

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Kannapolis City Hall  
401 Laureate Way  
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

### TAC Members:

Bobby Moore	Town of Rockwell
Tommy Garver	Town of Landis
Al Brown	City of Concord
Jim Gobbel	Town of Spencer
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Richard Wise	Town of Midland
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Benita Conrad	Town of Harrisburg

### TCC Members:

Ed Muire	Rowan Co./Cleveland
Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Reid Walters	Town of Spencer
Doug Paris	Town of Midland
F.E. Isenhour	Town of East Spencer
Lloyd Payne	City of Concord

### Others:

NC Secretary of Transportation Jim Trogdon, Phil Conrad, CRMPO Director; Alex Rankin, Cabarrus Chamber; Connie Cunningham, CRMPO Staff; Reuben Crummy, NCDOT TPB; Brian Wert, NCDOT TPB; Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 Engineer; Marc Morgan, NCDOT Division 10; Sam Leder, Concord City Council; Brian Hiatt, Concord City Manager; Brian King, Concord City Council; Scott Cole, NCDOT Division 10; Louis Mitchell, NCDOT Division 10 Engineer; Deborah Carter, Cabarrus Chamber; Denise Hallett, Cabarrus Chamber; Ella Mae Smalls, Concord City Council; Mike Legg, Kannapolis City Manager.

### **Call to Order**

The joint meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC and TCC was called to order by TAC Chairman Elizabeth Poole. Chairman Poole welcomed the members and guests and asked those present to please stand and join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Poole continued the meeting by calling the roll of eligible voting members and determined that a quorum had been met. She continued on by welcoming NC Secretary of Transportation Jim Trogdon and then asked those present to introduce themselves.

After all introductions were made, Chairman Poole 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, the member should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Chairman Poole then asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates or reports. Mr. Alex Rankin

with the Cabarrus Chamber reported on several House Bills currently before the NC General Assembly. He specifically called attention to;

HB 92, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS;

HB 220, AN ACT TO EXPAND THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH FUNDS FROM THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK MAY BE USED AND TO CREATE AN OVERSIGHT BOARD FOR THE STATE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS;

HB 219, AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MEGAPROJECT FUND TO FUND HIGHER-COST AND LARGER-SCALE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS;

HB 583, AN ACT TO CREATE THE STATE CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND THAT WILL UTILIZE DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDITIONAL DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND EARLY DEBT REPAYMENT;

HB 81, AN ACT TO ADJUST THE WEIGHTING ATTRIBUTED UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY FORMULA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S DIVISION ENGINEERS, THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, WHEN SELECTING REGIONAL IMPACT AND DIVISION NEED PROJECTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS.

With no other chambers reports, Chairman Poole asked if there were any speakers from the floor to be heard. With none heard, Chairman Poole continued by asking if there were any adjustment's to the agenda or the consent agenda.

With no requests made, Mr. Rich Wise made a motion to accept the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented and Mr. Bobby Moore seconded the motion. Members voted unanimously to approve.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be 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, 2017 Minutes**

Chairman Poole called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting of the CRMPO TAC included in their agenda packets. She asked if there were any adjustments or corrections to the minutes. With no adjustments or corrections being heard, Mr. Rich Wise made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

## **Cabarrus Rowan MPO Introduction**

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad addressed those present and provided a power point presentation on the history of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Phil reported that the CRMPO was formed and has operated for over thirty years. He stated that since 2000, the membership of the CRMPO has tripled and the area included in the MPO has grown significantly by covering two full counties. He went on to say that the CRMPO coordinates efforts with active participation of fourteen jurisdictions, two counties and two NCDOT Division offices.

Phil continued on by reminding members that the CRMPO has funded over fifty various CMAQ projects which included truck stop electrification, expanded transit services, electric vehicles, intersection improvements, and bike and pedestrian connectivity projects within communities. Phil went on to highlight some of the priority projects in all modes of transportation.

Phil also highlighted the fact that the CRMPO staff partnered with NCDOT to complete the 2010 and 2014 Transportation Conformity report for the Metrolina/Charlotte Region. This report Phil explained, covers the seven ozone non-attainment counties in the region.

## **NCDOT Remarks**

Chairman Poole introduced NCDOT Secretary of Transportation Jim Trogdon. NCDOT Secretary Trogdon thanked the members and guests for inviting him to speak.

He began by outlining the NCDOT priorities during his tenure. First and foremost, he mentioned the need to deliver projects faster. He said that more projects in the TIP is irrelevant in comparison to getting more projects "open for traffic". He reported some interesting statistics about North Carolina, as the 9<sup>th</sup> most populous state in the US. He indicated that his goal is to grow the TIP from \$1.68 billion to \$2.75 billion worth of projects. Another goal is to decentralize project delivery to the Divisions to get projects out the door faster. He mentioned the need to decrease the pre-construction time on CE's, EA's, and EIS's and would like to have a CE done within 12 months. He also wanted to see businesses grow to correlate to the 5 year business plan of the State and work towards a program that includes 600 projects in the TIP from the current 393.

He mentioned the Department's commitment to safety with 1300 fatalities on the NC roadways last year, which was 3.5 times the lives lost in all Gulf Wars. He also said fatalities are the result of speeding and distracted drivers, which is behavioral. He mentioned the vast amount of data that the Department maintains and specifically 5 minute travel time increments on the state highways. He highlighted the State's commitment to freight through the Statewide Freight Plan to identify freight bottlenecks.

He noted the roll of STI to support the economy and stated that the Division Planning Engineer would be the point of contact on prioritization. He highlighted the consolidation of funding categories and minimizing regulatory restrictions, so that smaller scale projects can be rolled out in a 2 year window. He noted the Department's commitment to Complete Streets and streetscaping to redevelop areas for pedestrian and cycling travel. He noted that the Divisions should have different criteria and weights under STI in recognition of the different priorities around the state. He said that the condition of the pavement should be improved and more investment in aesthetics needs to be made by NCDOT. He noted the advent of technology including drones and autonomous vehicles. He believed these technological developments would occur much sooner than anyone realized.

Secretary Trogon noted the valuable partnership with MPOs across the state and the prospect of declining revenue from the gas tax as a challenge. He also concluded that the work force at NCDOT has shrunk from 12,500 to 10,400. He explained that many things are contracted out now, and the Department values the work of consultants to replace the man power in Raleigh.

Chairman Poole thanked Secretary Trogon for attending and relayed to him how much CRMPO members appreciate the cooperation of the division offices and staff. She also went on to praise the work and dedication of the CRMPO staff, Phil Conrad and Connie Cunningham.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 called members' attention to the Division 9 project updates included in the members' packets. He called members' attention to specific projects within the Division 9 MPO area and reported on their progress. Mr. Scott Cole, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed updates on the Division 10 projects from the information included in TAC members' packets as well.
- 2018-2027 TIP Conformity and 2040 MTP Amendment – Phil called members' attention to a copy of a Summary of the Draft 2018-2027 TIP included in their packet. Phil reviewed the projects for the members
- DRAFT 2020-2029 TIP Project Submittals Update – Phil reported that MPO staff has received several Local Highway Priority List Project Request submittals and called members' attention to them in their meeting packets. Phil briefly reviewed each submittal for the members. When his review was completed, Mr. F.E. Isenhour presented him with a submittal from the Town of East Spencer for a Bike and Pedestrian project to be considered.

### **Informational Items**

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- Proposed Repeal of the Federal Rule on Coordination and Planning Area Reform Update – Phil reported that the proposed repeal is currently delayed in the House, but has passed the Senate.

- Next Meeting is May 24, 2017

With no other business to bring before the members, Chairman Elizabeth Poole adjourned the meeting.