

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

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

### Members

Meredith Bare Smith	Town of Landis
Barbara Strang	Cabarrus County
Terry Crawford	City of Concord
Jim Sells	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Brittany Barnhardt	Town of Granite Quarry
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Charles Seaford	Town of China Grove
Steve Miller	Town of Spencer
Mike Tallent	Town of Midland

### Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Theo Ghitea	NCDOT Div 10
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div 9
Marc Morgan	NCDOT Div 10
Barbara Mallet	East Spencer
Wilmer Melton	Kannapolis
Albert Smith	East Spencer
Cheryl Sheets	China Grove
Paul Hoben	ACWR

### Call to Order

After being served dinner hosted by the City of Salisbury, the November 30, 2022 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by TAC Chair Meredith Bare Smith. TAC Chair Smith 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 Chair Smith called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

Chairman Smith 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.

Chair Smith then asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates. CRMPO Director Conrad reported to the members that he had received an email from Mrs. Barbi Jones of the Cabarrus Chamber informing him that she would be unable to attend the meeting. She did however asked Director Conrad to invite all of the members to the Chambers 2023 Legislative Breakfast on January 6, 2023. With no further Chamber reports Chair Smith asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard she moved on to the next order of business.

TAC Chair Smith 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. Mr. Charles Seaford 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 September 28, 2022 Minutes***

Chairman Smith called members' attention to the minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting included in their meeting packets Chair Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Terry Crawford seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

### ***RIDER Transit Program of Projects (POP)***

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the Program of Projects is a list of proposed FTA grant requests to support the operations of Rider Transit in FY 2023. Director Conrad explained that this is an annual requirement. He went on to say that the RIDER Transit System has opted to use the CRMPO's Public Involvement procedures to process this requirement. He went on to draw the members' attention to Attachment 3 which was the program. Director Conrad also reported to the TAC members that a public comment period ended on November 7, 2022, and that no public comments were received.

With the members having no questions or comments, Mr. Terry Crawford made a motion to endorse the POP. Mrs. Barbara Strang seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### ***Performance Based Planning: Safety Targets***

Director Conrad reported that the federal transportation legislation or IIJA requires State DOT's and MPO's to adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. Director Conrad went on to say that NCDOT recently released the next round of safety targets for North Carolina and that it is up to each MPO to either adopt those targets or create their own. Director Conrad informed members that the proposed Safety

Targets were published on the CRMPO website. Director Conrad continued by stating the Safety Targets were released for public comment until November 7, 2022, with no comments being received.

Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment 4 which was a draft resolution in support of the new Safety Targets for 2023. He closed in stating that this is an annual requirement.

With no comments or questions heard, Mrs. Brittney Barnhardt made a motion to endorse the Safety Targets as presented. Mr. Ron Smith seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #15**

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 the NC 49 access management improvements in FY 23 (HL-0062). The second project modification is the addition of the Caldwell Road extension in FY 23 (HL-0063). The third project modification is the addition of the US 29/Main Street improvement in FY 24 (HL-0064). The fourth project modification is the segmentation of the Old Concord Road sidewalk project (C-5603D). The fifth project modification is the segmentation of the Brenner Avenue sidewalk project (C-5603H). The sixth project is the segmentation of the US 601/Flowes Store Road intersection project (C-5603I). The seventh project is the delay of construction for the Brenner Avenue intersection project to FY 24 (HL-0049). The eighth project is the delay of right-of-way for the NC 24-27 and Bethel School Road intersection project to FY 23 (HS-2010D). The ninth project is the acceleration of right-of-way for the NC 24-27 and Pine Bluff Road intersection project to FY 23 (HS-2010F). After reviewing the modifications in detail, Director Conrad directed members to Attachment 5 in their packets which was a draft resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects.

With no questions and comments after the presentation, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to endorse modification #15 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Terry Crawford seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 reported to the TAC members that Division 9 Updates were included in their meeting packet.

Mr. Marc Morgan, 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. When he completed the project updates, Mr. Morgan introduced Mr. Theo Ghitea with NC DOT division 10. Mr. Ghitea will be assisting with coordination between NCDOT Division 10 and the CRMPO.

2. Aberdeen Carolina and Western Railway (ACWR) Letter of Support – CRMPO Director Phil Conrad introduced Mr. Paul Hoben with ACWR. Mr. Hoben explained the request to the TAC members. He reported that ACWR intends to improve rail lines through the Town of Midland by upgrading the current footprint to a larger rail tracks, which will increase average speeds from 10

mph to 25 mph. Mr. Hoben reported that a \$32 million federal grant will make these changes on 35 miles of rail from Charlotte to Aquadale, NC. It would also include a \$64 million federal grant to make the same upgrades to 70 miles of rail from Charlotte to Star, NC. Mr. Hoben stated that ACWR would like to get a letter of support for these projects from the CRMPO. Mr. Ron Smith inquired about whether rail was something that the MPO typically reviews. Mr. Conrad responded that rail was part of the 2050 MTP and an emphasis of the federal government recently. With no additional questions or comments being heard, Mr. Terry Crawford made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC support the project application outlined by the ACWR. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded that 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.

4. TAP Fund Project Call – Director Conrad informed the TAC members that December 30, 2022 is the deadline for submitting Bike and Ped Project requests for the federal TAP funds.

5. FY 24 CMAQ Call for Projects – Director Conrad reported that the deadline for project submittals is March 15, 2023.

6. 2022 Federal Authorizations – CRMPO Director Phil Conrad informed the TAC members that this information is now on the CRMPO website.

7. Update on Census Defined Urban Areas – Director Conrad reported that information will be forthcoming as soon as available from the Census.

8. IMD Planning and Feasibility Grants – Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that the Bike and Pedestrian Planning Grant application deadline is January 9, 2023. Director Conrad called attention to page 69 in the meeting packet that provided information on types of projects that are eligible under this Grant. He also called members’ attention to a power point presentation in their packets on the Safe Routes to School initiative.

9. Economic Development Information for Project Development – Director Conrad provided TAC members with a power point presentation on the importance of using Economic Development as a tool for project planning development and infrastructure subsidies.

### **Informational Items**

- ✦ RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members’ attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ NC Transportation Summit in Raleigh – January 18-19, 2023 – Deadline is today for early registration.
- ✦ TPD Newsletter- Included in the meeting packet.

Next Meeting : January 25, 2023

## **Adjournment**

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