

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday October 19, 2005 – 12 Noon

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

Members:

Ed Muire
Jeff Young
Susan Closner
Aldie Whitmore
Dan Mikkelson
Richard Smith
Roger Lentz, Chair

Rick Mason
Jack Flaherty
Eric Davis
Joe Wilson

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

Others:

Phil Conrad MPO Planner
Mike Nunn MPO Director
Rob Walter City of Concord
Ritchie Hearne NCDOT – Division 10
Bjorn Hansen Centralina COG
Connie Cunningham MPO Staff

Call to Order

TCC Chair Roger Lentz called the October 19, 2005 TCC meeting to order. TCC Chair Lentz welcomed the members and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Mr. Phil Conrad requested that an information item be added to the Reports section. The item is in regard to an update on the CMAQ projects. With no other additions, 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 September 21, 2005 TCC meeting. Mr. Richard Smith made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Jeff Young seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

MPO Typical Cross Sections

Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that MPO staff has been working with a subcommittee of the TCC to develop some additional typical cross sections to use for future thoroughfares. He went on to present a power point presentation to explain that NCDOT currently has some typical cross sections that would be retained by the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO in the Long Range Transportation Plan. The TCC subcommittee has devised nine additional cross sections ranging from a four lane median divided to a two lane shoulder section. Phil went on to explain that all of these cross sections have accommodations for pedestrians and cyclists, and that these cross sections would be included in the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan as an appendix, along with the CR MPO Street Index. After review of the proposed cross sections, TCC members requested the following modifications to the following items;

Proposed Cross Section

- #1 Change medium curb to match NCDOT cross sections
- #2 Change 13" minimum to 12"
- #3 Change medium to a ditch profile
- #4 Change center lane from 13' to 12', adjust measurement from boundary to boundary
- #5 Ok as proposed
- #6 Change medium to 16' with 1.5 curb
- #7 Ok as proposed
- #8 Ok as proposed
- #9 Change 70' ROW to 60' ROW

Chairman Rodger Lentz made a motion to recommend the CR MPO cross sections with changes to the TAC for their adoption. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote.

US 52 Options

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that due to environmental delays, 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. Phil proceeded to explain that the options are most closely tied to the scope and purpose/need for the project as opposed to selecting a preferred alignment. Each of the four options will result in some additional study for this project before an alignment can be determined. MPO members from Granite Quarry and Rockwell were asked to share the recommendations of their respective jurisdictions. Rockwell representatives were in favor of Option 4 and Granite Quarry members are still unsure at this time. After discussion and review, Mr. Jeff Young made a motion to recommend Options 3 and 4 to the TAC for their approval. Mr. Rodger Lentz seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Draft 2007 – 2013 TIP Addition

Phil Conrad reported to TCC members that the City of Concord had requested a special federal transportation appropriation for the widening of Derita Road from Poplar Tent Road to the County line and called their attention to a resolution of support for this project that is included in their packets. He went on to explain that although this project was funded through SAFETEA-LU, there are several stipulations for these funds. They are; 1) It is listed as a High Priority Project, which means that the local municipality is responsible for the non-federal match of 20 percent. 2) The City of Concord will be responsible for the planning and environmental study of this project. 3) The High Priority Project funds will be counted towards the MPO's portion of the NCDOT Equity Formula, which means an existing

project may be delayed to fund this one. After review of the resolution, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to recommend the resolution to the TAC for approval and execution. Mr. Jeff Young seconded the motion. The members of the TCC with the exception of Mr. Rodger Lentz, voted to approve the motion. Mr. Lentz voted no on behalf of the Town of Mount Pleasant and on behalf of Cabarrus County.

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.
- 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. Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to recommend the resolution for approval by the TAC. Mr. Rodger Lentz seconded the motion and all TCC unanimously voted to approve.
- SAFETEA-LU Update – Phil Conrad provided TCC members with the latest update.
- Nominations for TCC Vice-Chair from Cabarrus County for 2006 – After little discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to nominate Mr. Rodger Lentz as 2006 Vice-Chair of the TCC. Mr. Richard Smith seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote.

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, November 16, 2005 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.