

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

HYBRID MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

NC Research Campus
Kannapolis City Hall
401 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County*
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div. 10*
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9*
Peter Franzese	Town of Spencer
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove*
Richard Smith	City of Kannapolis
Brian Brown	Town of Landis

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director*
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div 10
Jeff Littlefield	NCDOT Div10
Roger Castillo	NCDOT TPD
David Wasserman	NCDOT STIP
Teresa Robinson	NCDOT STIP
Blake Bush	HDR
Gerald Carter	NCDOT
Alex Rotenberry	NCDOT IMD
Nastasha Earle-Young	NCDOT

*Met in person

The May 18, 2022 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by TCC Chairman Franklin Gover. Chairman Gover started the meeting by welcoming the members and called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum was met. Chairman Gover continued on by asking if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. With none heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to accept the agenda as presented and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Erin Burris. Chairman Gover continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, Chairman Gover moved to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Gover called the TCC members' attention to the meeting minutes of the January 19, 2022 and March 16, 2022 TCC meetings included in their meeting packets. Chairman Gover asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions being heard, TCC Chairman Gover made a motion to approve both of the meetings minutes as presented. Mr. Phil Collins seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

DRAFT 2024-2033 TIP

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that with the suspension of P6.0, NCDOT did not apply their methodology to rank transportation projects across the state or incorporate the local input (MPO) points and Division Engineer rankings/points. The DRAFT FY 2024-2033 TIP was recently released to the public prior to the May Board of Transportation meeting. Director Conrad explained that the TIP includes highway, bicycle, pedestrian, rail and transit projects for the fiscal years 2024 to 2033. He went on to say that the final State TIP is expected to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation in the summer of 2023.

Director Conrad continued by calling members' attention to Attachment 3A included in their packets which was the CRMPO's supplement for the Draft TIP. Director Conrad reviewed the information item by item with the members. He then moved on to Attachment 3B which was a summary table of the existing project schedules and reviewed the summary table in its entirety. Director Conrad went on to report to the members that certain projects are eligible for swaps although they must be in the same tier. Those requests must be submitted by September 2022. He reported that the City of Concord Regional Airport has requested a swap and that a letter of explanation and support are included in the meeting packet.

Director Conrad went on to call members' attention to Attachment 3C which was a power point presentation describing the development of the Draft STIP. Phil presented the presentation to the TCC members. Once completed Director Conrad asked if the members would like to work on a strategy for the one-on-one STIP coordination meeting with NCDOT. By consensus the TCC members agreed to have staff present this same information to the CRMPO TAC and let them review before discussing the need for a meeting with the STIP Unit.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #12

Director Phil Conrad reminded the TCC members that CRMPO staff typically brings amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. The first project modification in this request is the addition of a roundabout and traffic signal at NC 152 in FY 2023 for HE-0009 as an economic development project. The second project is to change the funding source to federal for B-5772 the Hurley School Road bridge. The third project is to delay construction to FY 2023 for the BL-0043 North Washington Street sidewalk. The fourth project is to delay construction to FY 2023 for P-5726A Salisbury Train station second platform and pedestrian underpass. The fifth project is to delay construction to FY 2023 for P-5719C or the acquisition of 8 rail cars. The sixth and final project is the delay in construction to FY 2023 for P-5725 Kannapolis Train station second platform and pedestrian underpass.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 4 which was a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. With no questions or comments, TCC Chairman Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing Modification #12 to the FY2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Phil Collins seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Proposed STBGP Fund Project Call

Director Phil Conrad informed the TCC members that the CRMPO would like to issue a call for project proposals for the STBGP funding. The call, Director Conrad reported would conclude on July 31, 2022. CRMPO staff received a total of 4 project requests from 3 project sponsors for the last call for projects. The total cost of these projects was \$20.4 million. Director Conrad went on to report that NCDOT staff has indicated a balance of STBGP funds in the amount of \$21.7 million thru FY 2027. The CRMPO receives a normal apportionment of about \$4 million annually, which is dependent on the TMA designation.

When Director Conrad asked for questions or comments. TCC members voiced concerns regarding the July 31st deadline for submittals. By consensus the members agreed to extend the deadline date to Friday September 2, 2022.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports – MPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/PTD - Mr. Phillip Craver, NCDOT Division 9 representative called members' attention to the Division 9 spreadsheet included in their packets. He reported he had no additional information to report but would gladly answer any questions any member had.

Mr. Stuart Basham, 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. Mr. Basham also provided information to the TCC members regarding campaign signs along roadways. Mr. Basham reported that the signs may remain in place for ten days after the election date.

Mr. Roger Castilla, NCDOT TPB called members' attention to the NCDOT newsletter.

2. 2050 Statewide Plan Public Involvement - Director Conrad reported to the TCC members that he had attended a presentation at the NCAMPO conference on the 2050 Statewide Plan Public Involvement. He has invited Mrs. Nastasha Earle-Young to present the information to the CRMPO TCC members. Mrs. Earle-Young presented the members a power point presentation on The Road to Increasing Public Engagement for Disadvantaged Individuals. The presentation covered options to provide an Actionable Public Engagement Plan. The options included ways to reach people by social media and websites, distributing Table Topic Kits, participating in university and college events, riding trains, targeting younger participation with posters, conducting school district surveys, targeting public transit systems and distribution of interest boxes at municipalities for surveys to be completed and returned.

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 Study will begin at the end of May 2022. Mr. Franklin Gover with the Town of China Grove reported that their Main Street Corridor Study will begin June 4, 2022. Director Conrad provided maps and information to the members regarding the 2050 MTP assistance.

4. MPO Staffing RFLOI Selection – CRMPO TCC Chairman Phillip Graham provided an update for the members regarding the selection process for a new service provider. The current contract with Mobility Solutions Unlimited LLC is set to conclude on June 30, 2022.

Chairman Graham reported that the opportunity was advertised for letters of interest and that one submittal was received. He went on to say that one interview was conducted by the selection committee and based upon that interview, it was decided to hire RL Conrad Associates LLC to begin work on July 1, 2022.

5. TAP Project Call- \$1.55 million – *CRMPO Director Conrad* called members' attention to an email included in the meeting packet concerning the project call. He reported that he will send out an email to all members to get interest of when to conduct the call. It was subsequently decided to conduct the call following the STPBGP call in the fall of 2022.

6. 2022 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Application Cycle - Mr. Alex Rotenberry with NCDOT IMD reported to members that the submittal time for applications for the latest call for projects had ended.

Informational Items

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

- RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit, and MTC Ridership
- CRAFT Meeting Minutes

Next scheduled meeting : June 15, 2022

With no further business to discuss, Mrs. Erin Burris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Franklin Gover seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.