

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

HYBRID MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Members

Meredith Bare Smith*	Town of Landis
Lori Furr	Town of Mt. Pleasant
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Greg Edds	Rowan County
Ryan Dayvault*	City of Kannapolis
Brittany Barnhardt*	Town of Granite Quarry
Karen Alexander	City of Salisbury
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Charles Seaford	Town of China Grove

Others

Phil Conrad*	CRMPO Director
Elaine Spaulding	Rowan Chamber
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Stuart Basham*	NCDOT Div 10
Wilmer Melton*	City of Kannapolis
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Div 10
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div 9
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD
Shawn Rush	Town of East Spencer
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Barbi Jones	Cabarrus Chamber
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Brett Canipe*	NCDOT Div 10
Kyle Bridges	District Director for Rep. Budd Office

*Attended in person

Call to Order

The August 24, 2022 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was to order TAC Chair Meredith Bare Smith. Chairman Smith welcomed all to the meeting and asked all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed on their screens. After reciting the pledge, TAC Chair Smith called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad continued on with the meeting by reading 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, TAC members should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

At this point in the meeting, CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad asked for any Legislative or Congressional updates from the floor. Mr. Kyle Bridges District Director of Representative Ted Budd's office addressed the TAC members. Mr. Bridges provided the members with some pertinent congressional updates.

Chair Smith then asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates. Mrs. Elaine Spaulding from the Rowan Chamber reported on upcoming events with the Rowan Chamber which included the Mayor's Breakfast on September 9, Power in Partnership meeting on September 15 and Disney Institute "Disney's Approach to Employee Engagement" on September 22.

Mrs. Barbi Jones with the Cabarrus Chamber addressed the TAC members and invited them to the Cabarrus Chamber's Legislative Breakfast on November 18. The meeting Mrs. Jones reported, will deal with diversified funding for transportation projects.

With no further Chamber reports Chair Smith asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard she moved on to the next order of business.

TAC Chair Smith asked the members if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. Director Conrad made a request to move Item three in the Consent Agenda to Item four as an action item. Without any further adjustments heard, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to approve the agenda with adjustments and Mr. Ron Smith seconded the motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve. Chair Smith then requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Ron Smith made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Mr. Charles Seaford seconded that motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are considered 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 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #13

The first project modification in this HS-2009E, an addition of the project break for the Old Concord Road pavement markings. The second project is the addition of a project break for HS-2010F the NC 24-27 reduced conflict intersection. The third project P-5726B, is the delay of construction to FY 2023 for the Norfolk Southern Crossover Relocation. The fourth project BL-0060, is to add the Clarke Creek Greenway in FY 2025. The fifth project is to delay construction to FY 2023 for the US 29/601 bridge replacement B-5808. The sixth project is to modify the scope and funding amounts for the NC 152 intersection project (HE-0009). The seventh project is the addition of a project break for the NC 152 intersection project (HE-0009A). The eighth project is the delay in preliminary engineering to FY 2022 for the Poplar Tent and Harris Road intersection project (HL-0001).

There was a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Performance-Based Planning: CMAQ Targets

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that The FAST Act requires that State DOTs and MPOs adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. The NCDOT recently released the following congestion performance measures for the Charlotte UZA and Concord UZA: 1) annual hours (34) of peak hour excessive delay per capita (PHED) and 2) percent (21) of non-SOV travel. (The Concord UZA targets were new.) Due to the small portion of the Charlotte UZA in Cabarrus County, these performance measures apply to the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO. The PHED is a 4 year target and the non-SOV is a 2 and 4 year target. It is up to each MPO to either adopt these targets or devise their own targets. Director Conrad provided members with a power point presentation explaining in detail these performance targets. After his presentation, there were no questions or comments.

Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to endorse the CMAQ Performance Targets. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Approval of May 25, 2022 Minutes

Chair Smith called members' attention to the minutes from the May 25, 2022 meeting included in their meeting packets. Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Brittney Barnhardt seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Draft 2024-2033 TIP

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that with the suspension of P6.0, NCDOT did not apply their methodology to rank transportation projects across the state. The DRAFT FY 2024-2033 TIP was recently re-released to the public prior to the August Board of Transportation meeting. Director Conrad explained that the TIP includes highway, bicycle, pedestrian, rail and transit projects for the fiscal years 2024 to 2033. He went on to say that the final State TIP is expected to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation in May of 2023.

Director Conrad continued by calling members' attention to Attachment 5A included in their packets which was a summary table of the existing project schedules. Director Conrad reviewed the information item by item with the members. He then moved on to Attachment 4B which included the CRMPO's supplement for the DRAFT STIP. Mr. Pat Ivey from the NCDOT Division 9 office added that a significant number of projects have moved forward. With no questions or comments being heard, Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that this item will come before them in the future.

NCDOT Request to Segment U-6029

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that with the release of the Draft STIP, it has become apparent that project U-6029 or the Poplar Tent Road widening will have a lot of difficulty being funded in the near term. Director Conrad then turned the meeting over to Mr. Stuart Basham with NCDOT Division 10. Mr. Basham provided a powerpoint presentation explaining why the segmenting of this 4 mile project into 2 separate projects would allow the separate projects to be scored and programmed independently. Mr. Basham explained that the break point would be at the Harris Road intersection where the City of Concord already has a project on the horizon. He went on to state that NCDOT has been conducting an express design on this corridor to ascertain a better cost estimate. Mr. Basham reported that this segmentation would require another project slot and additional points from the MPO and Division 10 office to obtain funding in future STIPs.

Director Conrad then called TAC members' attention to Attachment #6 which was an email from Division 10 staff. With no discussion or comments, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to endorse the segmentation of the Poplar Tent Road widening project at the Harris Road intersection. Mrs. Brittney Barnhardt seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 informed TAC members that Division 9 Updates are included in their meeting packet. Mr. Ivey reviewed a few of the projects with the members and reported on advanced projects. He offered to answer any questions after the meeting. Mr. Ivey also reported that the deadline for registering for the Summit is August 31, 2022.

Mr. Brett Canipe, NCDOT Division 10 representative called TAC members' attention to a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates. He reviewed some of the projects in Division 10.

2. Special Studies Update – Director Conrad reported that the Rowan County and Town of China Grove projects have both begun and are moving forward.
3. STBGP Fund Project Call – Director Phil Conrad reported that the deadline for submittals is September 2, 2022.
4. FY 2023-2026 Carbon Reduction Program Funds – Director Conrad called attention to information in the members meeting packets.
5. TAC Meetings – Director Conrad informed the TAC members that most meeting venues have returned to in person meetings. He asked members what their preference would be going forward. He did explain that Zoom options will still be available for those needing to attend virtually. After discussions, Mrs. Brittney Barnhardt made a motion to return to in person meetings and only those TAC members present will be counted in the quorum, and

her motion was seconded by TAC Chair Meredith Bare Smith. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Informational Items

- ✦ RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ TPD Newsletter- Included in the meeting packet.

Next Meeting September 28, 2022

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Chair Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Brittney Barnhardt followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.