

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

HYBRID MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Members

Blake Kiger	Cabarrus County
Lori Furr	Town of Mt. Pleasant
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Greg Edds	Rowan County
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Bill Feather *	Town of Granite Quarry
Meredith Bare Smith *	Town of Landis
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Chris Cranford	Town of Rockwell
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
Andrew Perkins	NCDOT Board
Stephen Rosenburgh	NCDOT Board

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director *
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div 10
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Loretta Barren	FHWA
David Wasserman	NCDOT STIP
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPD
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD
Jeff Littlefield	NCDOT Div 10
Van Argabright	NCDOT STIP
Valerie Steele	Rowan Airport
Elaine Spaulding	Rowan Chamber
Rodney Harrison	Salisbury Transit
Scott Kaufhold	City of Kannapolis
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Terry Crawford	City of Concord
Tony Hillian	Town of E. Spencer
Ryan Brumfield	NCDOT IMD
Terence McPherson	VIA
Harry Warren	NC House

Attended in Person *

Call to Order

The August 25, 2021 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by CRMPO TAC Vice Chair Meredith Bare Smith. She welcomed all in attendance and asked all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed on their screens. After reciting the pledge, Vice Chair Smith called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad read 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.

Director Conrad then introduced NC House of Representative Harry Warren. Mr. Warren reported that the NC House Transportation Committee had presented a transportation bill to the House of Representatives which was approved. It was sent to the Senate but the Senate did not approve. Mr. Warren reported that some minor revisions had been made and forwarded back to the Senate. He stated they are in hopes of having it to the Governor for his signature by September 10, 2021.

Vice Chair Smith then requested any Chamber of Commerce updates. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Chamber reported to TAC members that the Chamber is working diligently to convey to the NC Legislature the needs in transportation for our area.

Mrs. Elaine Spaulding from the Rowan Chamber reported that Leadership Rowan just kicked off with a two day Retreat. Mrs. Spaulding also informed the TAC members that the Rowan Chamber will be holding its Mayors Round Table session on September 10, 2021 and that the Chamber is closely watching what funds may be coming to North Carolina from the newly passed Federal Transportation bill.

Moving on, TAC Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any speakers from the floor who would like to speak. With none heard, she moved onto the next order of business.

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad introduced Mr. Andrew Perkins, NCDOT Board member and asked if he had anything that he would like to share with the group. Board member Perkins reported to the TAC members that the Board of Transportation is working on the STIP and P6.0. He went on to say they are working to establish a solid cash balance and are close to releasing GARVEE Bond funds. He said the Board is working to find options for reducing traffic fatalities in the State. He closed by adding that the NC Litter Program is ongoing and has been successful to date.

Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. With none heard, Mr. J.C. McKenzie made a motion to approve the agenda as presented including the Consent Agenda and Mrs. Karen Alexander seconded the 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:

CTP Amendment

Amendments to the CTP for the City of Concord and the Town of Harrisburg were presented. Attachment 2 in the meeting packets and explained the summary tables for the CTP changes.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #7

Amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas were included for consideration. The first project modification being requested is to delay construction

of AV-5731 South Development Area Apron Expansion to FY 2023 for construction. The second project modification is to delay right-of-way to FY 2023 for the EB-5844 Little Texas Road sidewalk. The third requested modification is to delay construction for the EB-5861 Third Street Greenway to FY 2022. The fourth requested modification is for C-4903 which requests an addition of the Air Awareness Program by NCDQA in FY 2022 and the fifth request asked for a delay in acquiring eight rail cars by NCRR to FY 2022 for project P-5719C. The sixth project HL-0005 is the delay in construction to FY 2022 for the Salisbury Signal System and that the seventh and final request is to accelerate construction to FY 2023 for the RCI for NC 24/27 and Bethel School Road.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #8

NCDOT has recently revised the STIP Prologue to include language related to Transit Safety Targets required by FTA and has requested that MPO's take action to revise the MTIP to include a revised version. The CRMPO STIP Prologue with the applicable language was included that incorporated the appropriate language.

Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Targets

The Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) final rule, 49 C.F.R. Part 673, requires certain operators of public transportation systems that are recipients or subrecipients of FTA grand funds, to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures necessary for implementing Safety Management Systems. The Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit System and Salisbury Transit opted to use the NCDOT Safety Plan which allowed them to draft and certify their PTASP under NCDOT's framework and requirements.

The approval by the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization is required for approval and certification by NCDOT. NCDOT has requested that the CRMPO adopt a resolution establishing the transit safety targets for the two systems. A resolution was provided.

Mr. J.C. McKenzie made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Mrs. Karen Alexander seconded the motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of June 2, 2021 Minutes

Vice Chair Smith called members' attention to the minutes from the June 2, 2021 meeting included in their meeting packets. Vice Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ron Smith seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #3

Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that the City of Salisbury has requested a STIP amendment be submitted for consideration with project number 5339(b). 5339(b) are funds for bus replacement and vehicle related equipment such as fare boxes, destination signs, camera systems and automated voice annunciation systems. The amendment, Director Conrad explained, would add \$800,000 to Bus and Bus Facilities-Routine Capital (TC-0023) using Section 5339(b) funds at a Federal share of \$640,000 and local share of \$160,000. He called members' attention to their meeting packets which contained a copy of the request.

Director Conrad then asked if Mr. Rodney Harrison with Salisbury Transit has anything to add and Mr. Harrison reported he had no additional information at this time. The Director then called TAC members' attention to Attachment 7 in their packets which was a draft resolution for their consideration.

CRMPO TAC Vice Chairman Smith asked if there were any questions or comments on the request. With none being heard, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to endorse Amendment #3 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. J.C. McKenzie seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment #4

Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT has made a request for four STIP Amendments. The first is to add HS-2010D RCI for NC 24/27 and Bethel School Road. Their second amendment request is to add a sidewalk connection to project BL-0034 Kelsey Scott Park Greenway and the third request is to add statewide ITS device operations for HO-0005. And the fourth amendment is to add CMAQ funds for the statewide air awareness program HO-0009. Director Conrad called members' attention to the requests included in their packets.

The Director went on to report that these amendments to the STIP would be presented to the Board of Transportation for approval at an upcoming meeting. He then referenced Attachment 8 in their packets with was a draft resolution for their consideration.

TAC Vice Chairman Smith asked if there were any questions or comments. With none heard, Mrs. Karen Alexander made a motion to endorse amendment #4 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Ron Smith 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. He offered to discuss any projects on the list with members.

Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 representative called TAC members' attention to a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates and highlighted some of the ongoing projects in Division 10. Mr. Basham also reported to members that Fall Liter Sweep is continuing and will be conducted September 11-25-2021. He also informed members that P6.0 has been halted until quantitative scoring is done. He called members' attention to a memo in their packets concerning this information.

2. NCDOT Presentation - Mr. Pat Ivey with Division 9 provided members with a power point presentation on the STIP Program Update. The presentation covered the background of the STIP, the Cost Estimation Improvement Process, the STIP Cost Review and Board of Transportation considerations. After Mr. Ivey finished his presentation Mr. Andrew Perkins and Mr. Stephen Rosenburgh both NCDOT Board members addressed the TAC members and reiterated the work the Board of Transportation is doing to provide transparency and accountability in all of their processes.
3. NCDOT IMD and Via Presentation - Director Conrad introduced Mr. Ryan Brumfield with NCDOT IMD and Mr. Terence McPherson with Via. Both gentlemen spoke on the benefits, goals and strategies of Integrated Mobility with separate powerpoint presentations.
4. Rowan Transit System Section 5310 Grant Application Letter of Support – Director Conrad reported to the members that the Rowan Transit System is making application to NCDOT for grant funds for their system. A letter of support from the CRMPO is required to accompany the grant application. Mrs. Valerie Steele, Rowan Transit, was available for any questions about their request. After review of the request, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to provide Rowan Transit System with a letter of support for their project from the MPO. Mrs. Karen Alexander seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.
5. FY26 STBGP Balance and Project Call – CRMPO Director Conrad reported that he would bring this item back to them at a later date.
6. 2020 US Census Release – Director Conrad called members’ attention to information included in their packets regarding the new release of the 2020 Census.

Informational Items

- ✦ RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members’ attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ Connect Beyond Recommendations – Director Conrad reported that slides were contained in the member packets for their information.

Next meeting is September 22, 2021

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. J.C. McKenzie made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Karen Alexander followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.