

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 20, 2010 – 12 Noon

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

Members:

Joe Wilson
Dan Peters
Linda Dosse
Jonathan Marshall
Adrian Cox
Josh Watkins
Ed Muire

William Pless
David Pugh
Brett Abernathy
Dan Mikkelson
Wilmer Melton
Marc Morgan

City of Concord
Town of Granite Quarry
NCDOT-TPB
Cabarrus County
Town of Mt. Pleasant
Town of Harrisburg
Rowan County
Town of Cleveland
Town of China Grove
Town of Midland
NCDOT Division 9
City of Salisbury
City of Kannapolis
NCDOT- Division 10

Others:

Phil Conrad
Jeff Young
Connie Cunningham
Thad Howell
Jack Flaherty
Rodney Harrison
Jordan Woodard
Randi Gates
Lindsay Dunevant
Tammy Corpening
Sheila Armstrong

CRMPO Director
City of Concord
CRMPO Staff
Rowan Airport
NCDOT-PTB
Salisbury Transit
NCDOT-TPB
Carolina Thread Trail
Carolina Thread Trail
Town of East Spencer
Catawba College

Call to Order & Quorum

After lunch was served, TCC Chairman Ed Muire called the October 20, 2010 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. Chairman Muire then called the roll and determined that a quorum was met. Chairman Muire continued on by asking if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Mr. Phil Conrad, CR MPO Director made a request to add a line item under reports titled, Proposed Urban Area Census Criteria. Mr. Conrad also requested that Items 4 and 5 under reports reverse their order due to a scheduling conflict with Catawba College Campaign for Clean Air. With there being no other requests for additions or corrections to the agenda heard, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to approve adding the line item and the revised agenda. Mr. Josh Watkins seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve. Chairman Muire continued on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Muire proceeded by asking for any comments or corrections to the minutes from the August 18, 2010 TCC meeting. With there being no comments or corrections heard, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Josh Watkins seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2010 meeting.

FY 2009-2015 MTIP Amendment #2

MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members, that NCDOT has requested that all MPO's statewide, amend their Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Plans (MTIP's) in order to accommodate the interstate maintenance work and various other safety improvement projects. Mr.

Conrad continued by explaining that with the adoption of the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP Conformity), the MPO's can begin to submit amendments to the MTIP for FHWA approval. Phil reminded TCC members that the last amendment was completed in May of 2009.

The current amendment before them Phil explained, includes interstate maintenance work on I-85 in both Cabarrus and Rowan Counties, as well as intersection improvements on Stokes Ferry Road and the widening and shoulder improvements to Old Beatty Ford Road. Phil then called TCC members attention to Attachment #3 a draft resolution included in their packets, for modifying the MTIP with projects I-5209, I-5210, W-5303 and W-5313. He also reviewed Item N from their packets which was a breakdown of construction cost for projects I-5209, I-5210, W-5303 and W-5313. After review, Ms. Linda Dosse made a motion to recommend that the TAC endorse Amendment #2 to the FY 2009-2015 MTIP. Mr. Dan Peters seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

FY 2010-11 UPWP Amendment #1

MPO Director Conrad reported to TCC members that CR MPO staff has received information from NCDOT that their unobligated balance of PL104 funds has been restored. Phil explained that this means the CR MPO has \$325,255 in unobligated funds that can be utilized. He continued by explaining that since the fiscal year is already in process, it would be advantageous to amend the current Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) by the amount of the restored funds which could be used on such items as planning, special studies, meetings, and etc. Director Conrad called TCC members attention to Attachment #4 in their packet which was a draft resolution to amend the current UPWP. TCC members discussed the benefits that could be achieved by obligating the funds now especially to possibly be able to do some special projects. Also in their packets was a table showing the FY2010-2011 Funding Modifications by Task Code Line Item which detailed where the addition funds could be allocated.

After all discussion was complete, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to recommend that the CR MPO TAC endorse Amendment #1 to the FY 2010-2011 UPWP. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

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. Mr. Marc Morgan, NCDOT Division 10 provided TCC members with a oral report of Division 10 projects.
- CTP Update – Ms. Linda Dosse with NCDOT-TPB thanked TCC members for their input and comments on the ongoing CTP process. She reported that after January 1, 2011 she will be bringing the CTP before the TCC members for final review.
- Granite Quarry Bypass – Phil Conrad informed TCC members that the Town of Granite Quarry has brought forward a proposed modification to the CTP. Mr. Dan Peters from Granite Quarry explained to TCC members that the Town would like to have a proposed bypass included in the CTP. Mr. Peters called members' attention to a map that was included in their packets to see exactly where the area is located. TCC members and Ms. Linda Dosse discussed when and how changes could be made to the CTP after it was completed. As a result of these discussions, Mr. Dan Mikkelson requested more information from NCDOT on what the process is to make

changes or modifications to the CTP and to what level of detail is required to make changes. Ms. Dosse will bring that information back to TCC members at the November 2010 TCC meeting. By consensus the TCC members decided to table a decision on the Granite Quarry project until the next meeting of the TCC.

- Campaign for Clean Air – Mrs. Sheila Armstrong with the Catawba College Campaign for Clean Air provided TCC members with a power point presentation explaining what Campaign for Clean Air is and what their goals include. Mrs. Armstrong also provided members with the most recent issue of A Newsletter of the Center for the Environment at Catawba College that featured the Campaign for Clean Air.
- Carolina Thread Trail – Mrs. Randi Gates and Mr. Lindsay Dunevant with the Carolina Thread Trail gave a presentation to TCC members on the CTT. They provided explanations of what the Trail is, gave a historical background of the initiative, who the partners and participants are, and how the initiative is funded. They also provided TCC members with handouts of the information they provided in their presentation. They extended an invitation to all jurisdictions to participate in the Carolina Thread Trail project and offered to provide presentations to any jurisdiction interested. A Carolina Thread Trail Forum is going to be held on December 2, 2010 and Mrs. Gates invited all to attend.
- Metrolina Model Workshop – MPO Director Phil Conrad gave a presentation on a training workshop he attended on the Metrolina Model.
- NC Mobility Fund – Director Conrad called TCC members attention to information included in their packets on the NC Mobility Fund. The first item was the North Carolina's Mobility Fund Preliminary Report dated October 1, 2010. Part of the report included proposed criteria for project selection. The report provided two scoring options that are currently being considered. Scoring Option One would be a Needs' Based Approach and Scoring Option Two would be a Benefit/Cost Approach. By consensus, TCC members agreed that MPO staff should provide NCDOT with comments on both options, but agreed that Scoring Option Two would best serve the CR MPO.

With no further discussion, TCC Chairman Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CR MPO TAC endorse Scoring Option Two. Mr. Adrian Cox seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

- Proposed Urban Area Census – MPO Director Phil Conrad provided TCC members with a handout on information regarding the 2010 Census.

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.

Adjournment

With no other business to consider, the meeting of the TCC was adjourned with a motion made by Mr. Josh Watkins and seconded by Mr. Jonathan Marshall. The next meeting will be November 17, 2010 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber.