

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 21, 2015

NC Research Campus
UNC Building
500 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

Members:

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Justin Price	Town of Granite Quarry
Zac Gordon	City of Kannapolis
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Diane Hampton	NCDOT - Div. 9
Linda Dosse	NCDOT - TPB
David Pugh	Town of Midland
Scott Cole	NCDOT - Div 10
Josh Watkins	Town of Harrisburg
Ed Muire	Rowan County, Town of Cleveland, Town of Spencer

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Rodney Harrison	City of Salisbury
Jamal Alavi	NCDOT-TPB
Loretta Barren	FHWA
James Lim	NCDOT- PTD
Stuart Basham	NCDOT- Div 10
LJ Weslowski	RIDER
Phil Graham	City of Concord

Call to Order

TCC Chairman David Pugh called the January 21, 2015 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. His first order of business was to call the roll of eligible TCC members. Once he determined a quorum had been met, Chairman Pugh asked that guests please be introduced. Mr. Zac Gordon, newly appointed TCC Representative from the City of Kannapolis was introduced.

Chairman Pugh continued by asking if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, he asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With no one coming forward, Chairman Pugh moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Pugh called member's attention to the minutes of the November 19, 2014 TCC meeting which were included in their meeting packets. He asked members for any comments or corrections to those minutes. With no comments or corrections being heard, Ms. Wendy Brindle made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Nomination and Election of TCC Vice-Chair

TCC Chairman Pugh reported The Cabarrus-Rowan TCC Bylaws state that a new TCC Vice-Chair must be elected each year. He indicated that as the previous year's Vice-Chair, he rotated to the Chair position for 2015. He stated that the TCC would need to nominate and elect a Vice-Chair from Rowan County for 2015. It was noted that limited number of jurisdictions from Rowan send representatives to the TCC. With little discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson nominated Wendy Brindle to be the Vice-Chair for 2015 and Ms. Susie Morris seconded the motion. There were no other nominations.

DRAFT 2016-2025 TIP and Conformity

CR MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank all modes of transportation projects across North Carolina and incorporated the quantitative scores with the local input (MPO) points and Division Engineer rankings/points. The DRAFT FY 2016-2025 TIP was released to the public at the December Board of Transportation meeting. The TIP includes highway, bicycle, pedestrian, rail and transit projects for the fiscal years 2016 to 2025. The final State TIP is expected to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation in the spring of 2015.

Phil called TCC members' attention to Attachment #4A in their packets which was the MPO Supplement for the Draft TIP, a summary table of the existing and new projects, and a schedule for completing the conformity analysis on the TIP document. He asked NCDOT Division 9 to come forward and give a presentation in the Division 9 projects. Ms. Diane Hampton noted the \$780 million in the Draft TIP for Division 9 minus the bridge projects. She noted the I-85 project as well as the widening of Julian Road, extension of Newsome Road, and Runway Extension for Rowan County Airport. She highlighted a few unmet needs: widening of NC 150 west, Old Beatty Ford Road Interchange, and Main Street widening in southern Rowan. It was noted that the majority of the project revenue was on the statewide tier for the I-85 project. Mr. Scott Cole noted that there was \$1.4 billion for Division 10 projects in the Draft TIP, which is about 15 percent of the statewide pot. He highlighted the committed projects: U-3440, U-4910B, I-3802A, and R-2246B. He noted that there were no statewide eligible projects in Cabarrus County. He revealed the progress of the following new projects: EB-5732, AV-5731, AV-5732, U-5806, AV-5760, U-5773, and R-5706. He also mentioned a series of projects as unmet needs: U-4910A, R-2246A, U-3415, etc. He paused for questions and stated that the MPO receives about \$3 million annually in Direct Allocation funds that could be considered for these unmet need projects. (DA funds can only be spent on major collector or above projects and NCDOT will consider providing the non-federal match. He concluded that the Division likes the Derita Road and Poplar Tent projects because they are already in the project planning process. Mr. Joe Wilson echoed this statement and indicated the City of Concord's support for these projects as well as other projects involving matching funds by the City. Mr. Wilson made a motion to recommend that the TAC consider applying the MPO's DA funds to the Derita Road and Poplar Tent Road projects, which was seconded by Zac Gordon from the City of Kannapolis. Mr. Pugh asked for any other discussion. There was some debate about how these projects would affect the future DA balance with members suggesting that Mr. Wilson withdraw his motion. After considerable conversation, Mr. Pugh called for a vote. The motion died with 5 voting for and 8 voting against the motion. The TCC asked that the TAC receive further information on the project options for the DA discussion at their meeting in late January.

Mr. Conrad noted that a TIP Conformity Schedule was in the TCC packets. He stated that there would be an interagency meeting at the end of February to discuss final project lists. He concluded with dates for the public meetings in Division 9 and 10 on the DRAFT STIP.

DRAFT 2015-2016 UPWP

Phil Conrad reported that each year the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO develops and adopts a unified planning work program (UPWP). The UPWP is the MPO budget and follows the state fiscal year 2015-2016. He explained that the UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. He reviewed the DRAFT UPWP with the members and indicated that it would come back in final form at a later date. He stated that the Ramp Meter Study would remain in FY 2014-15. Ms. Linda Dosse asked that members forward any task requests for next fiscal year to her. Phil concluded by highlighting the local match table that shows the dues for the next fiscal year.

Request from Salisbury Transit

Rodney Harrison introduced this item and indicated that the City of Salisbury must obtain direct recipient status from the MPO Board in order to be eligible for federal transit operating funds. He explained that CK Rider is the only recipient of 5307 funds now. He explained that NCDOT has indicated that Salisbury Transit is no longer eligible for 5311 funds, which totals about \$375,000. He said that Salisbury Transit projects would be included in the MPO's MTIP and MTP in the future. He estimated that Salisbury Transit would receive about \$600,000 in 2014 out of a total \$1 million grant to the UZA. He noted that Salisbury Transit was waiting final approval from FTA for Direct Recipient status. He also stated that Cabarrus County would be following up for federal grantee status soon in order to apply for federal funds. Phil Conrad noted that the last time a recipient status was requested was in 2003 for CK Rider. Ms. Wendy Brindle with the City of Salisbury made the motion to recommend to TAC the resolution endorsing the City's request and Mr. Zac Gordon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

FY 2012-2018 MTIP Amendment #11

Phil Conrad noted a series of amendments from a recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agenda. These project amendments are to expedite planning and environmental study on the following new STI projects: AV-5754 Rowan County Airport Runway Extension, U-5738 Julian Road Widening, U-5820 Newsome Road Extension, R-5706 NC 73 Widening, U-5761 NC 3 Intersection Improvements, U-5773 Concord Lake Road Widening, and U-5806 Concord Mills Blvd Flyover. Mr. Joe Wilson with the City of Concord made the motion to recommend to TAC the resolution endorsing MTIP Amendment #11 and Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Ms. Diane Hampton from NCDOT Division 9 reviewed a spreadsheet of updates on the Rowan County projects and highlighted a public workshop to be held on Kimball Road in March 2015. Mr. Stuart

Basham from Division 10 noted the final inspection on the 485/85 Interchange with the last section to open in April. He stated that the next section of George Liles Parkway will open in spring 2016.

- ✓ CTP Update – Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT TPB reported to TCC members on the status of the updating of the CTP which is currently underway. She noted the upcoming deficiency analysis and alternatives analysis.
- ✓ Ramp Meter Study – Phil Conrad noted the Ramp Meter Study would be getting underway soon.
- ✓ Air Quality Update – Phil Conrad explained that a new 8 hour ozone standard has been proposed nationwide. He explained that US EPA is taking comments until March 17, 2015. He referred to a series of maps indicating the geographic impact if the standard is lowered and a resolution in the TCC packets affirming the existing standard of 75 ppb. Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to refer the resolution to the TAC for their consideration and Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- ✓ Southeastern States “Every Day Counts Regional Summit” – Ms. Loretta Barren, FHWA noted the recent Summit where innovative technical initiatives were highlighted: signal systems, interchange configurations, training for first responders, etc. She stated that the FHWA added the Regional Models of Cooperation to followup on a workshop held in August 2014 in Charlotte. She mentioned performance measures and planning techniques as potential initiatives. She stated that the State EDC Councils (STIC) would be reviewing initiatives to pursue over the next 2 years and there was some matching grant funds available. Phil Conrad added that it appeared that the NC delegation would be looking at the Regional Model Planning tasks for the Charlotte Region only, which would be different from previous statewide applications.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TCC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- Next scheduled meeting is February 18, 2015.

Adjournment

With no other business to be considered, Chairman Pugh adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm.