

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

North Carolina Research Campus
UNC Building
Room 2201
500 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

Members:

Bobby Moore	Town of Rockwell
Dorland Abernathy	Town of Landis
Al Brown	City of Concord
Jim Gobbel	Town of Spencer
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Benita Conrad	Town of Harrisburg
Richard Wise	Town of Midland
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Greg Edds	Rowan County

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div 10
Scott Cole	NCDOT Div 10
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT - TPB
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Doug Wilson	City of Kannapolis
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis

Call to Order

The August 23, 2017 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by Vice TAC Chair Ryan Dayvault. Vice Chairman Dayvault welcomed the members and reported that Chairman Liz Poole was out of town that day and unable to attend the TAC meeting. He proceeded by asking all present to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice Chairman Dayvault continued the meeting by calling the roll of eligible voting members and determined that a quorum had been met.

Vice Chairman Dayvault 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.

Vice Chairman Dayvault then asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates or reports. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Chamber had no new information to share with the members. With no other chambers reports, Vice Chairman Dayvault asked if there were any speakers from the floor to be heard.

With none heard, Vice Chairman Dayvault continued by asking if there were any adjustment's to the agenda or the consent agenda. With no requests made, Mr. Dorland Abernathy made a motion to accept the Agenda and Consent Agenda as presented and Mr. Rich Wise seconded the motion. TAC 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 June 28, 2017 Minutes

Vice Chairman Dayvault called TAC members' attention to the minutes of the June 28, 2017 meeting of the CRMPO TAC included in their agenda packets. He 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. Greg Edds seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

FY 2018-2022 TIP Conformity and MTP Amendments

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reminded the TAC members that CRMPO staff and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2018-2022 TIP. Phil explained that the TIP Conformity Report demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. He went on to say that the report also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2040 MTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Phil reported that the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report is a federal process to approve the TIP and that the report is on the CRMPO website.

Phil then called members attention to Attachment 3, an excerpt from the TIP Conformity Report included in their packets. Phil reviewed the information in the excerpt with the members. The excerpt focused on the purpose for the Report, identified the amended projects, the relationship of the MTP and the TIP, the latest planning assumptions, interagency consultation, public involvement, the regional emissions analysis approach and the emissions comparison summary tests by location and pollutants. He explained that due to the acceleration of several projects in the CRMPO area using state transportation funds, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to amend their MTP to reflect the new schedules for these projects. Phil explained that the public comment period for these amendments and the Conformity Report closed on August 9, 2017 and no comments were received.

With little discussion or any questions, Mr. Dorland Abernathy made a motion to adopt the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2018-2022 TIP. Mr. Jim Gobbel seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve. That vote was followed by a motion made by Mr. Bill Feather to also approve an amendment to the MTP to provide for the acceleration

of the projects discussed. Mr. Bobby Moore seconded that motion and the CRMPO TAC member again voted unanimously to approve.

2045 MTP Projects List

CRMPO Director Conrad reported that with the release of the *DRAFT* 2018-2027 TIP, CRMPO staff has been working on a draft revenue forecast for the 2045 Transportation Plan. This forecast Phil explained, is based on the tier system included in the Strategic Mobility Formula and statewide forecast methodology developed by NCDOT for regional and division tier allocations.

Phil called members attention to Attachment 4 included in their packets. Attachment 4 consisted of three spreadsheets the first showing the projects in the 2016-2025 Horizon Years which Phil reviewed for the members. Spreadsheets two and three listed the projects in the 2026-2035 Horizon Years and the 2036-2045 Horizon Years respectively. The spreadsheets were broken down by division, tier, TIP#, project name, start and completion dates of projects, existing project and future project, description of the project and estimated cost of the projects.

During review of the 2026-2035 Transportation Improvements spreadsheet, questions were brought up regarding project U-5901 Airport Parkway Extension. Some members voiced concerns regarding this project and felt there was a need to request that the project be accelerated. After final comments and discussion, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to execute a letter to NCDOT from the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC to request project U-5901 be accelerated. Mr. Greg Edds seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve

After Phil's review of the projects was complete, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to endorse the 2045 MTP Projects List. Mr. Bobby Moore seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2017-18 UPWP Amendment #1

Phil reported to the TAC members that the Transit providers within the Cabarrus Rowan MPO area are looking for some technical assistance to improve their respective route planning and hopefully provide better demographic data for their areas. This demographic data Phil went on to say, would also be useful for environmental justice outreach and other planning initiatives in the Cabarrus Rowan MPO.

Phil continued by explaining that the Transit providers had researched available software, and found one software company that could provide this type of data. Phil called members attention to information included in their packets on the Remix software. The information included an analysis of planning priorities and potential impact by investing in Remix as well as their proposal, pricing and agreement. Per this proposed agreement the MPO would be the owner of the software and each CRMPO member would have access to the data. The cost for the first year would be \$12,000 and could be paid for with PL 104 grant funds. Subsequent years would be \$10,000 annually. Phil informed TAC members that each jurisdiction would be responsible for their portion of the local match. A local match spreadsheet was also included in their packets so each jurisdiction could see their cost for the local match.

After review of all of the information, Phil called member's attention to Attachment 5 a Draft Resolution to amend the UPWP and increase the line item II-A-1 for "Networks and Support Systems. With little discussion Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adopt amendment #1 to the 2017-2018 UPWP to allow for the purchase of the Remix software. Mr. Bobby Moore seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 reviewed the Division 9 project updates included in the members' packets. Pat reported to the members that due to some changes to the I-85 widening project Division 9 may hold a public meeting to update citizens on those changes. He went on to update members on other projects in the Division.

Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed updates on the Division 10 projects from the information included in TAC members' packets as well. Stuart also updated members on the portion of the I-85 project located in Division 10. Stuart went on to update members on other Division 10 project status. He did report that the bridge over I-85 on Lake Concord Road would need to be closed to do all the work necessary for the widening project and the bridge replacement project. Stuart reported that requests for a temporary bridge had been made by Concord and Kannapolis and those requested were being looked into by NCDOT. Mr. Scott Cole, NCDOT Division 10 added that Division 10 staff had worked and met with the City of Concord police, fire and rescue services prior to the bridge closing determination and no concerns were voiced by those departments. Scott said that others including the Chamber of Commerce had been consulted before the determination as well and also did not voice any concerns.

- SPOT 5.0 Presentation/NCDOT – Mr. Stuart Basham with Division 10 presented a Power Point presentation on the NCDOT STI Prioritization and Programming Process. Stuart explained the process for how the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies funding sources and scheduling of projects as well as what type of projects are considered. He went on to explain how STI works and what the criteria is for determining what projects get funded and completed. The presentation provided scoring information and schedules for when projects are submitted and the scoring process is complete.
- 2015 NAAQS Ozone Update – Phil reported that the implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone Nonattainment Area Classifications and State Implementation Plan Requirements has been delayed for possibly 18 months by the Federal government to adequately review the Plan.

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.

- Next Meeting is September 27, 2017

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Rich Wise seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.