

## MINUTES

### TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**

North Carolina Research Campus  
Kannapolis City Hall  
401 Laureate Way  
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

#### Members

Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
Lee Withers	Town of China Grove
Brian King	City of Concord
Tommy Garver	Town of Landis
Greg Edds	Rowan County
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Bill Feather	Town of Granite Quarry
Elizabeth Poole	Cabarrus County
Lori Furr	Town of Mt Pleasant
Al Heggins	City of Salisbury
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Sharon Hovis	Town of Spencer
Sam Bowles	NCDOT BOT

#### Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Andy Bailey	NCDOT-TPD
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT - TPD
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Div 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Alex Rankin	Cabarrus Chamber
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Div 10
Tamara Sheffield	City of Salisbury
Bobby Brown	Town of Landis
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div 10
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Tony Hillian	Town of East Spencer
Scott Cole	NCDOT Div 10
David Wasserman	NCDOT-STIP Unit
Van Argabright	NCDOT-P & P Unit

### **Call to Order**

TAC Chairman Elizabeth Poole called the March 27, 2019 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO to order at approximately 6:00 pm. Chairman Poole welcomed the TAC members and guests and asked all present to please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After reciting the pledge, Chairman Poole called the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met. She then asked the group to go around the room and introduce themselves. After introductions were made, Chairman Poole read 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, TAC members should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Chairman Poole continued by asking for any Chamber of Commerce updates or reports. Mr. Alex Rankin with the Cabarrus Chamber reported to the members that the Chamber's Executive

Director Barbi Jones requested him to invite the TAC to the Chamber's Advocacy Committee meeting on April 4, 2019 beginning at 8:00 am. This committee focuses on Economic Development, Education & Workforce, Energy & Environment, Healthcare, and Transportation. Chairman Poole then asked for any information from the Rowan County Chamber.

Mr. Greg Edds addressed the TAC members and reported that the Rowan Chamber is sponsoring the Disney Institute on May 2, 2019. The Disney Institute training uses business insights and time-tested examples from Disney parks and resorts worldwide to inspire individuals and organizations to enhance their own customer experience using Disney principles as their guide.

Chairman Poole thanked both Mr. Rankin and Mr. Edds for their updates and went on to ask if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard, Chairman Poole moved on to the next item of business.

## **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:

### **FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment #6**

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad explained to the TAC members that CRMPO staff usually brings amendments from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TAC for consideration. Phil called members' attention to Item N in their packets which was an explanation of the requested revision.

### **CTP Amendments**

Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT has spent the past year working on some amendments to the adopted CTP. Phil called members' attention to Attachment #3 in their packets which was a summary of projects that were modified with no changes in the number of lanes, projects that were modified with an increase in the number of lanes, projects that were modified with changes to Right-of-Way and projects that were removed.

Mr. Brian King made a motion to adopt the amendment #6 and the CTP Amendments as presented and his motion was seconded by Mr. Ryan Dayvault. TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

## **THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approval of January 23, 2019 Minutes**

Chairman Poole called the TAC members' attention to the January 23, 2019 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. Chairman Poole asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Brian King noted that he was incorrectly identified as a representative from the City of Kannapolis under members present when it should have read City of Concord. The correction was noted and with no further corrections or additions being heard, Mr. Greg Edds made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

### **FY 2019-2020 DRAFT UPWP**

Director Phil Conrad reminded the TAC members that each year the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to create and adopt a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Phil continued by stating that the UPWP is the MPO's budget and uses the state fiscal year 2019-2020. He called members' attention to Attachment #5A in their packets which was the detailed line by line budget for their review. Phil explained that the UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. Phil went on to say that these projects include MPO planning activities conducted by local agencies, the NCDOT, and a line item for Regional Model and MTP Maintenance.

Phil then reviewed the budget line item by line item for the members. He explained that the line item for the Regional Model task had increased from the previous year. After he completed the review, he continued on to Attachment 5B which was a Self-Certification Checklist for the CRMPO to certify the MPO transportation planning process. Phil then moved on to Attachment 5C containing the member contributions for operations. He reported to the TAC members that their TCC staff was asked at their last meeting to consider these amounts when they develop their respective budgets for next fiscal year. After review, he asked for any questions or comments. He closed by drawing members attention to Attachment 5D which was a Draft resolution adopting the UPWP.

With no further discussion, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to adopt the UPWP for FY 2019-2020 and Ms. Al Heggins seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by the TAC.

Then Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to certify the CRMPO's transportation planning process with Mr. Brian King seconding that motion. The TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **DRAFT 2022-2031 TIP Project Call**

Executive Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that a call for *new* projects (all modes) had been issued in the fall of 2018 with a deadline of January 31, 2019. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 6 in their packets which was a list of the *new* projects submitted to date. He noted that this list is not inclusive of any holding tank (select) or carryover projects that will automatically be evaluated by NCDOT. Phil then reviewed Attachment 6 project by project and called members' attention to the supporting CRMPO Local Highway Priority List Project Request Forms that each jurisdiction submitted. Phil

also noted that the approval of this list would be well in advance of the summer deadline to begin submitting projects in the NCDOT SPOT database.

With no further discussions, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to endorse the DRAFT 2022-2031 TIP Project List for submittal to NCDOT for quantitative review. Ms. Al Heggins seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **RIDER Transit Program of Projects**

Director Phil Conrad reported to TAC members that RIDER Transit System Program of Projects is a list of proposed FTA grant requests to support the operations of RIDER Transit System in FY 2019. Phil went on to say that RIDER has decided to use the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO's Public Involvement procedures to process this annual requirement and called members' attention to the TAC packets which included the Program of Projects background information and list of projects proposed to be funded in 2019. After a brief review, Phil reported that a public comment period was held on the Program of Projects from February 4 to March 4, 2019 and no comments were received from the public.

With little discussion, Mr. Brian King made a motion to endorse the Program of Projects. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 Engineer thanked everyone involved with hosting the NCDOT Board of Transportation and making it such a success. He then called the TAC members' attention to the Division 9 Updates included in their packet. Pat reviewed the progress of the I-85 projects in southern Rowan County which included projects I-3802B, I-3804, I-3610, and B-5365. Pat said if there were questions on any other projects, he would be happy to answer them. Mr. Lee Withers addressed Mr. Ivey and praised Division 9 staff for their great communication with jurisdictions on what's going on with their projects.

Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed for the members, updates on the Division 10 projects. The updated spreadsheet of projects was also included in the members packets. He provided updates on the I-85 project on the portion included in Cabarrus County as well as calling attention to projects U-3440, U-4910, U-5806 and B-5123. Stuart also reported to members that P6.0 is being updated.

- DRAFT 2020-2029 TIP-NCDOT – Mr. Van Argabright and Mr. David Wasserman from NCDOT presented a very detailed and informative Power Point presentation on the Draft 2020-2029 STIP. The presentation highlighted identifying priority projects as well as funding sources, where the funds go, allocations, and distributing the funds. The presentation also explained in detail about statewide mobility, regional impact and division needs. Also included was a 10 year revenue forecast of state and federal funding sources.

- Federal Rescission – Mr. Argabright and Mr. Wasserman from NCDOT continued with a second Power Point presentation regarding the upcoming federal Fast Act rescission of funds on September 30, 2019. Under current calculations, North Carolina DOT could possibly have \$166,000,000 rescinded back to the US Department of Transportation. Mr. Argabright and Mr. Wasserman’s presentation outlined ways the MPO’s can program projects to getting funding allocated before the rescission.
- STBG-DA Fund Swap – Mr. Argabright and Mr. Wasserman presented a final presentation on the STBG-DA Fund Swap. Mr. Argabright explained that in August 2019 a large redistribution is expected for FY 2019 STBG-DA funds. In order to have funds to get statewide projects completed now, NCDOT is asking MPO’s to borrow STBG-DA funds until such time the MPO has a STBG project ready. The borrowed funds would be used to pay off already completed projects. After discussion among the TAC members to thoroughly understand the request, Mr. Bill Feather stated “I move that the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO is granting NCDOT permission to authorize \$6 million of STBG-DA funds on the I-85 widening project and at a time after the MPO has selected a project of like amount of STBG funds, will be made available for that project by NCDOT.” Mr. Brian King then seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.
- 2020-2029 TIP Conformity and 2045 MTP Amendment – Phil Conrad reported to members that conformity documents will be forthcoming later in the summer of 2019.
- Correll Street Interchange CTP Request – Phil Conrad advised the TAC members that this item had been approved under the Consent Agenda earlier in the meeting.
- Federal Rail Administration (FRA) State of Good Repair Program Support Letter – Phil Conrad reported to members that the Federal Rail Administration is pursuing grant money to replace passenger train cars. This project was not funded in the first round of selected projects and they are submitting the project a second time. Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to send a letter of support to the FRA for their project. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Informational Items**

- ✦ RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members’ attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- ✦ Triad Regional ITS Strategic Deployment Plan – Phil Conrad called attention to minutes included in the packets from the core team meeting held on February 25, 2019.
- ✦ NC MPO Conference is in Charlotte April 24-26, 2019.

Next Meeting is April 24, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

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