

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

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

Members:

Al Brown
Arin Wilhelm
Maggie Blackwell
Elizabeth Poole
Ryan Dayvault
James Sells
Reid Walters
Lee Withers
Jeff Phillips
Jake Alexander
John Bradford
Tony Hilton

City of Concord
Town of Granite Quarry
City of Salisbury
Cabarrus County
City of Kannapolis
Town of Mt. Pleasant
Town of Spencer
Town of China Grove
Town of Harrisburg
NCDOT Board Member
Town of Cleveland
Town of Landis

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director
Alex Rankin Cabarrus Chamber
Justin Price Granite Quarry
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff
Denise Hallett Cabarrus Chamber
Diane Hampton NCDOT Div 9
Stuart Basham NCDOT Div 10
Warren Cooksey NCDOT Div 10
Linda Dosse NCDOT-TPB
Doug Wilson City of Kannapolis
Wilmer Melton City of Kannapolis
Loretta Barren FHWA
Bobby Moore Town of Rockwell

Call to Order

The November 19, 2014 meeting of the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by Chairman Lee Withers. Chairman Withers welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone present, please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge was recited, Chairman Withers proceeded by calling the roll of eligible voting members and determined that a quorum had been met.

TAC Chairman Withers informed TAC members of the NC State Ethics Commission Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest requirement and read the requirement to members. He then asked that should a conflict arise during any part of the meeting, the member should excuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

Continuing on, Chairman Withers asked for any updates from the Rowan or Cabarrus Chamber of Commerce's. Mrs. Denise Hallett from the Cabarrus Regional Chamber addressed the TAC members and reported that the Chamber's Transportation and Land Use Committee continues to support the CR MPO in their transportation efforts. Mrs. Hallett praised the TAC members on their hard work to better the roadways and infrastructure in Cabarrus and Rowan counties. These improvements have helped to bring new industry to the area and specifically named the new announcements from Amazon.com, Gordon Foods, and Alevo that are coming to the two county area. Mr. Alex Rankin, Cabarrus Chamber said he was in complete agreement with Mrs. Hallett's information.

Moving on, Chairman Withers asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, Chairman Withers asked for any adjustments to the agenda or consent agenda. With no additions or corrections being heard, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to accept and approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the 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 AT THIS TIME

THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes

TAC Chairman Withers called members' attention to the minutes of the September 24, 2014 TAC meeting included in their agenda packets. He asked if there were any adjustments or corrections to the minutes. With no adjustments or corrections being heard, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Al Brown seconded the motion. The TAC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

TIP Priority Projects STI Final Point Assignment

CR MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank all modes of transportation projects across North Carolina. This methodology Phil explained, includes a quantitative component that was just recently released. NCDOT has now incorporated the quantitative scores with the CR MPO (local input) scores and the Division Engineers ranking (points) and released the final scores for the projects.

Phil called TAC members' attention to Attachment #3 in their packets which was a detailed list of Division 9 and Division 10 Highway STI Priority projects for the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO. Phil reviewed the spreadsheet with members by providing a powerpoint presentation which included the local, division, and state assignment of points as well as Statewide, Regional, and Division project quantitative ranks.

After review of the projects, Phil explained that the release of the *Draft* FY 2016-2025 TIP would likely occur about December 1, 2014. Phil also reported that not all CR MPO projects were contained in the presentation, just the ones that scored the highest.

Old Beatty Ford Road Functional Classification

Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT has recently updated the Functional Classification system for the Cabarrus and Rowan County areas and then submitted those updates to the Federal Highway Administration for review. Since that review, it has been determined by NCDOT Staff that the Old Beatty Ford Road needs to be reclassified from a minor collector to a major collector roadway.

He called members' attention to a letter included in their packets to Ms. Terry Arellano, NCDOT TPB from TAC Chairman Withers explaining the request for some additional corrections to the Functional Classification System. Phil called members' attention to a map included in their packets which detailed the Functional Classification changes and he reviewed the map with the membership.

With little discussion, Mr. Ryan Dayvault made a motion to request that Old Beatty Ford Road be reclassified to a major collector under the Functional Classification System. Mrs. Liz Poole seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mrs. Diane Hampton, NCDOT Division 9 provided a spreadsheet of Division 9 projects to TAC members and reviewed the updated list. Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT Division 10 reviewed current Division 10 projects which had been included in member's packets, with the membership.
- ✓ North Carolina Strategic Corridors and 25-Year Plan – Mr. Warren Cooksey from NCDOT Division 10 provided members with a presentation on the Governor's newly announced 25-Year Plan. Mr. Cooksey provided members with a powerpoint presentation that explained in detail the Governor's vision for North Carolina's transportation system. He also provided members with a copy of Gov. McCrory's 25 Year Vision for North Carolina, Mapping Our Future.

Signage for Southbound I-85 to the Transportation Museum and Town of Spencer – Mr. Reid Walters with the Town of Spencer addressed the TAC members and reported that after the construction was completed on south bound I-85 in the vicinity of the Town of Spencer and Transportation Museum exits, signage was not returned directing travelers to either the Town or the NC Transportation Museum. Mr. Walters reported that Exit 81 signage was left to read "Long Ferry Road". His request was what could be done by the MPO to ask NCDOT to improve the signage. Mrs. Diane Hampton, NCDOT Division 9 addressed the TAC members and reported that Mr. Larry Smith, with the Town of Spencer is currently working with Mr. J.P. Couch with NCDOT on getting the issues corrected. Diane asked that the TAC give Mr. Smith and Mr. Couch some time to see if the problem can be corrected.

- ✓ MPO Member Spotlight: Town of Rockwell – Phil Conrad provided TAC members with background information and a presentation on the Town of Rockwell. He reported on the progress the Town has made over the years and highlighted their accomplishments. Mr.

Bobby Moore added information about the Town's Chapstick Factory and called attention to the Town's large volume of mobile home manufacturing.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TAC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- TAC Member Ethics Webinar December 2, 2014 at 9 AM
- Rogers Lake Road Grade Separation Public Meeting is December 4, 2014 at 4:00 pm at the Kannapolis Train Station.
- Phil reminded members that elections would be held at the first meeting in January 2015 for a TAC Vice-Chairman from a Rowan County jurisdiction.
- Next meeting is January 28, 2015.

Adjournment

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mrs. Liz Poole made a motion to adjourn the November 19, 2014 meeting of the CR MPO. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.