

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

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

Members

JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Greg Edds	Rowan County
Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
Lori Furr	Town of Mount Pleasant
Dillion Brewer	Town of Rockwell
Brittany Barnhardt	Town of Granite Quarry
Steve Miller	Town of Spencer
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Charles Seaford	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
Bob Bushey	Cabarrus County
Darrell Hinnant	Kannapolis
Tamara Sheffield	Salisbury
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Div 10
Cheryl Sheets	China Grove
Terry Crawford	Concord
Elaine Spaulding	Rowan Chamber
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff

Call to Order

After a dinner hosted by the Town of Spencer was served, the May 24, 2023 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by TAC Vice Chair Brittany Barnhardt. TAC Vice Chair Barnhardt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed. After reciting the pledge, TAC Vice Chair Barnhardt called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

Vice Chair Barnhardt continued by reading the NC State Ethics Commission Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest requirement and stated that should a conflict arise during any part of the meeting, members should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Vice Chair Barnhardt then asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates. Mrs. Elaine Spaulding with the Rowan Chamber addressed the members and invited them to the Mayor's Roundtable/Gov Affairs meeting with Congressman Dan Bishop on June 9, 2023, at 11:00am. Mrs. Spaulding also handed out flyers regarding the upcoming 9th Annual Rowan Chamber Dragon Boat Festival. With no other reports heard, Vice Chair Barnhardt asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard she moved on to the next order of business.

TAC Vice Chair Barnhardt asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. Without any adjustments heard Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to approve the agenda including Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Karen Alexander 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 March 22, 2023 Minutes

Vice Chair Barnhardt called members' attention to the minutes from the March 22, 2023 meeting included in their meeting packets. Vice Chair Barnhardt asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. Charles Seaford made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Barbara Strang seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Proposed CRP Project Submittal

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the CRP or Congestion Reduction Program funds are a federal funding source for areas across the state to reduce transportation emissions under the recently enacted Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). He went on to explain that CRP funds require a local sponsor and a 20 percent local match. Eligible projects must demonstrate a transportation emissions reduction benefit to the local area. The MPO issued a call for new project applications with a deadline of April 28th. Director Conrad went on to state that the CRMPO received a CRP project proposal for the Traffic Signal Central System Improvement Project from the City of Concord.

He continued by calling members' attention to the application and narrative for this project identified as attachment 5A in their packets. He also called attention to Attachment 5B which was a resolution of support. Director Conrad continued by reporting that NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO can anticipate receiving about \$.5 million annually in CRP funds beginning with FY 2022. Director Conrad reviewed the application with the members. He asked for any questions or comments.

With none heard, Mr. JC McKenzie made a motion to endorse the CRP Project submittal as presented. Mr. Charles Seaford seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

DRAFT 2026-2035 TIP Project Call

Director Phil Conrad explained to the TAC members that with the anticipated adoption of the 2024-2033 TIP in June, CRMPO staff has prepared a schedule for identifying and adopting the next STI list for the CRMPO area. The first step was to have a call for new projects (all modes) and the deadline for submitting new projects was May 5, 2023.

Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment 6 in their packets that was a list of the nine new projects submitted to date. He reviewed the projects list with the TAC members by using a power point presentation for each project submitted. The review focused on the Town of Mount Pleasant's three sidewalks and one highway. Project. Mrs. Lori Furr made comments to explain their submittals. Director Conrad also reviewed the Town of Granite Quarry's roundabout project with Vice Chair Barnhardt also providing information on this project. Then Director Conrad moved on to the City of Salisbury's two roadway project submittals. Mrs. Karen Alexander with the City of Salisbury provided information on their two projects. Lastly, Director Conrad reviewed the Town of China Grove's submittal for a roundabout project and a Diverging Diamond Interchange project with Mr. Charles Seaford providing additional information for the TAC members. Director Conrad explained this list does not include any holding tank (select), P6.0 carryover, or previous carryover projects that will automatically be evaluated by NCDOT. Director Conrad went on to explain that a list will be provided by NCDOT at a later date.

After review, Director Conrad asked for any questions or comments. With none heard, Mrs. Karen Alexander made a motion to endorse the New TIP Priority projects list for submittal to NCDOT for quantitative review. Mrs. Lori Furr seconded that 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 are included in their meeting packet and that they are up to date. Mr. Brett Canipe, NCDOT Division 10 called TAC members' attention to a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates. He reviewed some of the projects in Division 10.

2. Cabarrus County Public Transit Performance Management Agreement – Mr. Bob Bushey with Cabarrus County addressed the TAC members and explained what the Public Transit Performance Management Agreement is and why it is needed. Director Conrad called members' attention to a draft copy of the Agreement included in their packets. After Mr. Bushey completed his presentation of the draft Agreement, Mr. Charles Seaford made a motion to approve the draft Agreement. Mrs. Karen Alexander seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Section 5310 Grant Awards – Mr. Bob Bushey with Cabarrus County reported that the County received \$76,364.00 which will be used for senior ADA transportation. Director Conrad reported that Rowan County received \$120,000.00 for preventative maintenance.

3. CMAQ Program Update — Director Conrad called TAC members' attention to an email included in their packets from Mr. Mark Eatman, NCDOT regarding CMAQ projects. Director Conrad reviewed the email and a slide presentation with the members.

4. Special Studies Updates – Director Conrad reported on the status of the Long Ferry Road project in Rowan County and on the completion of the Town of China Grove's Main Street Study in China Grove.

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.
- ✦ SEI Filing Deadline April 17, 2023

Next Meeting : June 28, 2023

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mrs. Karen Alexander made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Vice-Chair Brittany Barnhardt followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.