

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

VIRTUAL & IN PERSON 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
Sushil Nepal	Town of Harrisburg
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis *
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry

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
Brielle Hartney	Concord *
Andy Christy	RIDER Transit
Randy Strait	NCDOT
Adam Fisher	Ramey Kemp
Van Argabright	NCDOT-STIP
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPD
David Wasserman	NCDOT STIP*
Zac Gordon	Kannapolis
Valerie Steele	Rowan County Airport
Burt Tasaico	NCDOT

* In Person

Call to Order

The October 21, 2020 virtual/in person meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by Chairman Wendy Brindle. After welcoming the members, Chairman Brindle called the roll of eligible TCC members and determined that a quorum was met. Chairman Brindle continued the meeting by asking if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. At that time, CRMPO Executive Director Phil Conrad addressed Chairman Brindle and requested that an item regarding a funding update be added under Reports/MPO Business. With no additional requests heard, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to accept the agenda as amended and Chairman Brindle seconded that motion. The TCC members voted unanimously to approve. Chairman Brindle asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, Chairman Brindle moved to the next item.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Brindle called the TCC members' attention to the meeting minutes of the August 19, 2020 TCC meeting included in their meeting packets. Chairman Brindle asked if there were

any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions being heard, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

2050 MTP DRAFT Projects List

MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that since the reprogramming of the 2020-2029 TIP, MPO staff has been working on a draft revenue forecast for the 2050 Transportation Plan. This forecast, Director Conrad reported 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. Director Conrad went to say that these forecasts are applied to the projects listed in the 2045 Plan and most recent MPO SPOT/Priority List. He called member attention to the Draft 2050 Projects List included in their packet as attachment 3A. Director Conrad reviewed in detail the projects lists and revenues associated with the projects.

In addition, he went on to say that the MPO is requested to incorporate the recommendations from the Cabarrus County Public Transportation Master Plan and that those projects can be found in attachment 3B also included in the meeting packet. In closing, Director Conrad called members attention to memo's included in their packets regarding the lists and revenues. He then asked for questions or discussion.

With none heard, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider releasing the 2050 MTP Projects List and financial assumptions for public comment. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2020-2029 MTIP Modification #3

Director Phil Conrad reminded the TCC members that MPO staff is at times 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 is a bridge project (B-5136) on US 29/US 601 that will utilize Build NC Bonds with construction beginning in FY 2021. The second project modification is the delay in construction to FY 2022 for a bridge project (B-5808) on US 29/US 601. The third project modification is the delay in construction to FY 2023 for a bridge project (B-5810) on NC 24/27. The fourth project modification is a bridge project (B-5813) on NC 73 that will no longer utilize Build NC Bonds with construction beginning in FY 2021. The fifth project modification is the delay in construction to FY 2024 for the Bruton Smith Blvd sidewalk project (EB-5732). The sixth project is the delay in construction to FY 2022 for the railroad track improvements in Rowan County (P-5726).

He then 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, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #3 to the FY 2020-2029 MTIP. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Draft Public Participation Policy Revisions

Director Conrad explained that with recent Federal Certification Review completion, the FHWA has suggested that the CRMPO consider some modifications to the CRMPO's Public Participation Policy in order to make it consistent with the recently adopted TCC by-laws authorizing virtual meetings. Director Conrad continued by stating that any revisions to the Public Participation Policy requires a 45-day public comment period or review. Director Conrad explained that the public comment period will end in two days on October 23rd and that no comments had been received as yet. He called members' attention to Attachment 5 which was a DRAFT Public Participation Policy for the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO. He went on to review and explain in detail the changes and language of the policy.

Once the review was complete, he asked for any questions or comments. With none being heard, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC adopt the DRAFT Public Participation Policy. Chairman Brindle then seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Federal Certification Review

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that due to the federal designation as a Transportation Management Area (TMA), the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO is required to participate in a Federal Certification review every 4 years. This review is conducted by the FHWA and certifies whether the MPO has a valid transportation planning process. The FHWA conducted the most recent review on July 28th virtually. MPO staff completed a multi-page desk audit in advance of the virtual review. He called TCC members attentions to a summary of the findings of this review and a corresponding executive summary included in the TCC packets as attachment 6.

Director Conrad continued by introducing Mrs. Loretta Barren with FHWA to provide a summary of the certification process and the outcomes. Mrs. Barren walked the TCC members through the certification process and pointed out specific items that are considered during the review. She reported that the CRMPO had achieved three commendations which she highlighted and had no corrective actions. In closing Mrs. Barren outlined some recommendations for a few items that FHWA would like to see included in the future.

Director Conrad thanked Mrs. Barren and FHWA staff who conducted the review as well as City of Concord staff and MPO staff.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports - MPO/TPD/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Fred Haith, NCDOT Division 9 representative reported he had nothing to add beyond the spreadsheet included in the members packets. Mr. Stuart Basham, representative for Division 10

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 that NCDOT had recently released the Crash Data for North Carolina.

2. NC Moves 2050 Plan Public Comment- Mr. Van Argabright and Mr. David Wasserman reminded the TCC members that NCDOT made a request back in August to borrow funds from the CRMPO to get projects moving all over the State. They explained that NCDOT is now moving forward to get those projects moving again that are completely ready to begin work right now. Their request at this meeting is for the CRMPO to provide them a list of the shovel ready projects and to prioritize them.

Director Conrad stated that he would send an email out to all of the TCC members as to what is being requested and get their input on creating the list and prioritizing the projects on it. He also called members attention to a website shown in their agenda that provides further information.

3. COVID-19 Funding Impacts – Director Conrad introduced Mr. Burt Tasaico with NCDOT who provided the TCC members with a power point presentation regarding the financial impacts COVID-19 has had on the State and in turn NCDOT as well as Federal funding. Phil reported to the TCC members that an email will be sent out to everyone containing the power point presentation.

4. Rowan Transit System Section 5310 Grant Application Letter of Support – Director Conrad directed the TCC members to information included in their packets regarding the Rowan Transit System's Section 5310 Grant Application. Rowan Transit is asking the CRMPO for a letter of support to accompany their application. With no questions or discussions heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the TAC send a letter of support and Chairman Brindle seconded the motion. The TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

5. P6.0 Tentative Schedule - Director Conrad reported to the members that the SPOT Team has met and will move forward on scoring submitted projects.

6. CTP Amendment-High Capacity Transit Corridor – Director Phil Conrad called the members attention to the information included in their meeting packets and said that the process is beginning. He reported that he will be sending out an email with additional information.

7. Travel Markets – Director Conrad called members attention to the information included in their packets and explained the content to the members.

Informational Items

- RIDER Transit, Rowan Express and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information – Phil called attention to the ridership information included in their packets
- Salisbury Transit System VW Settlement Program Award- Director Conrad congratulated the City of Salisbury.
- 2020 US Census Supreme Court Decision
- Cabarrus Chamber State of the Region Virtual Summit- Director Conrad reported that Part I of the Summit will be held on October 23rd and that Part II will be held in November 2020
- CRAFT Meeting Minutes – Director Conrad called members attention to the minutes included in their packets.
- Next scheduled meeting is November 18, 2020.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed by a second from Chairman Brindle. The meeting was adjourned.