

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 20, 2013

Concord Fire Station #9 Community Room
1020 Ivey Cline Road
Concord, NC 28027

Members:

Dan Mikkelson
Joe Wilson
Bill Feather
Kris Krider
Jonathan Marshall
Ed Muire
Josh Watkins
F.E. Isenhour
Marc Morgan
Diane Hampton
Ed Muire
Linda Dosse

City of Salisbury
City of Concord
Town of Granite Quarry
City of Kannapolis
Cabarrus County
Town of Spencer
Town of Harrisburg
Town of East Spencer
NCDOT-Div. 10
NCDOT-Div. 9
Town of Cleveland & Rowan County
NCDOT-TPB

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Director
Loretta Barren FHWA
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff
L.J. Weslowski RIDER
Jack Flaherty NCDOT-Transit
Rob Walter Concord Airport
Wilmer Melton City of Kannapolis

Call to Order

The March 20, 2013 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by TCC Chairman Jonathan Marshall. Chairman Marshall welcomed the members and guests. Chairman Marshall then requested that all those present introduce themselves. After introductions were made, TCC Chairman Marshall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none being heard, TCC Chairman Marshall continued by reading the NC Ethics requirements and asked that anyone having a conflict of interest with any item during the meeting to please refrain from participating in that item. Moving on to the next item, Chairman Marshall asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard, he moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Marshall called TCC members' attention to the minutes of the January 16, 2013 TCC meeting. He asked TCC members for any comments or corrections to the minutes. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Dan Mikkelson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mr. Kris Krider seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes.

2008 Ozone Standard Transportation Conformity Report

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad informed TCC members that the new Ozone standard was originally proposed under the Bush Administration. Under the current Ozone standard, Phil continued, the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources is required to propose non-attainment boundaries each time a new ozone standard is promulgated. As a result, the Charlotte Region is the only non-attainment area in the State under this new standard.

Phil went on to explain that a few rural townships in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties were exempted from the non-attainment area under this new standard. Under this federal standard, the CRMPO area needed to complete a conformity determination on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). Phil called members' attention to two pages of spreadsheets in their packets that outlined the Emissions Comparison Summary's for Mecklenburg, Union, Cabarrus, Rowan, Gaston, Lincoln and Iredell Counties for the 2008 Eight (8) Hour Ozone Standard. After review of the data on the spreadsheets, Phil reported that an advertised public comment period was ending soon and thus far, no comments had been received. At this point, Phil asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Dan Mikkelson and Mr. Ed Muire asked if the CRMPO was doing all it could to reach the public for a comment period sufficiently. Phil redirected the question to Mrs. Loretta Barren of the FHWA who explained that considering the limited understanding the public has on the data in the report, that public input was sufficient. With no further discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC considering adopting the 2008 Ozone Standard Report. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Socioeconomic Projections

Phil explained that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is currently one of four MPO's in the proposed non-attainment Charlotte Region. MPO Staff has worked to compile and project population and employment for the three horizon years in the Metrolina Regional Model, those years being 2020, 2030 and 2040. Phil called members' attention to Table 1: Population Projects and Table 2: Employment Projections for Rowan and Cabarrus Counties. Phil reported that the 2010 projections were set by the US Census and by a local phone verification of major employers. After review of the projections, Phil asked if there were any questions or comments on the information.

Mr. Bill Feather reported that he was not confident in some of the US Census information for his jurisdiction. With no other questions or comments being heard, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the TAC consider endorsing the socioeconomic projections for Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. Mr. Dan Mikkelson provided a second and the TCC members approved the motion with Mr. Bill Feather voting no.

FY 2013-2014 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Phil Conrad reminded the TCC members that each year, the Cabarrus Rowan MPO must develop and adopt a Unified Planning Work Program. This UPWP is the MPO's budget for the State fiscal year 2013-2014. Phil called the TCC members' attention to Attachment 5A in their packets and reviewed it with them. Phil explained that the UPWP lists the planning tasks, responsible agencies, and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be performed within the CRMPO planning area.

Phil continued by stating that as part of the UPWP, the Federal government requires all MPO's to certify their transportation planning process on an annual basis. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5B also in their packets, that was a detailed checklist for the Cabarrus Rowan MPO to use to certify their planning process. At this point Phil asked if there were any questions. With none heard, Phil went on to review the primary funding sources with the TCC members.

Phil reported that these projects include MPO planning activities done by local agencies, the NCDOT, and also includes a line item for Regional Model and LRTP Maintenance. He referred TCC members to Attachment 5C which was a five year planning calendar for fiscal years 2013-2018. Phil stated that this calendar is required by NCDOT and was developed in coordination with the annual UPWP.

At this time, Phil concluded by asking for questions or comments. With none heard, Mr. F.E. Isenhour made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider certifying the Cabarrus Rowan MPO

transportation planning process and consider adopting the 2013-14 UPWP. Mr. Bill Feather seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Director Phil Conrad called members' attention to the MOU included in their agenda packets. The MOU Phil reported, outlines the roles and responsibilities of the MPO and its member jurisdictions. Phil continued by stating that MPO staff presented this *Draft* MOU to the TCC at the February 2013 meeting. Phil reminded members that emails had been sent out since the February meeting requesting any suggestions for the MOU content with a March 11, 2013 deadline for submittals. Phil reported that none had been received as of March 20, 2013.

Phil called TCC members' attention to the *Draft* Final MOU included in their packets as Attachment #6. After review of the MOU with members, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC approve the *Draft* Final MOU as presented. Mr. Kris Krider seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Ms. Diane Hampton from NCDOT Division 9 provided TCC members with a spreadsheet of updates on the Rowan County projects. Mr. Marc Morgan provided TCC members with a handout of Division 10 project updates and reviewed them as well. Mr. Rob Walter, Concord Regional Airport, gave a brief update on the air traffic control tower funding situation.
- Concord CTP Map Revision - Mr. Joe Wilson provided a power point presentation and maps showing the location of a roadway directional change that the City of Concord would like to have changed on the CTP map. After a detailed explanation of the map was complete. Ms. Linda Dosse explained that map revisions could be completed and brought back to the TCC members at their April meeting. With no more questions or comments heard, Mr. Bill Feather made a motion to approve the roadway directional change being proposed by the City of Concord and that as soon as the CTP is revised releasing the draft changes for public comment. Mr. Josh Watkins seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.
- CTP Index Update – Ms. Linda Dosse reported that she is continuing to work on completing the index.
- 2035 LRTP Amendment and Conformity – Ms. Linda Dosse made a request to have project I-3802A moved into a different horizon year (2025). Linda reported this shift would allow the projects on I-85 to proceed as planned.
- Long Range Planning Overview – Presentation provided by Linda Dosse.
- STP Funding to the Cabarrus Rowan Area – Phil explained that a very detailed presentation was done at the TCC and TAC Joint meeting in February regarding explanation of the STP funding. Mrs. Loretta Barren added information regarding the TA (Transportation Alternative) Project funds. She explained that FHWA is in the process of educating NCDOT on the allocation of these types of funds.
- 2040 LRTP Project List – Phil reported to TCC members that this item was included as information.

- 2010 Census Boundary Agreement – Phil called members' attention to a copy of the MOU between MUMPO and CR MPO regarding their MPO boundaries as a result of the 2010 Census.

Information Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express and RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TCC members' attention to the ridership information included in their packets.
- Senate Bill 29 – NC Railroad Dividends
- Letter from Public Transit Division – MPO staff will email out to everyone.
- NC MPO Conference – May 15-17

Adjournment

With no other business to consider, Ms. Linda Dosse made a motion to adjourn the March 20, 2013 meeting of the CR MPO TCC. Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be April 17, 2013.