

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 – 5:30 pm

NC Research Campus
1st Floor – CORE Lab Building
150 Research Campus Drive
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Members:

John Sweat	City of Concord
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Maggie Blackwell	City of Salisbury
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Tammy Corpening	Town of East Spencer
Craig Pierce	Rowan County
Tony Hilton	Town of Landis
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Tony Hilton	Town of Landis
Richard Wise	Town of Midland
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer
Lee Withers	Town of China Grove
Jeff Phillips	Town of Harrisburg
Rick Burleyson	Town of Mount Pleasant
Craig Pierce	Rowan County

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Doug Paris	City of Salisbury
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
John Henderlite	Salisbury Chamber
Scott Cole	NCDOT-Div. 10
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div. 9
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB

Call to Order

TAC Chairman Elizabeth Poole called the August 28, 2013 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO to order. Chairman Poole called the roll of eligible TAC members and confirmed that a quorum had been met. She then asked that all those present introduce themselves.

Chairman Poole continued by reading the NC Ethics requirements and asked that anyone having a conflict of interest with any item during the meeting to please refrain from participating in that item. Moving on to the next item, Chairman Poole asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. Chairman Poole requested that an item regarding the 2013 Real Estate Disclosure Form for TAC members be added as Item 1 under Section 7: Reports. With no further corrections or additions being heard, Mr. Craig Pierce made a motion to accept the agenda as amended and Mr. Lee Withers followed with a second. TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman Poole moved to the next item by asking 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. Alex also reported that Mr. John Cox was no longer with the Cabarrus County Chamber of Commerce and that Mr. Carol Gray was the

interim Director. Mr. John Henderlite of the Rowan County Chamber was also recognized by Chairman Poole and welcomed to the meeting.

TAC Chairman Poole moved on by asking if there were any speakers from the floor, With none heard she moved onto the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Poole called members' attention to the minutes of the June 26, 2013 TAC meeting included in their agenda packets. She asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. With none heard, Mr. Rich Wise made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

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:

2035 LRTP Amendment and Conformity

MPO Director Phil Conrad explained to the TAC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO and the NCDOT have been working together on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for an amendment to the 2012-2018 TIP. Phil continued by reporting that due to the acceleration of the I-85 widening project (I-3802A) in Cabarrus County, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to amend the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to show the new schedule for this project. Phil went on to tell TAC members that a public comment period was advertised on the amendment and Conformity Report and closed on August 7 with no comments received. Phil closed by stating that the full report and appendices are on the CRMPO website. He then asked for any questions or comments.

With no discussion, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2012-2018 TIP amendment. Mr. Lee Withers seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

This was followed by a second motion to adopt the TIP Amendment by Mr. Rich Wise and seconded by Mr. Reid Walters. TAC members voted unanimously to approve as well.

A final motion was made by Mr. Rich Wise to adopt the amendment to the 2035 LRTP. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded that motion and the TAC members once again voted unanimously to approve.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

CTP Amendment #2

Phil Conrad reviewed for the TAC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) had been adopted by the MPO Board back in August 2011. Phil explained that the CTP is a component of the MPO's adopted fiscally constrained Plan. Phil continued by saying that the Town of Granite Quarry would like to revise the CTP to include re-designating the US Hwy 52 Bypass to tie into the existing US Hwy 52 which runs north of the Town. Phil called members' attention to a highway map in their packets showing the requested change.

Mr. Bill Feather provided some detail for members as to how this would benefit Granite Quarry. With no further discussion, Mr. Tony Hilton made a motion to endorse the amendment and release this information for public comment. Ms. Tammy Corpening seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve.

2040 LRTP Projects List

Phil reported to TAC members that since the passage of the Strategic Mobility Formula (SMF) by the General Assembly, MPO staff has been working to prepare a draft revenue forecast for the 2040 LRTP. Phil went on to say that this draft forecast is based on the tier system outlined in the SMF and also takes into consideration the statewide forecast methodology developed by NCDOT for regional and division tier allocations. These forecasts Phil explained, are going to be applied to the projects listed in the 2035 Plan and the most recent CRMPO Priority Project List.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment #5 in their packets. The attachments contained 2012-2015 Horizon Year projects, 2016-2025 Horizon Year projects, 2026-2030 Horizon Year projects, and 2031-2040 Horizon Year projects, which Phil reviewed for the members. In closing, Phil summed up for members the 2040 LRTP Revenue Assumptions also included in the packet.

Phil closed by asking if there were any questions. With no questions asked, Mr. Craig Pierce made a motion to endorse the 2040 Project List for further air quality evaluation. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

FY 2013-14 UPWP Amendment #1

Phil Conrad introduced Mr. Doug Paris, City Manager of the City of Salisbury to present this item to the TAC members. Mr. Paris provided members with a timeline power point presentation regarding the East Innes Street Corridor Study which explained the history of the project and why the approved funds were not expended in the prior fiscal year. Mr. Paris explained that because of the fact that the funding for this project was approved in a prior fiscal year, the current year UPWP would need to be amended.

Phil called members' attention to a letter from Mr. Paris to the TAC Chairman and a Resolution in their packets which amend the UPWP and increased the line item for Special Studies by transferring the amount from the CRMPO's unobligated fund balance. At this point, Phil asked

for any questions or comments. With none heard, Mr. Lee Withers made a motion to adopt Amendment #1 to the 2013-14 UPWP. Mr. Rich Wise seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/MPO Business

- ❖ 2013 Real Estate Disclosure Form for TAC Members – Phil Conrad reviewed the 2013 Real Estate Disclosure Form for TAC members now being required by the North Carolina Ethics Commission. Phil explained that the form does not need to be submitted until January 2014 and will be submitted electronically. Phil introduced House Representative Carl Ford and asked Representative Ford if he had any additional information or comments regarding the form. Representative Ford said he had voted against this legislation and said that in his opinion those pushing for it did not seem to really understand what the bill meant. He said it was presented very quickly and was presented for vote just as quickly. When asked, Representative Ford said he did not know who would be overseeing or conducting the administration of this form.
- ❖ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mrs. Diane Hampton from NCDOT Division 9 called TAC member's attention to a spreadsheet of updates on the Rowan County projects included in their packets and review for the members. Mr. Scott Cole of Division 10 addressed some specific Division 10 projects for the members and asked that if there was any additional information required, to see him after the meeting.
- ❖ NC General Assembly Update – House Representative Carl Ford addressed the members and reviewed with them the advantages of the new Strategic Transportation Investments. Representative Ford stated that he has learned a great deal while serving in the NC House.
- ❖ Strategic Mobility Formula (SMF) Update – Mrs. Diane Hampton provided TAC members with a presentation on the Strategic Transportation Investments. Diane reviewed how the bill works and what its goals are. She explained the legislation behind the bill and what projects are eligible. She provided information on the scoring process for each mode of transportation and the scoring criteria. She also explained what local and Division input each group would have.
- ❖ MPO Member Spotlight: City of Concord – Phil Conrad provided TAC members with background information on the City of Concord. He reported on the progress the City has achieved over the years and highlighted their accomplishments. Mr. John Sweat also provided some background information as well.

Informational Items

- ❖ Concord Express, RIDER, Rowan Express, East Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and Salisbury Transit Ridership.
- ❖ House Bill 476 – A copy of House Bill 476 was provided to the TAC members by Mrs. Diane Hampton, Division 9, with particular items of interest highlighted.

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the members, Chairman Liz Poole adjourned the August 28, 2013 meeting

Next Meeting: September 25, 2013