

## **MINUTES**

### **TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

**NC Research Campus  
Kannapolis City Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Executive Conference Room  
Kannapolis, NC 28081**

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Fred Haith	NCDOT Division 9
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove
Jared Mathis	City of Salisbury
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Beth Hassenfritz	City of Kannapolis
Theo Ghitea	NCDOT Division 10
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry
George Jackson	Town of East Spencer
Michael Ambrose	Town of Landis
Craig Thomas	Town of Midland
Emily Stupka	NCDOT - TPD

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Mezak Tucker	NCDOT -Div. 9
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff
Lee Ainsworth	NCDOT–Div. 10
Sean Epperson	NCDOT-Div. 10
Tony Tagliaferri	City of Concord
Matthew Geelan	Town of Landis
Larry Pittman	Cabarrus County
Mallory Hodgson	City of Kannapolis
Phillip Craver	NCDOT – Div 9

TCC Vice Chair Mr. Michael Ambrose called the August 20, 2025 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at approximately 10:01 am. TCC Vice Chair Ambrose called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum had been met. TCC Vice Chair Ambrose then asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. With none heard, he asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, TCC Vice Chair Ambrose moved to the next item of business.

### **Approval of Minutes**

TCC Vice Chair Ambrose called members' attention to the minutes of the May 21, 2025 TCC meeting included in their packets. Vice Chair Ambrose asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Ed Muire seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2024-2033 MTIP Modification #11**

Mrs. Wendy Miller, CRMPO Staff Planner, addressed the TCC members and reported that CRMPO staff regularly brings amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. Mrs. Miller reported that the first project modifications were statewide projects: M-0570, C-5702E, HO-0024, and R-5753. The second project modification was to add utilities in FY 25 for Brenner Avenue sidewalk project (C-5603H). The third project modification was to add utilities in FY 25 for the Grants Creek Greenway project (EB-5619B). The fourth project modification was to add utilities in FY 25 to the Brenner Avenue safety project (HL-0049). The fifth project modification was to increase the cost by more than 25 percent for the Brenner Avenue safety project (HL-0049). The sixth project modification was to delay construction to FY 26 for the track improvements, second platform, and pedestrian underpass (P-5725). The seventh project modification was to increase the cost by more than 25 percent for the station building, waiting space and surface parking (P-5733). The eighth project modification was to modify the scope at the request of the Division for various sidewalks in Concord (BL-0087). The ninth project modification was to delay construction to FY 27 for the NC 49 access management improvements (HL-0062). The tenth project modification was to delay right-of-way to FY 26 for the Winecoff School Road pedestrian improvements (HS-2410A). The eleventh project was to delay construction to FY 26 for the Clark Creek Greenway (BL-0060). The twelfth project was to delay construction to FY 26 for the Little Texas Road sidewalk (EB-5844). The thirteenth project was to modify the scope of Poplar Tent Rd widening (U-3415A). She noted a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects and stated that the new STIP was effective October 1, 2023.

With little discussion or comments, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #10 to the FY 2024-2033 MTIP. Mr. Jared Mathis seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2026-2029 TIP Conformity**

Mrs. Wendy Miller, CRMPO Staff Planner reported to the TCC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO and the Metrolina Regional Partners have been working on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for the 2026-2029 TIP. She explained that the TIP Conformity Report demonstrates that the financially constrained MTP's in the Metrolina Region meet national ambient air quality standards. The report she continued, also certifies that the Transportation Improvement Program is a subset of the 2050 MTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Mrs. Miller went on to explain that this is a requirement of the Clean Air Act. She noted Attachment #4 that was an excerpt from the TIP Conformity Report. Mrs. Miller reported that a public comment period for the report would conclude on August 20th and no comments have been received to date. Phil Conrad noted that there were essentially 3 components: TIP conformity document, STIP, and the financial component. He noted recent coordination work for the transit portion of the STIP in the CR MPO area.

With no further discussion or questions, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that CRMPO TAC consider approving the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the

2026-2029 TIP and the financial prologue for the STIP. Mr. Franklin Gover seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **Rider Public Transportation Safety Action Plan**

Mr. Andy Christy, Deputy Transit Director, noted that the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) final rule (49 C.F.R. Part 673) required certain operators of public transportation systems that are recipients or subrecipients of FTA grant funds to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures necessary for implementing Safety Management Systems (SMS). He referenced the current PTASP document, which was approved by the Concord Kannapolis Area Transit Commission on June 26, 2025. He noted that the PTASP is an annual approval that has been before the MPO multiple times/years. Mr. Phil Collins made a motion to recommend the PTASP to the TAC and Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the motion. The PTASP can be found at: [www.ckrider.com/resources/documents/](http://www.ckrider.com/resources/documents/)

### **STBG Program Project Call**

Director Conrad informed the TCC members that the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) is a federal program to fund transportation infrastructure. This program he went on to state, is similar to other federal suballocation programs, requiring a 20 percent local match for those eligible projects. He noted that the MPO issued a call for project proposals for the STPBG funding, which concluded on August 8th. He highlighted a summary table 8 project requests from 6 project sponsors. The total cost of these projects is \$30.5 million (corrected). He suggested using \$24.46 in federal STPBG funds (80 percent) for all 8 projects. The associated application and narrative for these projects was included in the TCC packets. He asked each project sponsor to give a review of their respective project. After the insightful presentations, Mr. Phillip Graham asked how much funds does the MPO actually have? Director Conrad noted the \$5 million annual allocation and the estimated future reserves thru FY 2032 as opposed to the 2030 in the original NCDOT email. He also noted the likely new federal transportations bill in calendar 2026. There was some discussion about available funds with NCDOT staff cautioning that funds cannot be guaranteed. Mr. David Wasserman and Ms. Teresa Robinson (both on the phone) from NCDOT provided input in the discussions. Mr. Wasserman said that NCDOT encouraged new projects to start as soon as possible and that NCDOT advances funds for projects. Mr. Phillip Graham reconfirmed that the allocation would tie up funds through FY 2032, assuming no allocation adjustments by then.

After some discussion, Mr. Jared Mathis made a motion to approve the list of projects as presented and Mr. Jason Hord second the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

### **DRAFT 2028-2037 TIP Project Call**

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that with the recent adoption of the 2026-2035 TIP in July, the MPO is tasked with identifying and adopting the next STI list for the MPO area. He noted the first step was to have a call for new projects (all modes). The deadline for submitting new projects had concluded on May 9th. He said that there were no new submittals, and also highlighted a decrease in submittal slots by mode from 23 to 16. He further noted attachment 7 in the packets which included a list of the holding tank projects to be evaluated in

P8, for those limited slots. Director Conrad also provided a slide presentation showing the highway projects that would not make P8, and the non-highway projects that carryover into P8. Mr. Phillip Graham suggested combining the Poplar Tent projects (U-6029A and B) to free up a spot for the Weddington Road widening. Mr. Franklin Gover asked if the U-6130 intersection project was a holding tank project. Mr. Phillip Craver said that the project has to be resubmitted and is not a carryover project anymore. Mr. Ed Muire asked why the Old Mocksville Road project scored so low. Director Conrad noted the lack of right of way and high costs for the project.

Without any further questions or suggestions, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the proposed holding tank project list with the modifications that he presented. Mr. Jared Mathis seconded the motion and the TCC members voted to approve with Mr. Franklin Grover and Mr. Michael Ambrose opposing.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

**1. Local Reports – CRMPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/TPD** - Mr. Mezak Tucker, NCDOT Division 9 representative noted the updated Division 9 project spreadsheet which was included in the meeting packet. He highlighted project W-5709, which was a roundabout at NC 153.

Mr. Theo Ghitea from NCDOT Division 10 noted the updated Division 10 project spreadsheet from the packets. He noted the updated funding picture for P8, which showed minimal available funds.

**2. Federal Functional Classification Update** – Ms. Emily Stupka with TPD providing a powerpoint presentation on the Functional Classification Update. She noted that functional classification is the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems according to the character of service they are intended to provide. She stated that highways fall into one of four broad categories: principal arterials, minor arterials, collector roads, and local roads and are based on whether the area is urban or rural. She noted a change to the Bringle Ferry Road designation to major collector and showed a series of maps. No action was requested of TCC.

**3. Update on Federal Funding Swap** – Director Conrad noted that NCDOT is proposing the swapping of funding sources for several projects within the CRMPO, which could potentially help NCDOT secure additional federal funding for the state. He further explained that the funding swap involves switching \$6.7 million of CRMPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) federal funds for \$6.7 million in other flexible federal funds in the years the STBG-DA funds were programmed. He referenced an email from David Wasserman requesting the swap. After some limited discussion, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend to the TAC approval of the requested funding swap. Mr. Franklin Grover seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

**4. 2055 MTP Update and Public Survey** – Director Conrad provided a presentation slide on the 2055 MTP Update including the recently released citizen survey, MRM network review, and documentation for the modes (transit and aviation). He also referenced the upcoming Transportation Conformity for the region.

**5. FY 26 Special Studies** – Director Conrad reported that there are funds in the FY 26 budget for a special studies as has occurred in prior fiscal years. He noted the recent China Grove corridor studies.

**6. Update on FY 26 Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies** – Director Conrad noted that there are funds in the FY 26 budget for a couple of demonstration planning studies as has occurred in prior fiscal years.

**7. CMAQ Priority Submittal and Funding Update** – Director Conrad provided updated information on the remaining submittals.

### **Informational Items**

Director Conrad highlighted the following informational items included in the TCC packets:

RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership  
Craft Meeting Minutes

**Next scheduled meeting: VIRTUAL September 17, 2025**

With no further business to discuss, TCC Vice Chair Ambrose adjourned the meeting at 11:56 am.