

## MINUTES

### TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

### VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

#### Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div. 10
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9
Joel Taylor	Town of Spencer
Scott Kaufman	City of Kannapolis
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant

#### Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County
Loretta Barren	FHWA
J. Scott Miller	NCDOT Div10
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Peter Franzese	Spencer
Andy Christy	RIDER Transit
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPD
Jeff Littlefield	NCDOT Div10
Richard Virgo	NCDOT TPD
Brian Murphy	NCDOT TSU
David Wasserman	NCDOT STIP
Teresa Robinson	NCDOT STIP
Brian Mayhew	NCDOT TSU
Adam Fisher	

#### Call to Order

TCC Chairman Phillip Graham called the May 19, 2021 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. Chairman Graham welcomed the members and called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum was met. Chairman Graham continued by asking if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. With none heard, Chairman Graham continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, Chairman Graham moved to the next item.

#### Approval of Minutes

Chairman Graham called the TCC members' attention to the meeting minutes of the March 17, 2021 TCC meeting included in their meeting packets. Chairman Graham asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions being heard, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **CTP Amendment**

Director Conrad reminded the TCC members that amendments to the CTP had been incorporated into the current draft document. Recently the Town of Harrisburg and the City of Concord submitted additional amendments to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Director Conrad explained that both jurisdictions had already adopted these additional amendments as part of their respective CTP's. Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 3 in their meeting packets which were summary tables of the CTP changes.

Mr. Andy Bailey addressed the members and stated that he had concerns about some of the new locations included in the proposed amendments and reported that some may not qualify for federal funding. TCC members had questions regarding some of the amendments included by the Town of Harrisburg. Since there was no representative from the Town attending to answer questions, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to table Item 3 until more information could be gathered. TCC Chairman Phillip Graham stated that the City of Concord was agreeable to wait on the Item. Chairman Graham then seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to table the item.

## **FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #6**

Director Phil Conrad reminded the TCC members that MPO staff is sometimes requested to bring amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. A request from the last NCDOT BOT meeting was made to modify additional projects. Director Conrad called members' attention to the information included in their packets regarding the specific project modifications.

The first project modification was for the delay of construction of Y-4810K to FY2023 which is the Rogers Lake Road grade separation project. The second modification request was to EB-5619 which called for a description change to use segments A, B and C.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 4 which was a draft resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. He asked for any questions or comments regarding the information presented. With none heard, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #6 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Chairman Phillip Graham seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **2021 Draft Local Priority Methodology**

CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad reminded the members that information regarding this item was shared with them at the March 17, 2021 meeting. Director Conrad reported that NCDOT staff has indicated that Session Law 2012-84 requires the Department to develop a process for standardizing or approving MPO local input methodology. With recent changes in the way that points can be flexed between tiers, CRMPO staff has submitted a draft of the CRMPO local input methodology to NCDOT for content review. Director Conrad went on to say that after the content review the NCDOT staff will grant conditional approval to the MPO's methodology subject to public input and the CRMPO Board approval. He then called attention to Attachment 5 which was the CRMPO's local priority methodology. Director Conrad reviewed the methodology with the members and pointed out that proposed edits were located under the public input process section

of the document. He also explained that Local Input Point Flexing is a new added process and is included in the draft Local Priority Methodology document.

Mr. Stuart Basham, NCDOT addressed the members and reported that the CRMPO document is currently under review and that quantitative scores should be ready by the end of July 2021. He also explained to members that information may not go into P6.0 but will likely go into P7.0. With no other questions or comments being heard, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Draft Local Priority Methodology. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **RIDER Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan**

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) final rule, 49 C.F.R. Part 673, requires certain operators of public transportation systems that are recipients or subrecipients of FTA grand funds, to develop safety plans that include the processes and procedures necessary for implementing Safety Management Systems.

Director Conrad explained that the Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit System and the City of Concord opted to use the NCDOT Safety Plan which allowed them to draft and certify their Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan under NCDOT's framework and requirements. The Concord/Kannapolis Area Transit System is allowed to choose this option because they have less than 100 buses and are considered a small public transportation provider. Director Conrad stated that the required annual review of the PTASP was approved by the Concord Kannapolis Area Transit Commission on April 21, 2021 and by the City of Concord City Council on May 13, 2021.

Director Conrad continued by explaining that approval by the Cabarrus Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization is required for approval and certification by NCDOT. He then informed the TCC members that the 307page Plan document can be found in its entirety at the link, [ckrider.com/wp-content/uploads/2021-Public-Transportation-Agency-Safety-Plan-Final-Version.pdf](http://ckrider.com/wp-content/uploads/2021-Public-Transportation-Agency-Safety-Plan-Final-Version.pdf).

With no comments or questions heard, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider approving the Rider Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

**1. Funding Swap Request –** Mr. David Wasserman with NCDOT STIP unit provided a Power Point presentation to the TCC members regarding a \$5 million funding swap. Mr. Wasserman explained that the CRMPO controls its allotment of DA funds and that's why NCDOT is making this request to the CRMPO. The money transferred would be used on the Poplar Tent Road/Harris Road intersection, the Grants Creek Greenway and the I-85 widening overdrafts. Chairman Graham asked if there were any risks in doing this funding swap and Mr. Wasserman stated no unless the federal government was to completely shut down. Director Conrad directed members to page 41 in their packets for additional information.

With no other comments or questions, Chairman Phillip Graham made a motion to forward this request to the CRMPO TAC for their consideration. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to forward to the CRMPO TAC.

**2. STIP Amendment** – Mr. David Wasserman reported to the members that moving forward, all STIP Amendments will require Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) STIP approval before advancing projects. He explained that NCDOT is tracking all amendments to the statewide STIP to make sure this process is being followed and that CRMPO will need to develop a “Fast Track” process in the future. Director Phil Conrad asked FHWA representative Mrs. Loretta Barren if speeding up non-conformity projects will impact the conformity process. Mrs. Barren stated that it would not impact conformity.

**3. Local Reports – MPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/PTD-** Mr. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 representative reported he had nothing to add beyond the spreadsheet included in the members’ packets except that highlighted areas on the report are new since the last update.

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 reported to members that NCDOT’s Bike and Pedestrian Unit is accepting applications for projects until June 3, 2021. Mr. Basham informed the members that over 15 million pounds of debris was collected from NC roadways during the recent Litter Sweep initiative.

Mr. Ed Muire reported that Rowan County will be requesting Special Study funds for the Long Ferry Road area.

**4. Safety Presentation** - Director Conrad introduced Mr. Brian Mayhew and Mr. Brian Murphy with NCDOT Safety Planning Unit. Mr. Mayhew and Mr. Murphy provided TCC members with a Power Point presentation on Traffic Safety Data Trends and Performance Measures. Mr. Mayhew explained the NC Strategic Highway Safety Plan and Statewide Data Trends. Mr. Murphy reviewed the CRMPO Data Trends with included VMT’s, Crashes, Fatal Crashes, Serious Injury Crashes, Bike Crashes and Pedestrian involved crashes. He also explained the Safety Performance Measures by giving background information on the need to set Performance Targets.

Once the presentation was complete, Director Conrad asked Mr. Mayhew to update the members on the current study in Salisbury which is to study risks of pedestrian crashes and crash data between Spencer, East Spencer and Salisbury. In closing Director Conrad thanked both gentlemen for their presentations.

**5. STBGP Project Call Deadline** - Director Phil Conrad reported that the deadline for submissions is August 6, 2021 and requires a 10% local match.

### **Informational Items**

- RIDER Transit, Rowan Express and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information – Phil called attention to the ridership information included in their packets
- CRAFT Meeting Minutes – Director Conrad called members' attention to the minutes included in their packets.
- Next scheduled meeting is June 16, 2021.

With no further business to discuss, Director Phil Conrad adjourned the meeting.