

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday January 17, 2007 – 12 Noon

Salisbury City Hall

217 South Main Street
Salisbury, NC 28146

Members:

Ed Muire

Joe Wilson
Dan Mikkelson
Wilmer Melton, Chair
Brett Abernathy
Chris Moore

Linda Dosse
Ritchie Hearne
Ken Geathers, Jr.
Susan Closner

Rowan County,
Town of Cleveland
City of Concord
City of Salisbury
City of Kannapolis,
NCDOT – Division 9
Midland & Mt. Pleasant
Harrisburg, Cabarrus County
NCDOT - TPB
NCDOT – Division 10
Town of East Spencer
Town of Granite Quarry

Others:

Phil Conrad
Leah Wagner
Mike Nunn
Richard Smith
Connie Cunningham
Jeff Young
Karl Fritschen
Loretta Barren
Dan Peters

CRMPO Planner
NCDOT– Division 10
CRMPO Director
City of Kannapolis
CRMPO Staff
City of Concord
City of Concord
FHWA
Town of Granite Quarry

Call to Order

The TCC Chairman Wilmer Melton called the January 17, 2007 TCC meeting to order. Chairman Melton welcomed the members and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With no additions or corrections coming from the TCC members, TCC Chairman Melton continued on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Melton asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the November 15, 2006 TCC meeting. Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Ritchie Hearne seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

Nomination and Election of TCC Vice-Chairman

Mr. Phil Conrad informed the TCC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC Bylaws state that a new TCC Vice-Chairman must be elected each year. Phil stated that the TCC Vice Chair rotates to the TCC Chairman automatically the following year. In addition to this bylaw, the TCC Chairman and TCC Vice Chairman positions must rotate between jurisdictions in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. Therefore TCC members need to nominate and elect a Vice Chairman from Rowan County for the current year. Mr. Dan Mikkelson nominated Mr. Ed Muire as TCC Vice Chairman. With no other nominations made, Mr. Chris Moore made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Dan Mikkelson seconded that motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to elect Mr. Ed Muire as the 2007 TCC Vice-Chairman.

Town of East Spencer Bicycle Plan Application

Mr. Kenneth Geathers Jr. from the Town of East Spencer addressed the TCC members and told them that the Town of East Spencer has completed an application for grant funding for a municipal Bicycle Plan. Mr. Geathers went on to say that as part of the grant application process, NCDOT is requesting that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO support their application by adopting a resolution of support for the Town of East Spencer application. With no questions or comments from the TCC members, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to forward a Resolution of Support for the Town of East Spencer's Grant application to the CR MPO TAC for their approval and adoption. Mr. Richard Smith seconded that motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

Bicycle TIP Project Funding

Mr. Conrad reported that at the November 15, 2006 meeting, MPO staff was directed to solicit candidate greenway projects for the Draft 2007-2013 TIP. Phil went on to remind the TCC members that this was because the MPO recently received notification that the Landis Spur was no longer a financially viable project and that Draft TIP funds allocated to that potential project would now be available. Those funds budgeted for construction in fiscal year 2007 of the Draft TIP are approximately \$290,000. Mr. Conrad stated that both the City of Concord and the City of Kannapolis have presented their prospective projects in hopes of receiving an endorsement from the MPO for this project funding. Phil called TCC members attention to the proposal in their packets for the Downtown Connector Greenway from the City of Concord in which they had outlined by an official letter to the MPO reporting all pertinent funding information and project status. The City of Kannapolis provided similar information on the 8th Street Greenway project, but in a less formal format. When all discussion was completed, Mr. Chris Moore made a motion to recommend to the TAC that the available funding be divided equally between the projects of the City of Concord and the City of Kannapolis and that the City of Kannapolis will provide additional information to staff before the TAC meeting. Mr. Ritchie Hearne seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

MPO Street Appendix and Map

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that MPO staff and a subcommittee have been working on an MPO Street Appendix and Map. The Appendix Phil stated, reflects existing cross sections and right-of-way, future cross sections, and future right-of-way. The Street Appendix and the corresponding map for the Cabarrus Rowan Planning Area has been reviewed by staff from each CR MPO jurisdiction. Phi went on to inform TCC members that the Street Appendix and Map will soon be available online at www.crmppo.org. Mr. Conrad advised TCC members a 30 day public comment period would be necessary before finalizing and adopting the Street Appendix and map. At that time, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to recommend to the CR MPO TAC to hold a 30 day public comment period and that a workshop be held in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties to reach citizens in both NCDOT Divisions. Mr. Chris Moore seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

FY 2006-2007 UPWP Amendment #1

Phil Conrad informed the TCC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO has received a request from the Metrolina Regional Travel Model Partners to reimburse the Charlotte Department of Transportation for staff time dedicated to Regional Model Maintenance in FY2006-2007. Phil reported that at their November 15, 2006 meeting, the CRMPO TAC approved a budget allocation of \$15,400 for the

FY2006-2007 for Model Maintenance. Phil went on to report that since the fiscal year is partially complete, it will be necessary to amend the current Unified Planning Work Program by \$7,400. Phil called the TCC members attention to a resolution in their packets that would amend the current UPWP by moving part of the Mapping fund budget dollars to the Model Maintenance fund budget to pay the additional costs. Ms. Linda Dosse made a motion that the FY2006-2007 UPWP Amendment #1 be forwarded to the CRMPO TAC for their approval. Mr. Ritchie Hearne seconded the motion. TCC members voted to forward the UPWP Amendment #1 to the TAC, but the vote was not unanimous.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports -MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Brett Abernathy, NCDOT Division 9 staff member, reported on pending projects for Division 9 and referred to a handout included in the agenda packets. Mr. Ritchie Hearne provided Division 10 handouts and updates to current projects.
- Resolution of support for the NC ONE Map – Ms. Linda Dosse made a presentation to the TCC members explaining the NC ONE Map and made a request of the TCC members to recommend a resolution in support of development and maintenance of a comprehensive geographic information system for North Carolina. The resolution Ms. Dosse stated would be forwarded to the Governor and General Assembly of North Carolina requesting additional funding from the State to develop and maintain the NC ONE Map. Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to forward the Resolution of Support for the NC ONE Map to the CR MPO TAC for their consideration. Ms. Linda Dosse seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.
- 2007-2013 TIP Conformity – Phil Conrad reported that staff will be working with NCDOT and that it will be a regional effort.
- Draft 2007-2008 UPWP – Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the final draft will be coming before them at a future meeting.
- January TAC Meeting – Phil Conrad informed the TCC members that at the November 2006 meeting of the CRMPO TAC, TAC members decided to change their meeting date to the fourth Wednesday of each month and that those meetings will now begin at 5:30pm.
- MPO Planning Survey – Phil Conrad reminded TCC members that a planning survey is now available on the www.crmppo.org website and he encouraged all TCC members to visit the sight and participate in the survey.
- Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit Commission Update (ridership data included) – Phil Conrad called the TCC members attention to the ridership update information included in their packets for review.

Information Items

- Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad called the TCC members attention to the ridership information included in their packets

Adjournment

With no other business to consider, Ms. Linda Dosse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. TCC Chairman Wilmer Melton announced so moved and the meeting of the TCC was adjourned. The next meeting will be February 21, 2007 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce in Kannapolis.