion to endorse the changes and updates to the CTP Maps and that motion was seconded by Mr. Otis Gibson. TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

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### **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 September 28, 2016

### **Adjournment**

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