

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday September 21, 2005 – 12 Noon

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

Members:

Ed Muire
Jeff Young
Mike Byrd
Aldie Whitmore
Dan Mikkelson
Richard Smith
Roger Lentz, Chair

Rick Mason
Benton Payne
Jack Flaherty
Eric Davis
Joe Wilson
Loretta Barren

Rowan County
City of Concord
Cabarrus County
NCDOT – Division 10
City of Salisbury
City of Kannapolis
Cabarrus Co., Harrisburg
& Mt. Pleasant
NCDOT – Division 10
NCDOT – Division 10
NCDOT - Transit
Town of China Grove
City of Concord
FHWA

Others:

Phil Conrad MPO Planner
Mike Nunn MPO Director
Rob Walter City of Concord
Ritchie Hearne NCDOT – Division 10
Dawn Qui Centralina COG
Leah Wagner NCDOT – Division 10
Connie Cunningham MPO Staff
David Naylor NCDOT – Division 10
Tom Thrower NCDOT – Division 10
Matt Weiss City of Concord
Margaret Pearson City of Concord

Call to Order

TCC Chair Roger Lentz called the September 21, 2005 TCC meeting to order. TCC Chair Lentz welcomed the members and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Phil Conrad asked that an information item be added to the Reports section. The item is in regard to a NCDOT Regional Forum being held in Charlotte, on October 7, 2005. TCC Chairman Lentz continued on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Lentz asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the August 17, 2005 TCC meeting. Mr. Jeff Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

US 52 Options

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that 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 TCC 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 TCC members and provided them with maps from NCDOT Division 9 staff that displays the different alternatives for the project corridors. After much discussion and review, TCC members by consensus, requested that this committee make no recommendations until reports/recommendations from Rockwell and Granite

Quarry can be obtained by MPO staff. Rockwell and Granite Quarry had no representation in attendance at TCC.

Draft 2007 – 2013 TIP Addition

Phil Conrad reported to TCC members that the City of Concord had requested a special federal transportation earmark for the widening of Derita Road in Concord. The Cabarrus-Rowan MPO endorsed the use of “new money” in SAFETEA-LU for the completion of this project. Phil directed TCC members to an endorsement letter that was included in their packets executed on February 20, 2003 by the then CR MPO Chair, Mr. Ken Geathers. Phil explained to the TCC members that even though the MPO had requested this project be funded with “new money” funding, it was instead funded as a “High Priority Project” and would be a part of the Equity Formula. Benton Payne NCDOT Division 10 explained to the TCC members that since the Derita Road project had been funded with “High Priority Project” money, the funds must be spent on Derita Road project exclusively. Mr. Payne went on to say that this in turn puts already funded projects down in priority on the TIP. After some discussion as to how to re-prioritize the CR MPO TIP, the TCC members voiced concern that they needed more information before making a recommendation to TAC. Chairman Rodger Lentz made a motion to form a subcommittee to look at the options. In making the motion, Chairman Lentz requested Phil Conrad to provide the subcommittee with a list of prospective projects and include the costs and maps for each project. Mr. Jeff Young seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports -MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – NCDOT Division staff reported on pending projects and also provided a handout for Division 9 and Division 10 that provided updates on each TIP project underway.
- MPO Typical Cross Sections – Phil Conrad reviewed with the TCC members the enclosed material and diagrams of the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO typical cross sections. Phil explained that these cross-sections are in addition to NCDOT cross sections. After some comments by TCC members, it was decided by consensus to take one more look at the cross sections and make any necessary changes.
- Clean Cars Campaign – Mr. Dan Mikkelson reported that he had presented the Clean Cars information to the CR TAC at their August 2005 meeting. Dan explained that the TAC members had several requests for additional information on the program. He will report back to them at their October 2005 meeting. He also reported to TCC members that in gathering the additional information for TAC, he found that the campaign focused on VOC and that North Carolina must focus on NOX. Dan requested that the TCC members rescind the recommendation to TAC because it would not address our problem in North Carolina. The TCC members agreed by consensus.
- Transfer of funds from Highway Trust Fund to General Fund – Phil Conrad called the TCC members attention to a resolution in their packets opposing the transfer of funds from the Highway Trust Fund to the General Funds for non-transportation related projects.
- 2006-2012 TIP Conformity – Set for October 2005
- Proposed NCDOT Policy on CMAQ/STP-DA funds – Phil Conrad called the TCC member’s attention to the copy of NCDOT Policy on Federally Funded Projects Selected by Entities Other Than the State Board of Transportation included in their

packets. He told TCC members it is for their information and is the NCDOT's way of clarifying policy.

- SAFETEA-LU Update – Phil Conrad is to bring to future TCC meeting
- 2005 MPO Conference – Phil Conrad invited all TCC members to the NC MPO conference being held in Greenville, NC on October 26-28, 2005.

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, Chairman Rodger Lentz adjourned the meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, October 19, 2005 at the Salisbury City Hall.