

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Virtual Meeting

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Theo Ghitea	NCDOT Div. 10
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Mallory Hodgson	Town of Harrisburg
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry
Brian Brown	Town of Landis
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Steve Blount	Town of Spencer

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Phil Collins	Cabarrus Co.
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD
Beth Hassenfritz	Kannapolis
Andy Bailey	NCDOT-TPD
Jamie Tippett Poe	RIDER Transit
Alex Rotenberry	NCDOT IMS
Teresa Robinson	NCDOT STIP
Neda Fahim	NCDOT Div10
Victoria Bailiff	City Salisbury
Larry Smith	Granite Quarry
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff
Mark Kincaid	CTT

TCC Vice Chairman Ed Muire called the January 18,2023 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at approximately 10:00 am. Vice Chairman Muire called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum was met. Vice Chairman Muire continued by asking if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. Vice Chairman Muire reported that a request from the City of Kannapolis had been made to move Item 5 to Item 4 to accommodate a time restraint. By consensus the TCC members agreed to move Item 5 to Item 4. Vice Chairman Muire continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, Vice Chairman Muire moved to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Vice Chairman Muire called the TCC members' attention to the minutes of the November 16, 2022 TCC meeting included in their meeting packets. Vice Chairman Muire asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions being heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #16

Mrs. Wendy Miller, Senior Transportation Planner informed the TCC members that staff typically will bring amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC and TAC for consideration. The first project modification is the addition of preliminary engineering in FY 23 for the Third Street Greenway Project identified as EB-5861. Mr. Steve Blount with the Town of Spencer provided some information on the project. The second project modification is the cost increases for the US 29/US601 bridge replacement project, B-5808. The third project modification, U-3415A, is the delay in construction for the Poplar Tent Road widening to FY 2028. After reviewing the modifications in detail, Mrs. Miller directed members to attachment #3 in their packets which was a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects.

With no questions and comments, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #16 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Steve Blount seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed CMAQ Project Submittal

Mrs. Wendy Miller, Senior Transportation Planner reported that a submittal from the City of Kannapolis for the Bethpage Road sidewalk project for CMAQ or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds has been received. This is a federal funding source for areas designated non-attainment by the EPA. She stated that CMAQ funds require a local sponsor and a 20 percent local match. She noted that eligible projects must demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit to the local area. Mrs. Miller went on to say that NCDOT issued a call for new project applications with a submittal deadline by the middle of March. NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO can anticipate receiving about \$1.58 million in CMAQ funds for FY 2024. Ms. Beth Hassenfritz with the City of Kannapolis addressed the TCC members and explained the project to the members. She noted the importance of the Bethpage Road sidewalk project to the City of Kannapolis.

With minimal discussion or comments, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the CMAQ project from the City of Kannapolis. Mrs. Erin Burris seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

TAP Program Project Call

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the CRMPO issued a call for new project proposals for Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). This federal program will fund bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure and is similar to the STP-DA suballocation program, requiring a 20 percent local match for eligible bicycle and pedestrian projects. He noted that the MPO issued a call for project proposals on September 29th which concluded on December 30th. A total of 3 projects proposals were submitted by 3 project sponsors. The total cost of these projects is \$4.25 million. MPO staff would propose using \$3.4 in federal TAP funds (80 percent) through FY 2026 for these projects. He called members' attention to Attachment 4A in their packets which was a summary table of the proposed projects.

Mrs. Mallory Hodgson with the Town of Harrisburg addressed the TCC members to review the Hickory Ridge Road Sidewalk Extension project. She provided some summary slides for the

project including the cost at \$2.078 million and some rationale for why the Town submitted the project originally. The Town has completed a feasibility study and an opinion of probable cost.

The second project sponsor was Mr. Jason Hord from the Town of Granite Quarry. Mr. Hord noted the information in the TCC packet as well as the overall need for the sidewalk to connect the 2 main municipal parks in Town. He confirmed that the Town is requesting \$438,912 for their project. Mr. Phillip Graham summarized the City of Concord project and requested \$1.3 million for several sidewalks within a general vicinity. All funds would be for construction.

With minimal discussion or comments following the three presentations, Mrs. Mallory Hodgson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the three TAP project requests from the project sponsors. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2023-2024 DRAFT UPWP

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the CRMPO annually develops and adopts a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Director Conrad continued by explaining that the UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2023-2024. Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment #6 in their packets and explained the draft budget. The UPWP he went on to explain, identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. He went on to state that these projects include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the NCDOT and a line item for Regional Model and MTP Maintenance. After reviewing the draft budget, Director Conrad reported that this item will be coming back before them at a later date.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports – MPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/PTD- Mr. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 representative called members' attention to the Division 9 spreadsheet included in their packets. He reviewed some of the items on the spreadsheet.

Mr. Theo Ghitea , NCDOT Division 10 representative called the TCC members' attention to a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates and highlighted some of the ongoing projects in Division 10.

2. Grants Creek Greenway Feasibility Study Resolution of Support - MPO Director Phil Conrad reported that a resolution of support has been requested by the Town of China Grove to pursue a feasibility study for a greenway project. He reported that this was a new funding source. With no questions or comments, Mrs. Mallory Hodgson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the resolution of support as presented. Mrs. Erin Burriss seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

3. Cabarrus-Mecklenburg Greenway Connection Feasibility Study Resolution of Support - MPO Director Phil Conrad reported that a resolution of support has been requested by the Town of Harrisburg to pursue a feasibility study for a greenway project. He reported

that this was a new funding source. With no questions or comments, Mrs. Mallory Hodgson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the resolution of support as presented. Mrs. Erin Burris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

3. Special Studies Update- Rowan County, Town of China Grove and 2050 MTP Assistance- Mr. Ed Muire with Rowan County reported to members the County's Long Ferry Road Corridor Study in the land use development stage is complete and submitted for review. Director Conrad reported that the Town of China Grove reported that a charette has been completed on their second project submittal for a special study.

5. EJ Screening Tool – Mr. Alex Rotenberry with NCDOT IMD presented the TCC members with a power point presentation on the EJ Screening Tool. Mr. Rotenberry also reported that Multi-Model Planning Grants are now available as well as Micro Feasibility Studies funding for transit only, Non-Infrastructure Safe Routes to School funding, and Helmets for Kids grants.

6. Release of Census Defined Urban Area Population – Concord UA 278,612
Director Conrad informed the TCC members that the US Census had released the new UA population and boundary. He provided a series of slides to explain the impacts of the new data and geography. There were no questions or comments after the presentation.

7. Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Application and Project Call- Director Conrad reported to TCC members that a call for projects was recently released. He explained this program is similar to CMAQ funds.

Informational Items

Director Conrad called attention to the following informational items included in their packets:

RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership
TPD Newsletter
CRAFT Meeting Minutes
NC MPO Conference – April 26-28 in Greenville, NC

Next scheduled meeting : February 15, 2023

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.