

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

Members

Meredith Bare Smith*	Town of Landis
Barbara Strang*	Cabarrus County
Terry Crawford *	City of Concord
Greg Edds	Rowan County
Ryan Dayvault*	City of Kannapolis
Brittany Barnhardt*	Town of Granite Quarry
Tamara Sheffield*	City of Salisbury
Ron Smith*	Town of Harrisburg
Charles Seaford*	Town of China Grove
Dillion Brewer*	Town of Rockwell
Mike Tallent*	Town of Midland
Steve Miller	Town of Spencer
Anthony Perkins	NCDOT Board

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Elaine Spaulding	Rowan Chamber
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div 10
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Div 10
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Karen Alexander	Salisbury
Ashley Stewart	Landis
Phillip Graham	Concord
Wendy Brindle	Salisbury
Harry Warren	NC House
Kristin Baker	NCHouse
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Rob Donham	Harrisburg
David Wasserman	NCDOT STIP
Kenneth Tickle	
Franklin Gover	China Grove

*Attended in person and part of Voting Quorum

Call to Order

TAC Chair Meredith Bare Smith called the September 28, 2022 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC to order at approximately 6:00 pm. Chairman Smith welcomed the attendees to the meeting and asked all present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed on their screens. 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 with the meeting 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.

At this point in the meeting, CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad asked for any Legislative or Congressional updates from the floor. Mr. Harry Warren, NC House addressed the TAC members and reported that the House is conducting three-day sessions each month. He discussed redistricting with the group and reported that state funds for projects should be forthcoming very

soon. Representative Warren assured the TAC members that he is always available for any questions that they may have.

Director Conrad continued by introducing House of Representative Kristin Baker. NC House Representative Baker thanked the TAC members for the opportunity to attend their meeting.

Moving forward, CRMPO Director Conrad introduced Mr. Anthony Perkins, NCDOT Board Member. Mr. Perkins shared sad news with the group regarding the death of Mrs. Anna Bradshaw. Mrs. Bradshaw was an NCDOT employee who was killed on the job by a hit and run driver. Mr. Perkins also reported to the members that a Live Survey and the STIP are both on the NCDOT website. He also informed the TAC members that six RAISE Grants had been awarded on the Monday prior to this meeting. Mr. Perkins closed in stating that the NCDOT Board has two new Board members, Merrie Jo Alcoke, NCDOT Division 2 and Meagan Phillips, NCDOT Division 11.

Chair Smith then asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates. Mrs. Elaine Spaulding from the Rowan Chamber reported on upcoming events with the Rowan Chamber during the month of October and invited the TAC members to attend.

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 the members if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. Director Conrad made a request to move Item 2 in the Consent Agenda to Item 3A. Without any further adjustments heard Mr. Ron Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with adjustments and Mr. Charles Seaford seconded the motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve. Chair Smith then requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Charles Seaford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Mr. Terry Crawford seconded that 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:

RIDER Transit Program of Projects

RIDER Transit System has presented their annual Program of Projects list. The Program of Projects is a list of proposed FTA grant requests to support the operations of RIDER Transit System in FY 2023. RIDER Transit System has chosen to use the CRMPO Public Involvement procedures to complete this annual requirement.

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #14

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reminded the TAC members that CRMPO staff typically brings amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. The first project modification in this case is BL-0043, requesting a delay in construction to FY24 for the North Washington Street sidewalk project. The next project was to add a project break to HS-2010H or NC 49/Zion Church Road intersection project. The next project was to add a project break to HS-2012D or long life pavement markings. The next project was to add funding in FY 23 to R-5789 and R-5790 to make or upgrade intersections to ADA compliance. The next project was to add funding under the state bridge program to B-5372 or East 1st Street and Cannon Blvd. The final project was to funding under the state bridge program to B-5810 or NC 24/27 over Rocky River.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment #2 which was a resolution modifying the MTIP for this project. With no questions or comments heard, Mr. Charles Seaford made a motion to endorse MTIP Modification #14. Mr. Ron Smith seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Approval of March 23, 2022 Minutes

Chair Smith called members' attention to the minutes from the August 24, 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. Ron Smith seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

NCDOT Request to Segment R-5706B

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad turned this item over to Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10. Mr. Basham reported to the members that with the release of the Draft STIP, project R-5706B, the NC 73 widening project will likely face difficulties gaining funding in the near term. Mr. Basham informed the members that NCDOT staff would like to recommend segmenting this 11-mile project into two separate projects that would be scored and programmed independently with the break point being the I-85 interchange. Mr. Basham called members' attention to Attachment #5 in their packets which was detailed information regarding the request. He reviewed the information with the members.

Stuart went on to say that NCDOT has been conducting an express design on this nine-mile corridor to come up with better cost estimates. Since this request segments the original project, it would require another project slot being added and additional local input points from the CRMPO and Division 10 office to obtain funding in a future STIP. With no questions or comments being heard, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to endorse segmenting the NC 73 widening project, R-5706//b at the I-85 interchange. Mr. Terry Crawford seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed STPBG Call for New Projects

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the CRMPO issued a call for new project proposals for STPBG funding. Phil continued on by stating the call ended on September 2, 2022 and a total of five projects from three different sponsors were received. Phil called members attention to Attachment #6 included in their meeting packets which was a list of the project proposals. He went on to review the projects with the members. When completed, Phil called individual sponsors to provide a short presentation on their proposals.

Mr. Phillip Graham from the City of Concord reviewed the Derita Road Widening project application with the members. Phillip called attention to the proposal letter and provided project history along with slides to explain the City's request. The City is requesting \$7,200,000 for their project.

Mr. Rob Donham with the Town of Harrisburg addressed the TAC members to review the three submittals from the Town. Mr. Donham began by stating that the Town would be withdrawing their request for the Hickory Ridge Road Sidewalk Extension project. Rob went on to review the Caldwell Road Extension Phase 1 project. The Town is requesting \$4,885,102 for the project. Rob reviewed their second project proposal which was the Highway 49 Improvements Phase 2. He stated the Town of Harrisburg is requesting \$7,341,924 to complete this project.

The final project sponsor was Mrs. Wendy Brindle from the City of Salisbury. Wendy provided a slide show presentation explaining the history of the project which was for Main Street Safety Improvements or Phase 1. These safety improvements would be made from Kerr Street to Horah Street in Salisbury. Mrs. Brindle reported that the City of Salisbury is requesting \$7,426,755 for their project.

With no questions or comments being heard following all presentations, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion that the CRMPO endorses the four-highway project requests from the three project sponsors. Mr. Terry Crawford seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Funding Swap Request

Director Conrad reported to the members that NCDOT is proposing the swapping of funding sources for several projects with the CRMPO. By doing this, it could possibly help NCDOT to secure additional federal funding for North Carolina. David Wasserman explained the funding swap would require switching \$12 million of CRMPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) federal funds for \$12 million in other flexible federal funds in the years the STBG-DA funds were programmed. David went on to state that this swap would have no impact on schedules, local matches, or project management requirements. Phil mentioned Attachment #7 which was a memo from NCDOT staff explaining the request and proposed swap.

After all review and no questions, Mr. Charles Seaford made a motion to endorse the request from NCDOT to swap funds as proposed. Chairman Smith seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2022-2023 UPWP Amendment #1

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that the CRMPO currently has Special Studies funds that have not been allocated to any project. Phil informed the TAC members that the Town of China Grove would like to request \$48,000 in Special Studies funds for a corridor study of NC 152 East. Phil went on to say that the Town would be responsible for the remaining twenty (20) percent local match for their proposed project.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment #8 which was a Draft resolution to amend the UPWP and increase the line item for Special Studies by \$48,000. Phil reviewed the resolution with the members. With no questions or discussion, Chairman Smith made a motion to adopt amendment #1 to the FY 2022-2023 UPWP. Mr. Ryan Dayvault 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 informed the TAC members that Division 9 Updates were included in their meeting packet. Mr. Ivey reviewed a few of the projects.

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. Salem Parkway Public Involvement – Director Conrad reported that this item will be rescheduled to a future meeting due to time restraints.
3. Rowan Transit System section 5310 Grant Application Letter of Support – Executive Director Phil Conrad called members' attention to page 96 in their packets to review the request. After review, Ms. Tamara Sheffield made a motion to support the request from Rowan County and Mrs. Barbara Strang seconded the motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve.
4. Special Studies Update – Director Conrad reported that both the Rowan County and Town of China Grove special studies projects are moving forward.
5. TAP Fund Project Call – Director Conrad informed the TAC members that November 30, 2022 is the deadline for submitting Bike and Ped Project requests. He stated that approximately \$4 million is available.

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 as information.

Next Meeting October 26, 2022

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Ron Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Mike Tallent followed with a second and the meeting was adjourned.