

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Fred Haith	NCDOT Division 9
Teresa Barringer	Town of China Grove
Jared Mathis	City of Salisbury
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Richard Smith	City of Kannapolis
Steve Blount	Town of Spencer
Colton Fries	Town of Granite Quarry
George Jackson/Asst	Town of East Spencer
Michael Ambrose	Town of Landis

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff
Lee Ainsworth	NCDOT–Div. 10
Roger Castillo	NCDOT - TPD
Tony Tagliaferri	City of Concord
Victoria Trexler	City of Salisbury
David Wasserman	NCDOT
Mallory Hodgson	City of Kannapolis
Phillip Craver	NCDOT – Div 9
David Wasserman	NCDOT
Teresa Robinson	NCDOT
Pat Ivey	LJB, Inc.

TCC Vice Chair Mr. Michael Ambrose called the May 21, 2025 virtual meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at approximately 10:00 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 March 19, 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. Steve Blount made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2024-2033 MTIP Modification #10

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 modification is to delay construction to FY 26 for Brenner Avenue safety project (HL-0049).

She called members attention to a resolution modifying the MTIP for this project. Mrs. Miller closed in stating the new STIP was effective October 1, 2023.

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

Functional Classification System Review

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members 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. He went on to state 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. He explained that following the 2020 US Census and designation of urban area boundaries, NCDOT conducted a review of the functional classification system.

Director Conrad went on to explain that NCDOT staff have provided maps and AADT point shapefiles to conduct this review. He noted a list of the proposed functional classification system changes included in their packets as attachment 4. Director Conrad also provided a Power Point presentation to review the information in the attachment.

After the presentation was complete, he reported that all of the functional classification information had been sent to the jurisdictions on April 14, 2025, and requested that changes, corrections or new additions be made and submitted by May 9, 2025. He reported that forty submittals had been received from four jurisdictions. Director Conrad requested any additional information that Mr. Roger Castillo from NCDOT TPD could provide to the members. Mr. Castillo reported that TPD will be working throughout the summer to conduct a review, but did not know when this process might be completed. He told Director Conrad that he would find out this information and get back to him to pass onto the group.

Director Conrad closed by stating the staff continues to work on classify boundary roads between Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Counties. With no further questions or discussion, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the proposed Functional Classification System changes as presented. Mr. Richard Smith seconded the 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 #5 that was an excerpt from the previous TIP Conformity Report. Mrs. Miller reported that a copy of the report will be posted on the MPO website.

With no further discussion or questions, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to recommend that CRMPO TAC consider releasing the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2026-2029 TIP and the financial prologue for the STIP when available. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

TAP/CRP Program Project Call

Director Conrad informed the TCC members that the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) is a federal program to fund bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. This program he went on to state, is similar to the STP-DA suballocation program, requiring a 20 percent local match for those eligible bicycle and pedestrian projects.

He reported that the CRMPO issued a call for project proposals on March 20, 2025, that concluded on May 9, 2025. He stated that a total of 2 projects proposals were submitted by 2 project sponsors. He reported the total cost of these projects is \$5.682 million. He stated that NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO can anticipate receiving about \$2.85 million in federal TAP funds through FY 2030 and that CRMPO staff would propose using this balance for these projects.

Director Conrad noted attachment 6A which was a summary table of the projects. He went on to highlight Attachment 6B which was the support for these project proposals. CRP or Congestion Reduction Program funds are a federal funding source for areas across the state to reduce transportation emissions under the recent Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Project sponsors were called upon to explain and review their proposed projects.

Director Conrad explained to the members what CRP funds are and what is required to apply for these funds but then informed the members that these funds are no longer available and therefore only TAP funds are applicable. This new information created a lot of discussion by the TCC members. Mr. David Wasserman and Ms. Teresa Robinson from NCDOT provided input in the discussions. After a very lengthy discussion it was determined by consensus that a decision on recommending this item to CRMPO TAC could not be decided at today's meeting. This item was tabled.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports – CRMPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/TPD - Mr. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 representative noted the updated Division 9 project spreadsheet which was included in the meeting packet. He highlighted project U-5738 saying it was complete with a minimal punch list of things to finish up.

NCDOT Division 10 representatives were not available so Director Conrad noted a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates included in the TCC packet.

2. DRAFT 2028-2037 TIP Project Call – Director Conrad reported that the P8.0 project call is currently accepting project submittals. Currently CRMPO will need to reduce the original 23 submittals down to 16 for P8.

3. 2055 MTP Update - Director Conrad provided an update for the TCC members.

4. Rowan Transit System Section 5310 Grant Application Letter of Support - Director Phil Conrad reported to the members that Rowan Transit is requesting a letter of support from the CRMPO in support of their grant funding application. With no discussion heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to provide Rowan Transit with a letter of support from the CRMPO. Mr. Steve Blount seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

5. City of Kannapolis FY26 Community Project Letter of Support – Ms. Mallory Hodgson with the City of Kannapolis reviewed the projects for the members. After the review and with no questions, Mr. Steve Blount made a motion to provide the City of Kannapolis with a letter of support from the CRMPO. Mr. Ed Muire seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

6. 2025 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Applications – Director Conrad reported that the deadline for submitting applications is May 12, 2025.

7. Section 5310 Grant Awards – Director Conrad reported that he is on the Grant Committee and unfortunately not all funds could be awarded this cycle to the counties.

8. Update on Federal Funding Swaps – This item was tabled.

9. 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 June 18, 2025

With no further business to discuss, TCC Vice Chair Ambrose acknowledged a motion made by Mr. Phillip Graham to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Ed Muire. The meeting was adjourned.