

# MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

### VIRTUAL MEETING

#### Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Theo Ghitea	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
Richard Smith	City of Kannapolis
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry
Curtis Cowan	Town of East Spencer

#### Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Wendy Miller	MPO Staff
Scott Miller	NCDOT–Div. 10
Emily Stupka	NCDOT - TPD
Loretta Barren	FHWA
Teresa Barringer	Town of China Grove
Brielle Hartney	City of Concord
Tony Tagliaferri	City of Concord
Mallory Hodgson	City of Kannapolis
Jason Myers	NCDOT - Rail
Sean Epperson	NCDOT– Div. 10
George Jackson	Town of East Spencer
Lee Ainsworth	NCDOT - Div. 10

TCC Chairman Ed Muire called the October 16, 2024 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at approximately 10:00 am. TCC Chairman Muire called the roll of eligible TCC members and it was determined that a quorum had been met. TCC Chair Muire then asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. By consensus the members approved the agenda with no adjustments.

TCC Chair Muire continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, TCC Chair Muire moved to the next item of business.

### **Approval of Minutes**

TCC Chairman Muire called the members' attention to the minutes of the August 21, 2024 TCC meeting included in their packets. Chairman Muire asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to accept the minutes as presented Mr. Richard Smith seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **FY 2024-2033 MTIP Modification #6**

Mrs. Wendy Miller, CRMPO Staff Planner reminded the TCC members that the CRMPO staff regularly brings amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration. The first project modifications were statewide project

additions: HB0099-A, HB-0099B, HB-0099C, C-5600VA, HB-9999A, HB-9999B, and HB9999C. The second project modification is to delay construction to FY 26 for the Concord sidewalks (BL-0087). The third project modification is to delay right-of-way to FY 25 for the US 601/Flowe Store Road intersection project (C-5603I). The fourth project is to add right-of-way and utilities in FY 25 for the Grants Creek Greenway project (EB-5619C). The fifth project is to remove the Jake Alexander Boulevard sidewalk project (BL-0034). The sixth and final project is to reflect the cost increase by \$2 million and the 25 percent threshold for the NC 73 widening west of the county line (R-5706A). After explaining the modifications, Mrs. Miller noted Attachment 3 which was a *Draft* resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. Mrs. Loretta Barren with FHWA reminded the members that projects BL-0034 and R-5706A would need to go through a public comment period before being considered for approval.

With no further discussion or comments, Chairman Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #6 with the exception of projects BL-0034 and R-5706A to the FY 2024-2033 MTIP. Mr. Jason Hord seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **STI Funding Request**

Mr. Theo Ghitea with NCDOT Division 10 addressed the TCC members and explained that the Division has requested funds for the installation of interchange lighting at the interchange of I-85 and George W Liles Pkwy. This is currently the only interchange on I-85 in Cabarrus County that does not currently have interchange lighting installed. Mr. Ghitea reported that NCDOT does not have a dedicated funding source for interchange lighting outside interstate widening or interchange improvement projects. He went on to state that Division 10 staff evaluated the crashes at the intersection and while the majority of the crashes were occurring during daylight hours, the State Traffic Engineer was willing to commit some safety funds toward the project.

Mr. Ghitea reported to the members that the Cities of Kannapolis and Concord have agreed to support the project financially as indicated by attachment 4A which was in the TCC meeting packet. The Cities and Division 10 would request STP funds from the CRMPO for this project as the federal match. Mr. Ghitea went on to state that Division 10 staff anticipate the total cost of the project would be \$1 million. He said the Division is requesting \$800,000 federal funds from the CRMPO's STP account.

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad then highlighted Attachment 4B which was an accounting of available STP funds.

With little discussion, Mr. Richard Smith made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the STP funding request. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **RIDER Transit System Program of Projects (POP)**

Director Phil Conrad reminded the TCC members that the RIDER Transit System's Program of Projects (POP) is a list of proposed FTA grant requests to support the operations of RIDER Transit in Fiscal Year 2025. As in the past, RIDER Transit has elected to use the CRMPO's Public Involvement procedures to process this annual requirement. Phil reported that Attachment 7 is the POP. He also reported that the public comment period had been held and concluded.

With no questions or comments heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the RIDER Transit System's POP. Mr. Franklin Gover seconded that motion and the CRMPO TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **PERFORMANCE-BASED PLANNING: SAFETY TARGETS**

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that federal transportation legislation requires that State DOTs and MPOs adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan transportation planning process. He explained that NCDOT has released the next round of safety targets for North Carolina, and it is up to each MPO to either adopt these targets or devise their own targets and is an annual requirement.

The proposed safety targets he went on to report, will be published on the CRMPO's website. He called members' attention to Attachment 6 which was a draft resolution in support of the new safety targets for 2025.

With no questions or discussion, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider releasing the Safety Targets for public comment. Mrs. Erin Burris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **Reports/CRMPO Business**

**1. Local Reports – MPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/TPD** - Mr. John Rhyne, NCDOT Division 9 representative reviewed the updated Division 9 project spreadsheet which was included in the meeting packet. He reviewed some of the updates with the TCC members and noted any changes that are highlighted on the spreadsheet.

Mr. Theo Ghitea, NCDOT Division 10 representative reviewed the spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates and noted some of the ongoing projects in Division 10.

Ms. Emily Stupka, NCDOT TPD referenced the NCDOT newsletter in the TCC packets. She also reported to members that a new NCDOT website is available regarding funding in transportation. She also called attention to some available webinars.

**2. TIP Priority STI Regional Impact Project Results** – Director Conrad reported on the Rowan County projects that will receive some level of funding in the Draft STIP.

**3. Rail Corridor ID Update** – Mr. Jason Myers with the NCDOT Rail Division presented a power point presentation to the TCC members regarding the updates.

**4. CMAQ Priority Submittal and Funding Awards** - Director Conrad informed the members that the Town of Harrisburg was awarded funding for their roundabout project and the City of Salisbury was awarded funding for the Brenner Avenue sidewalk project recently.

**5. Special Study Update** – Mr. Franklin Gover reported to members that the Town of China Grove's study is wrapping up and has gone to the Planning Board as an introduction of the project.

**6. FY25 Special Studies (2025 MTP/CTP) Update** – Director Conrad reported that the update was included in their packet as information and additional details will be provided at a future meeting.

**7. Amendment #1 to the FY UPWP** – This amendment will be presented in 2025.

**8. FY 25 Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies** – Director Conrad reported that the Town’s of Cleveland and Rockwell will be receiving studies for their towns in 2025.

**9. Upcoming CRMPO TCC Meetings** – Director Conrad reported to the members that after the survey regarding virtual or in person TCC meetings was completed it was determined that some members would like to see less virtual meetings held during the year. The general consensus was also that monthly in person meetings were not necessarily needed. After discussion among the membership, it was determined that the TCC would meet in person every January and August with the opportunity to explore other in person meetings should the need arise.

After no further questions or discussions were heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion that the CRMPO TCC would meet annually in January and August beginning in 2025 with the opportunity to explore other in person meetings should the need arise. Chairman Ed Muire seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Informational Items**

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

RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership  
TPD Newsletter

**Next scheduled meeting: November 20, 2024**

With no further business to discuss, TCC Chair Muire made a motion to adjourn the meeting and by consensus the meeting was adjourned.