

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

NC Research Campus  
Kannapolis City Hall  
401 Laureate Way  
Kannapolis, NC 28081

### Members

Meredith Bare Smith	Town of Landis
Greg Edds	Rowan County
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Justin Simpson	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Brittany Barnhardt	Town of Granite Quarry
Dillon Brewer	Town of Rockwell
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Charles Seaford	Town of China Grove
Mike Tallent	Town of Midland

### Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Theo Ghitea	NCDOT Div 10
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Jason Hord	Granite Quarry
Larry Smith	Granite Quarry
Wilmer Melton	Kannapolis
Mallory Hodgson	Harrisburg
Cheryl Sheets	China Grove
Darrell Hinnant	Kannapolis

### Call to Order

After being served dinner hosted by the Town of Mount Pleasant, the January 23, 2023 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by TAC Chairman Ryan Dayvault. TAC Chairman Dayvault welcomed the attendees to the meeting and asked all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed. After reciting the pledge, TAC Chairman Dayvault called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

Chairman Dayvault continued on 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, members should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Chairman Dayvault then asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates. CRMPO Director Conrad reported to the members that the Rowan Chamber had their annual meeting the following night and their staff was tied up. He reported that both Chambers had successfully held their legislative breakfasts recently. With no further Chamber reports, Chairman Dayvault asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard she moved on to the next order of business.

TAC Chairman Dayvault asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. Without any adjustments heard Mr. Ron Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Meredith Smith seconded the motion and 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:

### ***NO ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION***

## **THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### ***Approval of November 30, 2022 Minutes***

Chairman Dayvault called members' attention to the minutes from the November 30, 2022 meeting included in their meeting packets Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mrs. Meredith Smith made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ron Smith seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

### ***Nomination and Election of TAC Vice-Chair***

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the Cabarrus-Rowan TAC Bylaws state that a new TAC Vice-Chair must be elected each year. The TAC Vice-Chair rotates to the Chair position automatically and the TAC Chair and Vice-Chair must be rotated between jurisdictions in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. Phil stated that the TAC will need to nominate and elect a Vice-Chair from Rowan County for 2023.

With little discussion, Mrs. Meredith Smith nominated Brittany Barhardt to be the Vice-Chair for 2023. Mr. Charles Seaford seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously in favor of the nomination.

### ***FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #16***

CRMPO Director Conrad reminded the TAC members that staff typically will bring amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC and TAC for consideration. The first project modification is the addition of preliminary engineering in FY 23 for the Third Street Greenway Project (EB-5861). The second project modification is the cost increases for the US 29/US 601 bridge replacement (B-5808). The final project modification is the delay in construction for the Poplar Tent Road widening (U-3415A) to

FY 28. After reviewing the modifications in detail, Conrad directed members to Attachment 4 in their packets which was a draft resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects.

With no questions and comments after the presentation, Mrs. Brittany Barnhardt made a motion to endorse modification #16 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mrs. Meredith Smith seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Proposed TAP Call for New Projects**

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the CRMPO issued a call for new project proposals for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). This federal program will fund bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and is similar to the STP-DA suballocation program, requiring a 20 percent local match for eligible bicycle and pedestrian projects. He noted that the MPO issued a call for project proposals on September 29th which concluded on December 30th. A total of 3 projects proposals were submitted by 3 project sponsors. The total cost of these projects is \$4.25 million. MPO staff would propose using \$3.4 in federal TAP funds (80 percent) thru FY 2026 for these projects. He referenced a summary table in the TCC packet.

Mrs. Mallory Hodgson with the Town of Harrisburg addressed the TAC members to review the Hickory Ridge Road Sidewalk Extension project. She provided some summary slides for the project including the cost at \$2.078 million and some rationale for why the Town submitted the project originally. The Town has completed a feasibility study and an opinion of probable cost.

The second project sponsor was Mr. Jason Hord from the Town of Granite Quarry. Mr. Hord noted the information in the TAC packet as well as the overall need for the sidewalk to connect the 2 main municipal parks in Town. He confirmed that the Town is requesting \$438,912 for their project. Director Conrad then summarized the City of Concord project and request for \$1.3 million for several sidewalks within a general vicinity. All funds would be for construction.

With minimal discussion or comments following the presentations, Mrs. Meredith Smith made a motion that the CRMPO endorses the three TAP project requests from the project sponsors. Mr. Charles Seaford seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Proposed CMAQ Project Submittal**

Director Phil Conrad reported a submittal from the City of Kannapolis for the Bethpage Road sidewalk project for CMAQ or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds, which are a federal funding source for areas designated non-attainment by the EPA. He stated that CMAQ funds require a local sponsor and a 20 percent local match. He noted that eligible projects must demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit to the local area. He stated that NCDOT issued a call for new project applications with a submittal deadline by the middle of March. NCDOT has indicated that the MPO can anticipate receiving about \$1.58 million in CMAQ funds for FY 2024. TAC Chairman Dayvault and Mayor Darrell Hinnant in attendance, noted the importance of the Bethpage Road sidewalk project to the City of Kannapolis.

With minimal discussion or comments, Mr. Ron Smith made a motion that the CRMPO endorse the CMAQ project from the City of Kannapolis. Mr. Charles Seaford seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Phillip Craver, NCDOT Division 9 reported to the TAC members that Division 9 Updates were included in their meeting packet. Mrs. Meredith Smith inquired about the Ryder and US 29 intersection project and the bridge replacement on Kimball Road. Mr. Wilmer Melton asked about the coordination of schedules for the Main Street improvements and the EB sidewalk project in this corridor. Mr. Craver indicated that he would followup on these inquiries.

Mr. Theo Ghitea, 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. Grants Creek Greenway Feasibility Study Resolution of Support and the Cabarrus-Mecklenburg Greenway Connection Feasibility Study Resolution of Support – MPO Director Phil Conrad noted that 2 resolutions have been received by project sponsors from the Towns of China Grove and Harrisburg to pursue feasibility studies for greenway projects. He noted that this was a new funding source and the deadline had passed for application submittals. With no additional questions or comments, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to endorse both resolutions as presented. Mr. Ron Smith seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

3. Special Studies Update – Director Conrad reported that the Rowan County special study and Town of China Grove's special study projects are moving forward as planned.

4. Release of Census Defined Urban Area Population and Boundary – Concord UA 278,612 – Director Conrad informed the TAC members that the US Census had released the new UA population and boundary. He provided a series of slides to explain the impacts of the new data and geography.

5. FY 24 DRAFT UPWP – Director Conrad reported that the DRAFT UPWP or budget was in the packets and the local match had been distributed to staff.

6. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Application and Project Call – CRMPO Director Phil Conrad informed the TAC members that a project call would be upcoming.

### **Informational Items**

- ✦ RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ NCMPO Conference – April 26 - 28 in Greenville, NC.
- ✦ TPD Newsletter- Included in the meeting packet.

Next Meeting : February 22, 2023

## **Adjournment**

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mrs. Meredith Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Charles Seaford followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.