

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

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

### Members

Meredith Bare Smith	Town of Landis
Jim Greene	Rowan County
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Justin Simpson	Town of Mount Pleasant
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Brittany Barnhardt	Town of Granite Quarry
Steve Miller	Town of Spencer
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Cheryl Sheets	Town of China Grove
Delores High	Town of East Spencer
Barbara Strang	Cabarrus County
Karen Alexander	City of Salisbury

### Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Theo Ghitea	NCDOT Div 10
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Albert Smith	East Spencer
Barbara Mallett	East Spencer
Wilmer Melton	Kannapolis
Tamara Sheffield	Salisbury
Sean Epperson	NCDOT Div 10

### Call to Order

After being served dinner hosted by Cabarrus County, the March 22, 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. Without any 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:

### **FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #17**

The first project modification is the delay of right-of-way to FY 23 for the US 70/US 601 sidewalk project (BL-0034). The second project modification is the delay of right-of-way to FY 25 for the Bruton Smith Blvd sidewalk project (EB-5732). The third project modification is the delay of construction to FY 24 for the US 24/27 and Bethel School Road RCI project (HS-2010D). The fourth project (Cabarrus) modification is the delay of construction to FY 24 for the track improvements, second platform, pedestrian underpass, etc. (P-5725). The fifth project (Rowan) modification is the delay of construction to FY 25 for the track improvements, second platform, pedestrian underpass, etc. (P-5726). The final project modification is the delay in construction for the Salisbury Train Station second platform and pedestrian underpass (P-5726A) to FY 24.

## **THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approval of January 23, 2023 Minutes**

Chairman Dayvault called members' attention to the minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting included in their meeting packets. Chairman Dayvault asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mrs. Barbara Strang made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Justin Simpson seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

### **NCDOT Performance Measures**

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that the former FAST Act required that State DOTs and MPOs adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. Director Conrad went on to state that the CRMPO has published for public review the targets for pavement and bridge conditions, travel time and truck freight reliability, and CMAQ Performance Measures, which are consistent with measures established by the NCDOT. These performance measures are available for public comment through today, March 22, 2023. Director Conrad presented to the TAC members a power point presentation provided by NCDOT to explain how and why the measures are necessary. Director Conrad reported that the CRMPO has opted in the past to use the NCDOT performance measures. Director Conrad closed by stating these performance measures are a federal requirement.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 4 in their packets which was a resolution endorsing the performance measures as presented. With no questions or comments heard, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to endorse the performance measures as presented. Mrs. Meredith Smith seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2024-2028 TIP Conformity**

CRMPO Director Conrad reported that the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2024-2028 TIP. Director Conrad continued on by saying that the TIP Conformity Report demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. He also reported that it also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2050 MTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 5 which was an excerpt from the TIP Conformity Report. Director Conrad reviewed the Attachment in detail with the members. He also presented a slide show presentation with further explained the report. He reported that the public comment period is scheduled to close today, March 22, 2023 on the Conformity Report and that a copy of the report is on the MPO website.

With no discussion or comments, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and the Determination Report for the FY2024-2028. Mrs. Barbara Strang seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2023-2024 DRAFT UPWP**

Director Conrad reminded the TAC members that the CRMPO annually develops and adopts a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Director Conrad went on to explain that the UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2023-2024. Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 6A in their packets and explained the draft budget. The UPWP, Director Conrad went on to explain identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. He went on to say these projects include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the NCDOT and one line item for Regional Model and MTP Maintenance. Director Conrad reviewed the entire budget for the TAC members.

Director Conrad reported that in the Fall of 2022, NCDOT informed CRMPO staff that the full allocation in FY 2023-2024 to the CRMPO is \$412,300 and that there are no more unobligated balances for PL funds to MPO's in North Carolina.

CRMPO Director Conrad went on to report that as part of the UPWP, the Federal government requires all MPO's to certify their transportation planning process on an annual basis. He called members' attention to Attachment 6B which was a checklist for the CRMPO to certify their transportation planning process. Director Conrad continued by highlighting the local match table included in the TAC packet and Attachment 6D which was a draft resolution to be used in adopting the UPWP.

With little discussion, Mrs. Meredith Smith made a motion to certify the CRMPO transportation planning process and Mrs. Barbara Strang seconded it. The TAC voted in the affirmative. Mrs. Barbara Strang made a motion to adopt the FY2023-2024 UPWP. Mrs. Meredith 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 reported to the TAC members that Division 9 Updates were included in their meeting packet and he reviewed some of the projects for the group. 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. Business 40 Presentation – Mr. Pat Ivey, Division 9 Engineer provided a power point presentation on the Business 40 Improvement Project. Mr. Ivey reviewed the project for the members and explained in detail the accomplishments of the long term project.
3. P7.0 Project Call – P6.0 Carryover Projects – Director Conrad called TAC members attention to an email included in their packets from Ms. Sarah Lee, NCDOT that explained the process being used to select projects and provided information on how organizations may designate projects that were originally submitted thru P6.0. He went on to report that by consensus, the TCC members decided to receive this item as information and asked that the CRMPO TAC be provided with this information to decide what action should be taken. The TCC Director Conrad explained, there were two projects that the CRMPO TCC felt had the potential to be chosen for funding. Director Conrad reviewed those two projects with the members in detail. With little discussion Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to approve the submittal of these two projects. Mr. Justin Simpson seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.
4. Special Studies Updates – Director Conrad reported on the progress of the Long Ferry Road project in Rowan County and on the Main Street Study and the Hwy 152 Study in China Grove.
5. 2020 Census Urbanized Area Schedule of Activities – Director Conrad reported that the information was covered in the January 2023 meeting and will be brought back to them at a later date.
6. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Application and Project Call – CRMPO Director Phil Conrad informed the TAC members that a project call was issued and the deadline for submittals is April 28, 2023.
7. SEI Filing Deadline is April 17, 2023 - Director Conrad called members' attention to this information.

### **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 : February 22, 2023

**Adjournment**

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mrs. Barbara Strang made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Cheryl Sheets followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.