

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 20, 2006 – 6:30 pm

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

Concord, North Carolina

Members:

Tom Huntley	Town of Harrisburg
Don Bringle	Town of China Grove
Maura Eberhardt	Town of Mount Pleasant
Chuck Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Linda Dosse	NCDOT - TPB
Ken Geathers	City of Kannapolis
Bob Carruth	Cabarrus County
Sam Morgan	Town of Spencer
Al Brown, Jr.	City of Concord
Nancy Dunn	Division 9 Board Member

Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Planner
Mike Nunn	MPO Director
Alena Cook	NCDOT – TPB
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Butch Bivens	Town of China Grove
Richard Anderson	City of Kannapolis
Pat Ivey	NCDOT - Division 9
Joanie Morris	Salisbury Post

Call to Order

The TAC Chairman Don Bringle called the September 20, 2006 TAC meeting to order. TAC Chairman Bringle welcomed the TAC members and asked if there were any additions or adjustments to the agenda. Mr. Phil Conrad requested that US Highway 52 Update item under Reports be moved to be discussed after item 3 in the Agenda due to the Division 9 Board Member having a schedule conflict and needed to leave the meeting early. Mr. Tom Huntley made a motion to adjust the Agenda accordingly and Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote. Chairman Bringle moved onto the next item of business and asked for updates from the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Rowan County Chamber of Commerce representatives respectively. Mr. Alex Rankin reported that the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce continues to work with and support the CRMPO on all transportation issues. He also informed the TAC members that the Chamber held a Transportation Summit on August 30, 2006 and that CRMPO staff participated in the Summit. TAC Chairman Bringle then asked for any speakers from the floor. There being none heard, Chairman Bringle moved on to the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

TAC Chairman Bringle asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the May 31, 2006 TAC meeting. Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote.

DRAFT 2007-2013 TIP

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the NCDOT Board of Transportation released the Draft TIP on September 6, 2006. Mr. Conrad explained that the TIP included highway, bicycle, pedestrian, rail and transit projects for the fiscal years 2007 to 2013. As part of the development of the

Draft 2007-2013 TIP, Mr. Conrad told the TAC members that the CRMPO submitted a priority list to NCDOT in the fall of 2005. He went on to explain that the final State TIP is expected to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation in December 2006. Mr. Conrad called the TAC members attention to a funding report included in their agenda packets for the highway portion of the Draft 2007-2013 TIP and also to a summary report of any schedule changes for major highway projects between the 2006-2012 TIP and the Draft TIP. Phil reported to the TAC members that earlier in the day, TCC members made a recommendation to pursue a one on one meeting with NCDOT to discuss CRMPO transportation funding issues. After reviewing the reports, the TAC members approved that a meeting be arranged with NCDOT to discuss the Draft 2007-2013 TIP, particularly to discuss I-85 and the Salisbury Signal System.

Reports

- US Highway 52 Update – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT – Division 9 Engineer reported to the TAC members that the US Highway 52 project was started back in the late 1990's and currently the project is still not funded. Pat went on to say that there currently is no additional funding to look at other alternatives as to how to complete an upgrade of US 52. Mr. Ivy went on to say that all partners affected by the US 52 project had consulted and decided to discontinue the project. Mrs. Nancy Dunn, NCDOT Board Member from Division 9 also contributed to Mr. Ivey's update.

Request to Join the MPO by Town of East Spencer

Phil Conrad informed the members of the TAC that the Town of East Spencer has expressed an interest in becoming a member of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. He explained that with the addition of this town, the MPO membership would expand to 16 jurisdictions and would mean that every jurisdiction in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties would now be members of the CRMPO. Mr. Conrad told the TAC members that the addition of the Town of East Spencer will necessitate the execution of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between all the CRMPO members. He called attention to a letter included in their agenda packets from the Town of East Spencer requesting their inclusion in the CRMPO. After review of the enclosed letter, Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to recommend approval of the addition of the Town of East Spencer to the CRMPO. Mr. Tom Huntley seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

Reports & Updates

- Local Reports – MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 Engineer, reported on pending projects for Division 9 and referred to a handout included in the agenda packets.
- Metrolina Regional Model Update – TAC Chairman Don Bringle reported that he participated in a conference call meeting with NCDOT-TPB Manager Mike Bruff and the Metrolina Regional Model partners and as a result of this meeting they have requested that the CRMPO reconsider for a fourth time, their vote in favor of the urbanized area formula for funding the Metrolina Regional Model maintenance. Chairman Bringle stated that the Metrolina Regional Model Executive Committee members and Mr. Bruff felt their recommendation to use the population based formula for funding allocation should be followed by the funding partners. With little discussion, Mr. Kenneth Geathers made a motion to uphold the previous decision of the CRMPO TAC and approve that the CRMPO provide the City of Charlotte with a total of \$7500 for FY 2005-2006 and budget

\$8000 for FY 2006-2007 for Metrolina Regional Model maintenance, which is based on the UZA formula to coincide with the UZA based funding formula of the CRMPO PL funds. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.

- MPO Conference - Phil Conrad and Connie Cunningham reported to TAC members that the NCAMPO Conference is coming up on October 25-27, 2006 and is being held at the University Hilton in Charlotte.
- Legislative Workshop – Phil Conrad requested that any member interested in participating in a workshop on transportation issues in the CRMPO area with their legislative delegation, please contact him after the meeting.
- Safe Routes to School - Phil Conrad informed the TCC members that included in their packets is an informational paper on the Safe Routes to School program.

Information Items

Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad highlighted Concord Express ridership information included in their packets

Adjournment

With no other business before this committee, Mr. Tom Huntley made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2006 and will be held at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.