

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday May 20, 2009 – 12 Noon

Cabarrus Region Chamber of Commerce
3003 Dale Earnhardt Blvd.
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28083

Members:

Dan Mikkelson	City of Salisbury
Kenneth Geathers, Vice Chair	Town of East Spencer
Dan Peters	Town of Granite Quarry
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Mike Byrd	Cabarrus County
Adrian Cox	Town of Harrisburg
Josh Watkins	Town of Harrisburg

Others:

Rob Walter	Concord Airport
Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Jeff Young	City of Concord
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Jack Flaherty	NCDOT Transit
Joe Sides	CCSC

Call to Order

TCC Vice-Chairman Kenneth Geathers called the May 20, 2009 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. Vice-Chairman Geathers welcomed the members and requested that all those present introduce themselves. After introductions were made, Vice-Chairman Geathers asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, Vice-Chairman Geathers continued on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Phil Conrad and Connie Cunningham reported to the TCC members that all notes, sign-in sheet and handout from the March 18, 2009 meeting had been lost in the clean after the meeting and they apologized to the members for the error. No action was taken.

Stimulus Package Project TIP Amendments

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that NCDOT is requesting that all MPO's in North Carolina amend their Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plan's (TIP) in order to accommodate municipal, county and state stimulus package projects for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Phil called the TCC members attention to attachment three in their packets, which he explained is a list of projects that the MPO released for public comment as amendments to the Metropolitan TIP. Phil continued by reporting that no comments from the public were received during the advertised comment period.

After review of Attachment three, the Proposed Stimulus Package Project MTIP Amendments, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Proposed Stimulus Package Project MTIP Amendments and adopt any required MTIP amendments. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Draft FY 2009-2010 UPWP

MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to TCC members that each year, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to develop and adopt a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Phil explained that the UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2009-2010. He went on to explain 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 called TCC members attention to Attachment 4A in their packets for their review. He continued by stating that these projects include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the N.C. Department of Transportation, and a line item for Regional Model and LRTP Maintenance to be performed by the Cabarrus Rowan MPO, Charlotte DOT and NCDOT. It also includes urbanized area transit related planning activities conducted by the RIDER Transit System.

Mr. Conrad reviewed Attachment A, FY2009-2010 DRAFT Planning Work Program: Funding Source Table, with TCC members. Phil continued by explaining that in addition, the CRMPO allocated the 20 percent local match among the member jurisdictions. This allocation has been based on the 2000 Census population of each of the CRMPO jurisdictions. He reviewed Attachment 4B with the TCC members which identifies each jurisdiction member, their 2000 Census population, their percentage of the total population and their portion of the local match due from their jurisdiction for 2009-2010.

Phil continued by calling TCC members attention to Attachment 4C in their packets. He explained that NCDOT is now requiring that a 5 year planning calendar be developed in coordination with the annual UPWP. Attachment 4C outlines all of the major work tasks within the UPWP over the FY's 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. The calendar was developed by MPO staff and the lead planning agency.

CMAQ Fast Track Project Proposals

Phil Conrad explained to the TCC members that NCDOT has initiated a call to Fast Track CMAQ projects currently approved by NCDOT and new project submittals that demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit to the non-attainment area. Phil continued by explaining that the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds are a federal funding source for areas designated as non-attainments by the US EPA. These funds require a local sponsor and a 20 percent local match. He reminded TCC members that several notices have been sent by MPO staff to them in regard to this Fast Track proposal and to date proposals have been received by the MPO from the City of Salisbury, Town of China Grove, Mobility Solutions LLC, City of Concord, Town of Mount Pleasant and the City of Kannapolis. Phil called the TCC members attention to the proposal letters enclosed in their agenda packets for their review, along with a Proposed CMAQ Fast Track Projects spreadsheet.

Chairman Joe Wilson reviewed the City of Concord's projects on the spreadsheet and made corrections to the Annual Emission Reduction on one project. Mr. Wilmer Melton commented on the City of Kannapolis' projects included on the list. Mr. Conrad also pointed out that updated Annual Emission Reductions had been received by staff regarding projects C-4906 and C-4908B. With no further discussion, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion that the TCC recommend the Proposed CMAQ Fast Track Projects list to the TAC for approval. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Brett Abernathy from NCDOT Division 9 presented updates on the Rowan County projects. Mr. Richard Hancock with NCDOT Division 10 reported that revenues for projects is decreasing

and that Division 10 projects are not moving ahead. Mr. Hancock further stated that NCDOT has cut back on staff and have had to find budget reductions within each division.

- 2035 LRTP Update and NCDOT Model Results – Phil explained that the LRTP Update is continuing and Model results provided thus far have not been correct and contain significant errors. The NCDOT Model Consultant has indicated to the Metrolina Regional Modeling Committee that they are working to correct the errors so that Model is able to provide true and correct data.
- CTP Update – No update was provided by NCDOT.
- Metrolina SIP/Emissions Budget Update – Phil Conrad called TCC members attention to a copy of a letter in their packets from Mr. William G. Ross, NCDENR to Mr. J.I. Palmer, Jr., USEPA, regarding Attainment Demonstration for the North Carolina Portion of the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area.
- Metrolina Regional Model MOA – Phil explained that staff continues to work with the Metrolina Regional partners on creating a draft MOA.
- Municipal Safe Routes to Schools Program Grant Proposals – Phil Conrad reported that so far, no MPO members have made requests to take advantage of the NCDOT Safe Routes to Schools Program Grants currently available. Phil reminded TCC members that MPO Staff is available to assist them with this process.
- Rowan Express Update – Phil reported to TCC members that a start date of April 1, 2009 has been set for the Rowan Express to begin operation.
- Proposed Stimulus Package Projects – Phil Conrad presented TCC members with a list of proposed stimulus package projects that was created based on submittals from CRMPO jurisdictions. Phil explained that the CRMPO had been requested by NCDOT to prepare and submit a list of projects eligible under the stimulus package guidelines.

Information Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TCC members attention to the ridership information included in their packets.

Adjournment

With no other business to consider, the meeting of the TCC was adjourned by TCC Vice-Chairman Geathers. The next meeting will be February 18, 2009 at Salisbury City Hall.