

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

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

Members:

Al Brown
Arin Wilhelm
Tony Hilton
Elizabeth Poole
Ryan Dayvault
Richard Wise
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Jeff Phillips
Greg Edds
Maggie Blackwell

City of Concord
Town of Granite Quarry
Town of Landis
Cabarrus County
City of Kannapolis
Town of Midland
Town of Spencer
Town of East Spencer
Town of Harrisburg
Rowan County
City of Salisbury

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director
Pat Ivey NCDOT Div 9
Stuart Basham NCDOT Div 10
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff
Alex Rankin Cabarrus Chamber
Bobby Moore Town of Rockwell
Linda Dosse NCDOT-TPB
Wilmer Melton City of Kannapolis
Rodney Harrison Salisbury Transit
John Softley City of Salisbury
Bob Bushey Cabarrus County
Scott Cole NCDOT-Div 10
Denise Hallett Cabarrus Chamber

Call to Order

The August 26, 2015 meeting of the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by TAC Chairman Jeff Phillips. Chairman Phillips welcomed all those in attendance and asked that those present stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge was recited, Chairman Phillips proceeded on by calling the roll of eligible voting members and determined that a quorum had been met. He then requested that everyone present introduce themselves. Once introductions were complete, Chairman Phillips moved onto the next item.

Chairman Phillips 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 excuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Chairman Phillips continued the meeting by asking for any updates from the Rowan or Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce's. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Regional Chamber reported that the Chamber appreciates all of the work the MPO has done concerning the transportation needs of the region and the Chamber continues to support those efforts. Mrs. Denise Hallett, Vice Chairman of the Cabarrus Chamber's Advocacy Division also addressed the members and recognized the MPO members for all their efforts in working to bring better transportation opportunities to the area.

Chairman Phillips then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Phillips asked for any adjustments to the agenda and consent agenda. Since no adjustments or corrections were heard, Chairman Phillips continued to the next item up for consideration.

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 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #13

The first project in the amendment was in regard to a new FY 2016 STI project which was the I-85 pavement rehabilitation from US 601 to .5 miles south of US Hwy 52. The second project was the delay of right-of-way and construction by one fiscal year for the replacement of a bridge on Stokes Ferry Road. The third project is an acceleration of right-a-way and construction for the I-85 widening on southern Rowan County to FY 2016 using GARVEE Bonds.

FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #14

The City of Salisbury is requesting the MPO's support on a STIP amendment to authorize federal funding in FY 2015. The modifications to the STIP will be presented to the Board of Transportation for approval at their August/September meeting.

With no discussion, Mrs. Maggie Blackwell made a motion to endorse Amendment #13 and Amendment #14 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP. Mr. Richard Wise seconded the motion and the TAC followed with a unanimous vote of approval of the consent agenda.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of May 27, 2015 Minutes

Chairman Phillips called TAC members attention to the minutes of the May 27, 2015 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. Richard Wise made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Greg Edds seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

FY 2016-2020 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendments

MPO Director Phil Conrad reminded TAC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO (CRMPO) and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working together on the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program

(TIP). Director Conrad explained that the TIP Conformity Report demonstrates that the financially constrained Metropolitan Transportation Program (MTP) in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. Phil went on to say that Conformity Report also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a subset of the 2040 MTP and that the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5 in their packets which was an excerpt from the TIP Conformity Report. Phil reviewed for members the relationship of the MTP and TIP as well as the other highlighted items in the excerpt. He also reviewed the emission comparison summary tests by location and pollutants calling attention to the Cabarrus and Rowan counties emission comparisons. After reviewing the attachment, Phil explained that due to an acceleration of several projects in the Cabarrus Rowan MPO area using state transportation funds, the CRMPO is now required to amend the MTP to reflect the new schedules for these projects. Phil asked for any questions or comments.

Phil then proceeded by calling members' attention to three *Draft* resolutions in their packets. 1) Resolution Adopted by The Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee Approving An Amendment To the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; 2) Resolution Finding the Cabarrus Rowan Urban Area amended 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program in Compliance with the Provisions of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP 21); and 3) Resolution Adopting The FY 2016-2020 Cabarrus Rowan MPO Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

With little discussion, Mr. Tony Hilton made a motion to adopt all three resolutions before them. After the motion was made discussions arose that each resolution needed a separate motion and second to then vote and approve or deny. Mr. Hilton then retracted his motion and the retraction was seconded by Mr. Al Brown. TAC members voted unanimously to approve the retraction.

With no further discussion Mr. Tony Hilton made a motion to adopt the Resolution Approving An Amendment To the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve. Mr. Tony Hilton then made a motion to adopt the Resolution Finding the Cabarrus Rowan Urban Area amended 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan and 2016-2020 Transportation Improvement Program in Compliance with the Provisions of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP 21). Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve. And lastly, Mr. Tony Hilton made a motion to adopt the Resolution Adopting the FY 2016-2020 Cabarrus Rowan MPO Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve. Phil directed members to the CRMPO website to see the Draft TIP.

New TIP Priority Projects

Director Conrad explained to the TAC members that with the expected adoption of the 2016-2020 TIP, the CRMPO staff has been working and has prepared a schedule for identifying and adopting the STI list for the CRMPO area. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 6 in their packets and reviewed the projects included on the attachment. Phil explained that the first step in the schedule is to issue a call for new projects from all modes of transportation to be considered for funding. After review, Phil stated that the deadline for submitting new projects to be considered

was on August 18, 2015 and that all jurisdictions had had an opportunity to submit their new projects prior to the deadline.

At this time, Phil called upon Mr. Wilmer Melton with the City of Kannapolis who handed out a resolution from the City of Kannapolis to add projects to the Priority Projects List. After Wilmer explained the projects to the TAC members, Mr. Al Brown made a motion to endorse the NEW TIP Priority projects for submittal to the NCDOT for quantitative review. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed FY2017 CMAQ Schedule

Phil reported to the TAC members that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are a federal funding source for areas designated non-attainment by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). CMAQ funds do require a local sponsor and a twenty percent match. Phil explained that eligible projects must demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit to the local area. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 7 in their packets and explained that there are currently six existing CMAQ Project Proposals in the NCDOT system that were outlined on this attachment. Phil reminded TAC members that at their May 2015 meeting, it was decided that the FY2016 balance be applied to projects in Kannapolis, Concord, and Salisbury.

In reviewing the list of the six projects, Phil reported that some of the projects on the list had since been funded using other local funding sources. Phil also reported that NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO may receive about \$1.5 million in CMAQ funds in FY2017 which could possibly fund the bike lanes at Catawba College and the sidewalk at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School. But Phil cautioned that with the current federal budget uncertainties, there is no guarantee that the federal CMAQ program will still exist in future years.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 reviewed the Division 9 projects update list included in the members packets. He called members' attention to road closures as project work begins. Mr. Tony Hilton addressed the membership and thanked Mr. Ivy and his office for all their hard work in keeping Division 9 jurisdictions informed on projects concerning their respective jurisdictions. Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed updates on the Division 10 projects from the information included in TAC members' packets.
- ✓ R2NK Road Closing Update – Mr. Pat Ivey covered the road closing schedule in his transportation updates.
- ✓ NC Legislative Update – Phil called members' attention to information included in their packets.
- ✓ CTP Maps Update – Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT-TPB reported to the TAC members that the CTP update had gone out for public comment and that the document is still under internal review with NCDOT.

- ✓ Metrolina 2008 Ozone Standard Maintenance Plan – Phil called members’ attention to two pages included in their packets from the Federal Register that showed the CRMPO Sub-Area MVEBs and the 2008 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS for areas with the CRMPO’s planning area.

Cabarrus County Transit Funding Request – Mr. Bob Bushey, Transportation Manager with Cabarrus County reported to members that Cabarrus County is in the process of applying to be a Direct Recipient of federal formula funding from FTA. Mr. Bushey stated that a resolution of support is needed from the MPO to continue the New Grantee Process. Phil Conrad called members’ attention to a *Draft* Authorizing Resolution in their packets for their consideration. With no discussion, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to adopt the resolution and that motion was seconded by Mr. Richard Wise. TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

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.
- Resolution for funding of US 29 Intersection – Phil called members’ attention to a Resolution from the Town of China Grove requesting funds from the House of Representatives of the State of NC to realign and install a turn lane at the intersection of East Church Street, US Highway 29 and Lentz Road.
- TAC Chairman Phillips asked if there were any other comments before the close of meeting. Mr. Greg Edds from Rowan County announced that a new sign has gone up in Rowan County calling attention to the fact the County is home to the 2015 Girls Little League World Series Champions. Mrs. Liz Poole also informed members that Cabarrus Visitors Bureau and Cabarrus County also have new signage. Mr. Al Brown asked NCDOT – Division 10 staff for any update they have on the I-77 widening and toll projects. Mr. Scott Cole, NCDOT Division 10 reported that this project is continuing to move forward despite the efforts of the Widen I-77 Group who are adamantly opposed to the project.
- Next meeting is September 23, 2015.

Adjournment

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