

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Sean Epperson	NCDOT Div. 10
John Rhyne	NCDOT Div. 9
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Craig Thomas	Town of Midland
Devin Huston	Town of Harrisburg
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Steve Blount	Town of Spencer
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry
Curtis Cowan	Town of East Spencer
Chris Renfrow	Town of Rockwell

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff
Lee Ainsworth	NCDOT–Div. 10
Emily Stupka	NCDOT - TPD
Fred Haith	NCDOT-Div 9
Teresa Barringer	Town of China Grove
David Wasserman	NCDOT
Jared Mathis	City of Salisbury
Mallory Hodgson	City of Kannapolis
Phillip Craver	NCDOT – Div 9
Melissa Hyland	NCDOT
Teresa Robinson	NCDOT

TCC Chairman Mrs. Susie Morris called the March 19, 2025 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. TCC Chairman Morris called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum had been met. TCC Chairman Morris then asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. With none heard, she asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, TCC Chair Morris moved to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Morris called members' attention to the minutes of the January 15, 2025 TCC meeting included in their packets. Chairman Morris asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Curtis Cowan seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2024-2033 MTIP Modification #9

Mrs. Wendy Miller, CRMPO Staff Planner, addressed the TCC members and reported that CRMPO staff regularly bring amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. Mrs. Miller reported that the first

project modification shown in the agenda has been removed for further review at this time. The second project modification is to add utilities in FY 25 for the Dale Earnhardt Blvd intersection project (U-5761). The third project modification is to add utilities in FY 25 to the Derita Road widening (U-6032). The fourth and final project is to delay right-of-way to FY 26 for the Caldwell Road extension (HL-0063). Attachment 3 is a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. Mrs. Miller closed in stating the new STIP was effective October 1, 2023.

With little discussion or comments, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #9 to the FY 2024-2033 MTIP. Mr. Steve Blount seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2025-2026 Draft UPWP

Director Conrad reported to the TCC members that each year the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP is the CRMPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2025-2026. The UPWP he explained 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. These projects include CRMPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the N.C. Department of Transportation, and a line item for Regional Model and MTP Maintenance. In the fall of 2024, the NCDOT indicated that the allocation in FY 26 to the CRMPO would be \$489,250.

Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment 4A in their packets which was a draft of the 2025-2026 UPWP budget. Director Conrad provided slides to explain the budget line item by line item for the TCC members.

Director Conrad continued by stating that as part of the UPWP the Federal government is requiring all MPO's to certify their transportation planning process on an annual basis. He went on to call members' attention to Attachment 4B, which was a checklist for the CRMPO to certify the CRMPO transportation planning process. Director Conrad provided slides to review the checklist for the members. After reviewing the checklist, he called members' attention to Attachment 4C which was the Local Match table. He reported that this table had been sent to all jurisdictions to be included in their respective budgets.

Director Conrad closed by highlighting Attachment 4D which was a draft resolution adopting the UPWP. With little discussion, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider certifying the CRMPO transportation planning process. Mr. Steve Blount seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Chairman Morris then made a motion recommending that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting the FY 2025-2026 UPWP. Mr. Fred Haith seconded that motion, and the members voted unanimously to approve.

2055 MTP Draft Projects List

Director Conrad reported to the TCC members that since the anticipated release of the 2026-2035 TIP, CRMPO staff began working on updates to the draft revenue forecast for the 2055 Transportation Plan. This forecast is based on the tier system included in the Strategic Mobility Formula, and statewide forecast methodology developed by NCDOT for regional and division tier

allocations. He went on to state that these forecasts are applied to the projects listed in the 2050 Plan and most recent MPO SPOT/Priority List. He then highlighted the Draft 2055 Projects List included as Attachment #5 in their meeting packets. Director Conrad then provided the TCC members with a powerpoint presentation explaining the projects on the list and the financial assumptions. He also called attention to changes in the project list schedules.

Director Conrad went on to report that the CRMPO is requested to confirm recommendations from the last Cabarrus County Public Transportation Master Plan, which was endorsed by the Concord-Kannapolis Transit Commission in February 2025. He also noted some memos included in the meeting packet which provided additional information on the financial assumptions.

With no further discussion or questions heard, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider amending the 2055 Projects List and financial assumptions. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports – CRMPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/TPD - Mr. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 representative highlighted the updated Division 9 project spreadsheet which was included in the meeting packet. He noted several highlighted areas on the spreadsheet which were updates since the last report.

Mr. Sean Epperson, NCDOT Division 10 representative noted the spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates included in the packet and stated he had nothing additional at this time.

Mrs. Emily Stupka, NCDOT TPD had no new information to share.

Director Conrad reported that funding dates have been shifted for project EB-5732 in the DRAFT STIP.

2. DRAFT 2026-2033 STIP Release – Director Conrad reported that the DRAFT STIP was released on January 29, 2025 for public comment at drop-in sessions held at each Division Office. To date, 5 people have attended the drop-in sessions at Division 9 Office and 11 have attended the drop-in sessions at the Division 10 Office. The deadline for comments he reported, is April 4, 2025.

3. P8.0 Project Call/P7.0 Carryover Projects due May 30, 2025 - Director Conrad addressed the TCC members and reviewed the list of potential projects for carryover in the packet with the members. He reported that he has asked all jurisdictions to carefully review their submitted projects to see if they are still viable. He also noted the schedule included in the packets as well.

4. Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies - Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that all bike and ped studies have been completed.

5. Special Study Update – Mr. Franklin Gover reported to members that the Town of China Grove's Highway 152 Corridor Study is completed and has gone to their Town Council. The

Council had made some modifications and then Council approved the Study. Mr. Gover stated that they had a lot of public comments on the proposed projects in the Study.

6. CMAQ Priority Submittal and Funding Awards – It was reported that two CRMPO jurisdictions have submitted sidewalk projects for CMAQ funding currently.

7. TAP/CRP Project Call – Director Conrad reviewed the funding balances on a slide presentation and noted a memo in their packets. Mr. Franklin Gover requested that a call for TAP projects be requested from all jurisdictions by email. Ms. Teresa Robinson, NCDOT added that funding for CRP runs through FY 2026.

Informational Items

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

RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership
Next scheduled meeting: VIRTUAL April 16, 2025

With no further business to discuss, TCC Chair Morris acknowledged a motion made by Mr. Steve Blount to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Jason Hord. The meeting was adjourned.