

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 19, 2005 – 6:30 pm

Salisbury City Hall

Members:

Ralph Almond	Town of Granite Quarry
Don Bringle	Town of China Grove
Mark Lewis	City of Salisbury
Maura Eberhardt	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Phil Cowherd	Town of Harrisburg
Nancy Dunn	NCDOT-Board Member Div. 9
Ken Geathers	City of Kannapolis
Carolyn Carpenter	Cabarrus County
Steve Blount	Rowan County
Al Brown	City of Concord
Chuck Wingerson	Town of Rockwell

Others:

Phil Conrad	MPO Planner
Jeff Young	City of Concord
Keith Raulston	NCDOT-Div. 9
Mike Nunn	MPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Tom Huntley	Town of Harrisburg
Pat Ivey	NCDOT- Division 9
Beau Taylor	Town of Rockwell

Call to Order

TAC Chair Carolyn Carpenter called the October 19, 2005 TAC meeting to order. TAC Chair Carpenter welcomed the members and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. With no changes being heard, the TAC Chair asked for any speakers from the floor. With no one heard, Chairman Carpenter moved on to the next order of business.

Approval of Minutes

TAC Chair Carpenter asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the August 17, 2005 TAC meeting. Mr. Mark Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Steve Blount seconded the motion. The TAC followed with a unanimous vote.

2007-2013 TIP Priority Needs List

Mr. Mike Nunn reported to CR MPO TAC members that the NCDOT Board of Transportation has adopted the 2006-2012 TIP on July 6, 2005. Upon completion of this TIP, NCDOT will initiate the process for developing the draft 2007-2013 TIP. Mike also explained that the CR MPO submitted a list of priorities to NCDOT for the 2006-2012 TIP and that most of these priority projects remained unfunded in the current TIP. He called the TAC members attention to a draft 2007-2013 TIP Priority Needs List for Division 9 and Division 10 included in their packets. After review of the respective lists, Mr. Mark Lewis made a motion to approve the Cabarrus-Rowan Area Priority Project List for Division 9 and the Cabarrus-Rowan Area Priority Project List for Division 10 and submit them to NCDOT for consideration. Mr. Al Brown, Jr. seconded the motion and the TAC voted unanimously to approve.

US 52 Options

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that due to environmental delays, NCDOT has been unable to reach a consensus on the preferred alignment for the US Highway 52 relocation project in southeastern Rowan County. NCDOT has decided not to proceed any further on the project until they can gather feedback from the MPO for their recommendations on how they would like to see NCDOT proceed. Phil directed the TAC members to a memo from NCDOT included in their packets that outlines four options NCDOT is suggesting the MPO consider for the project. Phil reviewed all four options with TAC. Phil proceeded to explain that the options are most closely tied to the scope and purpose/need for the project as opposed to selecting a preferred alignment. Each of the four options will result in some additional study for this project before an alignment can be determined. Mr. Pat Ivey also informed TAC members that many series of meetings with the Merger Team had been held to try and make decisions on how best to proceed with the project. After discussion and review, Mr. Al Brown, Jr. made a motion to table the decision of choosing an option until the next meeting of the CR MPO TAC to give the Towns of Granite Quarry and Rockwell time to hold town meetings. Mr. Ralph Almond seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Draft 2007 – 2013 TIP Addition

Phil Conrad reported to TCC members that the City of Concord had requested a special federal transportation appropriation for the widening of Derita Road from Poplar Tent Road to the County line and called their attention to a resolution of support for this project that is included in their packets. He went on to explain that although this project was funded through SAFETEA-LU, there are several stipulations for these funds. They are; 1) It is listed as a High Priority Project, which means that the local municipality is responsible for the non-federal match of 20 percent. 2) The City of Concord will be responsible for the planning and environmental study of this project. 3) The High Priority Project funds will be counted towards the MPO's portion of the NCDOT Equity Formula, which means an existing project may be delayed to fund this one. After review of the resolution, Mr. Phil Cowherd made a motion to approve the resolution and send with it a letter requesting new money fund the project. Mr. Ken Geathers seconded the motion. The members of the TAC voted to approve the motion.

Reports & Updates

- Local Reports – MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Keith Raulston, NCDOT Division 9 updated the TAC members on the revised completion dates of pressing area projects and discussed funding option sources. MPO staff presented updates from NCDOT Division 10.
NCDOT Board Member Reports – Ms Nancy Dunn, Board Member Division 9 updated TAC members regarding ongoing projects.
- Transfer of funds from Highway Trust Fund to General Fund – TAC members reviewed the enclosed resolution opposing the transfer of funds from the Highway Trust Fund to the General fund for Non-Transportation related projects. Mr. Ken Geathers made a motion to approve the resolution and Mr. Al Brown, Jr. seconded it. The TAC members with the exception of Mr. Phil Cowherd voted to approve the motion. Mr. Cowherd voted not to approve the resolution.
- Low Emission Vehicle Program Update – Updates regarding the State of California's Clean Air Act and how it is not applicable to North Carolina
- Nominations for TAC Vice-Chairman from Cabarrus County for 2006 – Mike Nunn reminded the TAC members that a Vice-Chairman for the TAC would need to be selected at the next TAC meeting.

- 2006 MPO Conference – The 2006 MPO Conference will be sponsored by the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO and held on October 26-28, 2006
- Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit Commission Update – Minutes and ridership data was included for review.

Adjournment

With no other business before this committee, Mr. Al Brown, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the October 19, 2005 TAC meeting. Mr. Phil Cowherd seconded the motion and all TAC members voted unanimously to adjourn. The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2005 and will be held at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.