

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 26 , 2025

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

Members

J.C. McKenzie	City of Concord
Mike Tallent	Town of Midland
Larry Pittman	Cabarrus County
Steve Miller	Town of Spencer
Jim Greene	Rowan County
Brittany Barnhardt	Town of Granite Quarry
Dillon Brewer	Town of Rockwell
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Tamara Sheffield	City of Salisbury
Ryan Nelms	Town of Landis
Lee Withers	Town of China Grove

Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Brett Canipe	NCDOT Division 10
John Rhyne	NCDOT Division 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Division 9
Karla Leonard	Rowan Chamber
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Sean Epperson	NCDOT Division 10
Albert Smith	Town of East Spencer
Brian Murphy	NCDOT TSS
Barbara Mallet	Town of East Spencer
Scott Miller	NCDOT Division 10
Sean Newton	Cabarrus County Manager
Rich Luhrs	Town of Granite Quarry
Michael Douglas	Town of East Spencer

Call to Order

TAC Chairman Ron Smith called the meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO) TAC to order after a meal provided by the Town of East Spencer.

Chairman Smith welcomed those in attendance and asked all present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed. After the pledge was recited, TAC Chairman Smith went on to call the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met.

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad read the NC State Ethics Commission Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest requirement and stated that if a conflict should arise during any part of the meeting; members should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

CRMPO TAC Chairman Smith continued with the meeting and asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates. Mrs. Karla Leonard representing the Rowan Chamber reported to the members that the Rowan Chamber's priority projects list was presented to the new NCDOT

administration in Raleigh on March 25, 2025. She went on to report that the Chamber will be headed to Washington on May 6-7, 2025 to meet with federal DOT officials.

TAC Chairman Smith then asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard he moved on to the next order of business.

TAC Chairman Smith reported there were no items in the Consent Agenda for the night's meeting.

Approval of January 29, 2025 Minutes

TAC Chairman Smith called members' attention to the minutes from the January 29, 2025 TAC meeting included in their meeting packets. Chairman Smith asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mr. Dillon Brewer made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion, and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

FY 2024-2033 MTIP Modification #9

Mr. Phil Conrad, CRMPO Director, addressed the TAC members and reported that CRMPO staff regularly brings amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. Director Conrad reported that the first and second project modifications shown in the agenda has been removed by NCDOT for further review at this time. The third project modification is to add utilities in FY 25 for the Dale Earnhardt Blvd intersection project (U-5761). The fourth project modification is to add utilities in FY 25 to the Derita Road widening (U-6032). The fifth and final project is to delay right-of-way to FY 26 for the Caldwell Road extension (HL-0063). Director Conrad closed by stating Attachment 3 is a draft resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects.

With little discussion or comments, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to recommend to endorse modification #9 to the FY 2024-2033 MTIP. Mr. Jim Greene seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

2055 MTP Draft Projects List Revisions

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that since the release of the 2026-2035 TIP, CRMPO staff has been working on a draft revenue forecast for the 2055 Transportation Plan. This forecast he reported, 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 continued by stating that these forecasts are applied to the projects listed in the 2050 Plan and most recently to the MPO SPOT/Priority List.

He then highlighted the Draft 2055 Projects List shown as Attachment 4 in their packets. He also provided a power point presentation to thoroughly review the list and new revisions. Director Conrad called attention to project numbers R-5706BA and U-3415 which both have been moved back to later fiscal years. He also highlighted project number U-5773A which remains unfunded. Director Conrad also reported that the CRMPO is requested to confirm recommendations from

the last Cabarrus County Public Transportation Master Plan, which has now been endorsed of the Concord-Kannapolis Transit Commission.

With no further review or questions heard, Mrs. Brittany Barnhardt made a motion to amend the 2055 Projects List and financial assumptions. Ms. Tamara Sheffield seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2025-2026 Draft UPWP

Director Conrad reported to the TAC members that each year the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program (UPWP). The UPWP is the CRMPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2025-2026. The UPWP he explained, 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. These projects include CRMPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the N.C. Department of Transportation, and a line item for Regional Model and MTP Maintenance. In the fall of 2024, the NCDOT indicated that the allocation in FY 26 to the CRMPO would be \$489,250.

Director Conrad then highlighted Attachment 5A in their packets which was a draft of the 2025-2026 UPWP budget. Director Conrad provided slides to explain the budget line item by line item for the TAC members.

Director Conrad continued by stating that as part of the UPWP the Federal government is requiring all MPO's to certify their transportation planning process on an annual basis. He went on to call members attention to Attachment 5B, which was a checklist for the CRMPO to certify the CRMPO transportation planning process. Director Conrad provided slides to review the checklist for the members. After reviewing the checklist, he noted Attachment 5C which was the Local Match table. He reported that this table had been sent to all jurisdictions to be included in their respective local budgets.

Director Conrad closed by highlighting Attachment 5D which was a draft resolution adopting the UPWP. With little discussion, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to certify the CRMPO transportation planning process. Mrs. Brittany Barnhardt seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Then Mrs. Deloris High made a motion to adopt the FY 2025-2026 UPWP. Mrs. Brittany Barnhardt seconded that motion, and the members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. John Rhyne, NCDOT Division 9 reported to the TAC members that Division 9 updates were included in their meeting packet. He highlighted some updates on projects in Division 9.

Mr. Brett Canipe, NCDOT Division 10 noted the Division 10's report included in their packet. He then went on to highlight a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates. Mr. Canipe also informed the members that the STIP Process is wrapping up for P7.0 and will begin work on P8.0 this coming summer.

2. DRAFT 2026-2035 STIP Release – Director Conrad reported that the DRAFT STIP was released on January 29, 2025 for public comment. Drop-in sessions were being held at each Division Office. The deadline for public comment he reported, is April 4, 2025. Director Conrad provided TAC members with a power point presentation explaining the projects in detail.
3. P8.0 Project Call/P7.0 Carryover Projects – Director Conrad reported that carryover projects are due by May 31, 2025 and new projects being submitted are due by May 9, 2025.
4. Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies – Director Conrad noted information contained in their packets on these completed studies.
5. Special Study Update – Mr. Lee Withers from the Town of China Grove reported that the Highway 152 Corridor Study is complete and has been approved by the Town Council.
6. CMAQ Priority Submittal and Funding Update - Director Conrad reported that he is continuing to work with NCDOT on this item.
7. TAP/CRP Project Call – Director Conrad informed the TAC members that the deadline for submittals is May 9, 2025.
8. TAC Venue – Director Conrad reported that Rowan County is the host for the next meeting and they have requested to hold the meeting at their new Rowan County Community Center. By consensus, the TAC members agreed to the meeting place change.
9. SEI Filing Deadline and Newsletter- Deadline for all returning filers is **April 15, 2025**.

Informational Items

- RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil highlighted the ridership information included in the TAC packets.

Next Meeting : April 23, 2025

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Lee Withers made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. J.C. McKenzie seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.