

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

### HYBRID MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

#### Members

Ashley Stewart	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
Steve Miller	Town of Spencer
Charles Seaford	Town of China Grove
Deloris High*	Town of East Spencer

\*Attended in person

#### Others

Phil Conrad*	CRMPO Director
David Wasserman	NCDOT
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
Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Elaine Spaulding	Rowan Chamber
Terry Crawford	City of Concord
Diamond Staton-Williams	Town of Harrisburg
Carolyn Carpenter	CCSC
Shawn Rush*	Town of East Spencer
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Tamara Sheffield	City of Salisbury
Amna Cameron	NCDOT
Rodney Harrison	Salisbury Transit
Dylan Frick	

#### Call to Order

TAC Vice Chair Ryan Dayvault called the May 25, 2022 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC to order at approximately 5:40 pm. Chairman Dayvault 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, Vice Chair Dayvault called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

He continued 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.

Vice Chair Dayvault 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

Dragon Boat Race on July 23 and a trip to Raleigh coming up on June 7, 2022 to meet with NC Transportation Secretary Boyette.

Vice Chair Dayvault then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard he moved on to the next order of business.

Vice Chair Dayvault asked the members if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. Director Conrad made a request to add an item to the bottom of the Reports. This item was a presentation from NCDOT STIP Unit. Without any further adjustments heard Mr. Ron Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with adjustment 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:

### **FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #12**

The first project modification in this request is the addition of a roundabout and traffic signal at NC 152 in FY 2023 for HE-0009 as an economic development project. The second project is to change the funding source to federal for B-5772 the Hurley School Road bridge. The third project is to delay construction to FY 2023 for the BL-0043 North Washington Street sidewalk. The fourth project is to delay construction to FY 2023 for P-5726A Salisbury Train station second platform and pedestrian underpass. The fifth project is to delay construction to FY 2023 for P-5719C or the acquisition of 8 rail cars. The sixth and final project is the delay in construction to FY 2023 for P-5725 Kannapolis Train station second platform and pedestrian underpass.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment #2 which was a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. There were no questions or comments.

## **THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Mileage Based User Fee Pilot Program**

Director Conrad introduced Ms. Amna Cameron, NCDOT Manager of Performance Metrics & Management. Ms. Cameron provided the members with a presentation regarding a new pilot program. She explained that the Eastern Transportation Coalition is a partnership of 17 states and Washington D.C. that is focused on making transportation better, safer, and more reliable. She explained that help is needed to find an alternative approach to the traditional fuel tax called a Mileage-Based User Fee. A Mileage-Based User Fee (MBUF) means drivers only pay for the miles they travel, rather than the amount of fuel they use.

To better understand how an MBUF program could work, the Coalition is conducting a Pilot Program in North Carolina and they want elected officials to join and tell them what they think. She explained it is free to participate, and there are strict privacy protection measures to safeguard your data. She invited everyone to participate and provided information on where to get the information to enroll.

### **Approval of March 23, 2022 Minutes**

Vice Chair Dayvault called members' attention to the minutes from the March 23, 2022 meeting included in their meeting packets. Vice Chair Dayvault asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. J.C. McKenzie 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.

### **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 or incorporate the local input (MPO) points and Division Engineer rankings/points. The DRAFT FY 2024-2033 TIP was recently released to the public prior to the May 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 the summer of 2023.

Director Conrad continued by calling members' attention to Attachment 4A included in their packets which was a series of slides describing the development of the DRAFT STIP. 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. Director Conrad went on to report to the members that certain projects are eligible for swaps although they must be in the same tier. Those requests must be submitted by September 2022. He reported that the City of Concord Regional Airport has requested a swap and that a letter of explanation and support are included in the meeting packet.

Director Conrad went on to call members attention to Attachment 4C which was a table of the existing project schedules. There were no questions or comments from members when he concluded.

### **Proposed STBGP Fund Project Call**

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the CRMPO would like to issue a call for project proposals for the STBGP funding. The call, Director Conrad reported would conclude on September 2, 2022. Director Conrad informed the TAC members that CRMPO staff received a total of 4 project requests from 3 project sponsors for the last call. The total cost of these projects was \$20.4 million. Director Conrad went on the report that NCDOT staff has indicated a balance of STBGP funds in the amount of \$21.7 million thru FY 2027. Director Conrad stated that the CRMPO typically receives a normal apportionment of about \$4 million annually, which is

dependent on the TMA designation. Director Conrad called members' attention to a copy of an email from Mr. David Wasserman in reference to the call contained in their agenda packets.

When Director Conrad asked for questions or comments there were none heard and he moved onto the REPORTS item.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 informed TAC members that the Division 9 Updates are included in their meeting packet and that he had no further information to add.

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 – Rowan County, Town of China Grove, and 2050 MTP Assistance - Director Conrad gave a brief update on the 3 special studies that are ongoing.
3. Letter of Support for Salisbury Micro Transit – CRMPO Director Conrad called members' attention to a copy of an email from the City of Salisbury representative regarding a letter of support needed from the CRMPO for the City of Salisbury's request for funding Micro Transit. An example of a support letter was included for the TAC member's review. By consensus, TAC members approved sending a letter of support.

### **Informational Items**

- ✦ RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil noted the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ TPD Newsletter- Included in the TAC meeting packet as information.
- ✦ SEI Filing Deadline was April 18, 2022
- ✦ At this time Director Conrad asked TAC members for any comments or questions about current meetings and whether to go back to in-person meetings or continue to offer a hybrid alternative. Several members commented that they would like to continue with the hybrid meeting alternative. Suggestions were made to possibly do a voting roll call. A concern was voiced that whoever is attending in person cannot be clearly heard to those attending via Zoom and perhaps a camera and microphone could be added at the in-person meeting site. Mr. Wilmar Melton with the City of Kannapolis addressed those suggestions regarding a microphone and camera that could be used at the facility and said he would look into it.

Next Meeting is June 22, 2022

### **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.