

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday January 18, 2006 – 12 Noon

Salisbury City Hall

Members:

Ed Muire
Jeff Young
Dan Mikkelson, Chair
Lindsey Hobbs
Chris Moore

Leah Wagner
Jack Flaherty
Mike Byrd
Joe Wilson
Brett Abernathy
Linda Dosse

Rowan County
City of Concord
City of Salisbury
City of Kannapolis
Midland, Harrisburg
& Mt. Pleasant
NCDOT – Division 10
NCDOT - Transit
Cabarrus County
City of Concord
NCDOT – Division 9
NCDOT - TPB

Others:

Phil Conrad MPO Planner
Mike Nunn MPO Director
Randy Bass CCTS
Rodney Harrison Salisbury Transit
Rockne Bryant NCDOT - TPB
Connie Cunningham MPO Staff

Call to Order

The TCC Chairman Dan Mikkelson called the January 18, 2006 TCC meeting to order. Chairman Mikkelson welcomed the members. Since this meeting was the beginning of a new year, Chairman Mikkelson asked everyone to introduce themselves. TCC Chairman Mikkelson then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With no additions or corrections coming from the TCC members, TCC Chairman Mikkelson continued on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Mikkelson asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the October 19, 2005 TCC meeting. Mr. Jeff Young made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Chris Moore seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

Nomination and Election of TCC Vice-Chairman

TCC Chairman Mikkelson informed the TCC members that Mr. Rodger Lentz, who had been voted at the last TCC meeting to act as Vice-Chairman for 2006, has resigned his position at the Cabarrus County Planning Department, therefore leaving the position of TCC Vice-Chairman vacant. Chairman Mikkelson reported to the TCC members that the position needed to be filled with a member from Cabarrus County, per the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO Memorandum of Understanding. With little discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson nominated Mr. Wilmer Melton to serve as Vice-Chair of the TCC. Mr. Jeff Young seconded the motion with the condition that it be verified that Mr. Melton's residence is located in Cabarrus County. The TCC members voted unanimously to approve the motion and second.

Draft FY 2006-2007 UPWP

Mr. Phil Conrad presented the FY 2006-2007 Draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Phil reported to TCC members, that each year the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO develops and adopts this program. The UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2006-2007. He went on to say that the UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies and the funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the FY 2006-2007. These projects include MPO planning activities undertaken by local agencies, the NC Department of Transportation, and a new line item for Regional Model and Long Range Transportation Plan Maintenance to be performed by the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO, Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) and NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT). Projects also included are urbanized area transit related planning functions conducted by the RIDER Transit system.

Mr. Conrad also presented the TCC members with the budget for the 20 percent local match and explained how the amounts are allocated for each jurisdiction. Phil explained to the TCC members that they will not be required to take any action on the budget until sometime in early March. CRMPO staff wanted to present the budget now in order to allow jurisdictions to use these figures to plan their local budgets.

City of Salisbury Bicycle Plan Grant Application

TCC Chairman Dan Mikkelson reported to the TCC members that the City of Salisbury has completed an application for grant funding for a municipal Bicycle Plan. Chairman Mikkelson continued by explaining that as part of this grant application process, North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is requesting that the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO support their application with a resolution in support of the City of Salisbury's Bicycle Plan. At this time, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the TAC endorse the City of Salisbury's Grant application for a Bicycle Plan and authorize a letter of support from the MPO. Mr. Lindsey Hobbs seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote of support.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports -MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – NCDOT Division staff member Leah Wagner reported on pending projects for Division 10. Brett Abernathy from Division 9 provided a handout of project updates for Division 9 projects.
- Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets - Phil Conrad reviewed a letter from the TCC members packets that was sent by NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR) in regard to the development of motor vehicle emissions budgets. The letter explains that the NC Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ) is in the process of determining motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEB'S) for the state. The letter refers to the debate going on in our region about how these budgets are determined and allocated. Phil went on to reference the three reasons stated in the letter, as to why it is the recommendation of NC DAQ that MVEB'S should be set at the county level. Mr. Jeff Young added that he serves on the Metrolina Regional Executive Committee that has been discussing this issue and that it appears to be the most practical way to allocate the MVEB'S. With no further discussion, Mr. Mike Byrd made a motion to recommend to TAC that they endorse the letter from NCDENR and the recommendations in it from NCDAQ. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote.

- Metrolina Regional Model Maintenance Update 2005-2006 – Phil Conrad reminded the TCC members that the Metrolina Regional Model was completed in late 2005. Now the model must be maintained and as new data becomes available it must be updated. The data within the model came from NCDOT, SCDOT and the four MPO's in the Metrolina region. It is up to the staff from these agencies to provide updated data from several sources. Phil went on to provide examples of different scenarios for sharing the costs involved in maintaining the model. After careful review of these options by TCC members, Mr. Chris Moore made a motion for the TCC to make a recommendation to TAC to endorse the Urbanized Area population based cost sharing for maintenance of the model or \$7500 per year. Mr. Lindsey Hobbs seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote.
- 2006 Transportation Conformity for MUMPO/NCDOT – Phil Conrad explained that FHWA is requiring MUMPO to perform another conformity on their LRTP due inconsistencies between the Environmental document (FONSI Finding of No Significant Impact) or their LRTP regarding the Monroe Bypass. A section of the Bypass was not included in the LRTP nor the Monroe Thoroughfare Plan because it is unbuildable, but must be included in the Environmental document in order for the other two sections of the project to proceed. The amendment to the MUMPO LRTP will trigger a new conformity for the Metrolina non-attainment area. The CR MPO will be responsible for releasing the new conformity report for public review and adoption. The CR MPO LRTP will not be affected and more info will be provided at future TCC meetings
- CRAFT Executive Committee Meeting/ January 30, 2006 Hosted by the Gaston MPO – Phil called the TCC members attention to the CRAFT agenda included in the meeting packets. He informed TCC members that the primary focus of the meeting will be on funding issues.

Information Items

- Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad called the TCC members attention to the ridership information included in their packets

Adjournment

With no other business to consider, Mr. Mike Byrd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and all TCC members voted unanimously to adjourn. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce.