

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 – 6:30 pm

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

Concord, North Carolina

Members:

Tom Huntley	Town of Harrisburg
Jim Ramseur	City of Concord
Maura Eberhardt	Town of Mount Pleasant
Chuck Wingerson	Town of Rockwell
Larry Helms	Board Member – Division 10
Ken Geathers	City of Kannapolis
Carolyn Carpenter	Cabarrus County
Darrell Page	Town of Midland
Sam Morgan	Town of Spencer
Larry Helms	Board Member – Division 10

Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Planner
Mike Nunn	MPO Director
Mike Bruff	NCDOT-TPB
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Jeff Young	City of Concord
Linda Dosse	NCDOT - TPB
Pat Ivey	NCDOT - Division 9

Call to Order

The TAC Vice-Chairman Tom Huntley called the November 15, 2006 TAC meeting to order. TAC Vice-Chairman Huntley welcomed the TAC members and asked if there were any additions or adjustments to the agenda. Mr. Phil Conrad requested that Item 5 – Revised Memorandum of Understanding be removed from the agenda due to needing further review and research before bringing before the TAC. Vice-Chairman Huntley 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. With neither organization having anyone present, Vice-Chairman Huntley then asked for any speakers from the floor. There being none heard, Vice-Chairman Huntley moved on to the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

TAC Vice-Chairman Huntley asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the September 20, 2006 TAC meeting. Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mrs. Carolyn Carpenter 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 was expected to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation in December 2006, but that date had been moved back to June 2007. Phil called the TAC member's 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 and comments for major highway projects between the 2006-2012 TIP and the Draft TIP. Mr. Conrad requested additional input from the NCDOT members present during the review of the summary discussions, but they had no additional comments. After the TAC members reviewed the reports, Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to adopt the Draft 2007-2013 TIP with the comments and requests from the CRMPO and forward it to NCDOT. Mr. Jim Ramseur seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with an unanimous vote of approval.

HOV/HOT Study

Mr. Phil Conrad informed the members of the TAC that the NCDOT Public Transportation Division and the City of Charlotte are jointly funding a feasibility study for HOV/HOT lanes in the Metrolina/Charlotte Region. Mr. Conrad explained that this study would evaluate the feasibility of HOV/HOT lanes on I-85 in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. He reported that NCDOT performed a sub-area study of I-85 in December 2000 that evaluated HOV/HOT lanes on I-85 from the US 29/49 split to exit 58 in Cabarrus County. Phil told TAC members that a TCC Subcommittee had met on the issue and that they recommended that the CR MPO participate in this study and make a fair share contribution of money and in-kind services. Phil called the TAC members attention to a copy of a letter included in their packets from the co-project manager regarding this project. After discussion by TAC members, Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to approve the CR MPO participation in the funding of the HOV/HOT lane study by providing in-kind services and cash up to \$20,000 with the invoicing being deferred until after July 1, 2007. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote.

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.
- NCDOT Board Member Reports – Mr. Larry Helms, Board Member for Division 10 updated TAC members on current issues concerning Division 10 projects.
- Metrolina Regional Model Update – Mr. Jeff Young called TAC members attention to a letter included in their packets from Mr. Mike Bruff, NCDOT-TPB which discusses the Metrolina Regional Model Update funding. Mr. Young noted that this item has been before the TAC on four other occasions and on each occasion TAC members voted to base their funding of the Model Maintenance on the UZA versus the MAB population. Mr. Young noted certain phrases in the letter from Mr. Bruff that clarifies how the CR MPO receives funding and how the basis for that funding is derived. Mr. Young went on to say that he is a member of the Metrolina Regional Model Executive Committee and that the committee is requesting once again that the CR MPO re-evaluate their position on their funding contribution and support the funding amount based on MAB population. Mr. Young stated Mr. Bruff's letter outlines how the matter should be handled and that the CR MPO would expect accountability of the Model Maintenance process and receive timely reports on the progress of the Model. Mr. Mike Bruff stated that there would be no expenses for FY2006 because the fiscal year had been closed out. After discussion, Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to approve the recommended cost share by MAB population and revise the FY 2007 PWP to reflect the full level of contribution up to \$15,400 and to also include the full cost of their portion of the MRM in the FY 2008

- budget up to \$15,400. Mr. Charles Wingerson seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote of approval.
- Landis Spur of the Grants Creek Greenway - Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the Landis Spur of the Grants Creek Greenway project would not proceed due to a lack of funds and that the funds allocated to that project were now available for other similar projects. Phil will email the TCC members with the criteria for those type projects and what projects would be eligible for use of these funds. That information will be brought back to the TAC for their consideration.
 - Nominations for TAC Vice-Chairman from Rowan County for 2007 - Phil informed the TAC members that elections for this office would be coming up in January 2007 and to start thinking about who would fill that position.
 - Town of Rockwell Pedestrian Grant – Mr. Charles Wingerson reported to the TAC members that the Town of Rockwell is applying for a Pedestrian Planning Grant and requested that the CR MPO support their effort by adopting a Resolution of Support. Mrs. Carolyn Carpenter made a motion to support a Resolution of Support for the Town of Rockwell in applying for a Pedestrian Planning Grant. Mr. Jim Ramseur seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.
 - Recap of the NCAMPO Conference - Phil Conrad and Connie Cunningham reported to TAC members that the NCAMPO Conference was a success and thanked those who attended.
 - Annual Evaluation of Meetings – Phil Conrad requested input from the TAC members on what types of items would they like to see addressed, changed or improved in the upcoming new year. One item that was mentioned was changing the TAC meeting night to the fourth Wednesday night of each month with the exception of July and December 2007 and to start the meetings at 5:30pm instead of 6:30pm. TAC Vice-Chairman Huntley asked for a show of hands from the TAC members who would be agreeable to changing the meeting night and time. All members raised their hand in support and therefore by consensus agreed to change the TAC meeting night to the fourth Wednesday of each month except for July & December 2007 and to start the meetings at 5:30pm.

Information Items

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

Adjournment

With no other business before this committee, Mrs. Carolyn Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the CR MPO TAC. Mr. Tom Huntley seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote. The next meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2007 and will be held at the Salisbury City Hall.