

CABARRUS ROWAN METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – 12 Noon

Salisbury City Hall
217 South Main Street
Salisbury, North Carolina 28146

Members:

Lex Patterson
Dan Peters
Linda Dosse
Jonathan Marshall
Ed Muire

Brett Abernathy
Dan Mikkelson
Leah Wagner
Gay Sanderson
Richard Smith
Macon Sammons, Jr.
Price Wagoner
Josh Watkins
David Pugh
Ken Deal
Kris Krider

City of Concord
Town of Granite Quarry
NCDOT-TPB
Cabarrus County
Rowan County
Town of Cleveland
NCDOT Division 9
City of Salisbury
NCDOT- Division 10
Town of Faith
Town of Mount Pleasant
Town of East Spencer
Town of Spencer
Town of Harrisburg
Town of Midland
Town of China Grove
City of Kannapolis

Others:

Phil Conrad
Darin Waller
Connie Cunningham
Rodney Harrison
Diane Hampton
Loretta Barron
Wilmer Melton
Phillip Graham
Tiffany Settles
CRMPO Director
NCDOT-Div 9
CRMPO Staff
Salisbury Transit
NCDOT-Div 9
FHWA
City of Kannapolis
City of Concord
CCTS

Call to Order & Quorum

The September 19, 2012 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by TCC Chairman Dan Peters. Chairman Peters called the roll and determined that a quorum had been met. Chairman Peters continued by asking if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With there being none heard, Chairman Peters continued on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Peters asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes from the May 16, 2012 TCC meeting. With there being no corrections or comments heard, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Richard Smith seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 16, 2012 meeting.

Draft 2014-2020 TIP and Conformity

Cabarrus Rowan MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that NCDOT Board of Transportation had released the Draft TIP on September 5, 2012. The TIP Phil reminded members, includes highway, bicycle, pedestrian, rail and transit projects. Phil continued by saying that as part of the development of the Draft 2014-2020 TIP, the MPO had submitted a priority list to NCDOT in the fall of 2011 for consideration. Phil called TCC members' attention to Attachment 3A and 3B in their agenda packets which was a funding report of the highway portion of the Draft and a summary of any schedule changes for major highway projects between the 2012-2018 TIP and the current Draft TIP. Phil reported that the final State TIP is expected to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation in the spring of 2013.

After review of both attachments with the TCC members and Phil asked for any comments or questions. With little discussion and by consensus, TCC members favored asking the TAC make any decisions regarding a one-on-one meeting with NCDOT regarding the Draft 2014-2020 TIP.

FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #5

Phil called TCC members' attention to Attachment 4 in their packets, which was a resolution to adopt an amendment to the 2012-2018 TIP. Phil explained that the City of Concord had received federal funding for a traffic management system through the Transportation, Community and System Preservation Program (TCSP). With this funding comes the need for NCDOT to amend the State TIP for the project.

With no questions or discussion heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that TAC consider endorsing Amendment #5. Mr. Jonathan Marshall followed with a second to the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Federal Certification Review

Phil explained to the TCC members that due to the fact the CRMPO is a federally designated Transportation Management Area (TMA), the MPO is required to participate in a Federal Certification Review every four years. The most recent review Phil reported, was held on June 13-14 at Concord City Hall. The object of the review is to certify whether or not the MPO has a valid Transportation planning process.

Phil then introduced Ms. Loretta Barren with FHWA which is the lead agency conducting the review. Ms. Barren reviewed a summary of the review findings that was included in members' agenda packets. The summary included Noteworthy Practices, Recommendations and Findings. After Ms. Barren reviewed each category with TCC members, she asked for questions. Mr. Ed Muire and Mr. Kris Krider both expressed concern in regard to the "effective public outreach" portion of the recommendations. Both representatives expressed frustration with the process and how little public response is obtained regardless of how much effort is put into that process. In closing, Ms. Barren informed members that the review process will be repeated in four years.

NCDOT STIP Amendment and Modification Guidelines

Phil Conrad reported that NCDOT has recently finalized their STIP amendment and modification guidelines. These guidelines, Phil explained, provide for flexibility in amending and modifying the TIP as it relates to the size of the respective amendments. Federal Highway Administration staff made a recommendation that the MPO consider incorporating these guidelines into the MPO's Public Involvement Policy.

Phil continued by calling TCC members' attention to Attachment 6 in their packets and reviewed it with them. Phil explained that MPO Staff will incorporate this language into the current CRMPO Public Involvement Policy and bring back to the TCC at the next meeting.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Brett Abernathy with NCDOT Division 9 presented and reviewed a handout on the Rowan County projects. Brett also introduced Diane Hampton also of Division 9, who will be assuming his role as the Division 9 representative to the CRMPO TCC in the future. Mrs. Leah Wagner, NCDOT Division 10 provided TCC members with a spreadsheet as well, of Division 10 projects.
- I-85 Corridor Update – Phil introduced Mr. Darin Waller with NCDOT to the TCC members. Mr. Waller then proceeded to give an update to members on the I-85 projects currently in process and how future projects on I-85 are moving along. Upon closing, Mr. Waller stated that the current projects are on schedule and will be completed by spring 2013.
- Metrolina Regional Model Update – Phil Conrad explained that the person who was on the agenda to present was unable to attend. This item was moved to a future meeting.
- CTP Index Update – Ms. Linda Dosse with NCDOT reported to the TCC members that she had been working on the CTP Index and has alphabetized the Index and also made directional categories. (N, S, E, W) She informed members that she still has traffic calculations to add. Linda reminded members that anything not currently on the travel model will not be in the CTP. Mr. Ed Muire asked when the CTP would be complete and Ms. Dosse responded that the CTP is complete, but it is the Index that still is not complete.
- 2010 Census Boundary Update – Phil Conrad reminded TCC members that the new boundary lines for the CRMPO area had changed with the official TMA designation on July 20, 2012. In some areas the boundary lines have fingers running into other counties and the goal is to get agreements in order to keep CRMPO in the two current counties. Phil explained that he has been in contact with the jurisdictions involved, trying to coordinate an agreement. The other jurisdictions have been slow to respond but he will continue to work towards meeting the agreement deadline of March 2013. Ms. Barren reminded the members that DAQ will need to approve any agreements prior to completion.
- State of NC Ethics Law – Phil called TCC members' attention to information included in their packets concerning the new State Government Ethics Act. This information was a Frequently Asked Questions form prepared by the State of North Carolina. Phil reviewed the information with members and called attention to deadline dates for completing all requirements. Several TCC members were unclear as to why TCC members were included in the law and voiced concerns over making their private financial information a public record when in their capacity as TCC members, they have no formal decision making authority. After a lengthy discussion regarding the law, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to request that the CRMPO TAC pursue and gather additional information on behalf of the CRMPO TCC as to why TCC members are required to comply. Mr. Ken Deal seconded the motion and all members voted unanimously to approve. It was suggested that possibly TAC could contact the NC Attorney General's office for information and clarification. Phil stated that he would consult with other MPO's in the State to see how they are handling the situation.

- 2040 LRTP Horizon Year Project List and Schedule – Phil called members’ attention to their agenda packets to review the horizon year projects and financial forecast for the LRTP update. Due to the limited remaining meeting time, Phil offered to meet anyone after the meeting to cover the material or respond to any questions.

Information Items

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

Phil also called members’ attention to an information sheet in their packets for the Complete Streets workshops.

Adjournment

With no other business to consider, the September 19, 2012 meeting of the CRMPO TCC was adjourned by Chairman Dan Peters. The next meeting will be October 17, 2012.