

# MINUTES

## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, August 18, 2010 – 12 Noon**

Salisbury City Hall  
217 South Main Street  
Salisbury, North Carolina 28146

### Members:

Joe Wilson  
Dan Peters  
Linda Dosse  
Jonathan Marshall  
Adrian Cox  
Josh Watkins  
Ed Muire

William Pless  
Richard Flowe  
Brett Abernathy  
Wendy Brindle  
Ben Warren  
Larry Smith

City of Concord  
Town of Granite Quarry  
NCDOT-TPB  
Cabarrus County  
Town of Mt. Pleasant  
Town of Harrisburg  
Rowan County  
Town of Cleveland  
Town of China Grove  
Town of Midland  
NCDOT Division 9  
City of Salisbury  
City of Kannapolis  
Town of Spencer

### Others:

Phil Conrad  
Jeff Young  
Connie Cunningham  
Rob Walter  
Pat Ivey  
David Pugh  
Loretta Barren  
Rob Walter  
Barry Moose  
Shane Stewart  
Eric Moore  
Rebecca Yarborough  
Wilmer Melton  
Thad Howell  
Barry Moose

CRMPO Director  
City of Concord  
CRMPO Staff  
Concord Airport  
NCDOT Division 9  
Town of Midland  
FHWA  
Concord Airport  
NCDOT Division 10  
Rowan County  
Mecklenburg County  
Centralina COG  
City of Kannapolis  
Rowan Airport  
NCDOT Division 10

### Call to Order

MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to TCC members that the TCC Chairman Kenneth Geathers has left the Town of East Spencer and accepted another position outside the Cabarrus Rowan MPO. Phil explained that Vice Chair Adrian Cox would rotate to the Chair position and that a new Vice Chairman would need to be elected at this meeting.

TCC Vice-Chairman Adrian Cox then called the August 18, 2010 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order. Chairman Cox called the roll and determined that a quorum was met. Chairman Cox asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. Phil Conrad made a request to add a line item under reports to appoint and elect a new CRMPO TCC Vice Chairman. With no other requests for additions or corrections to the agenda, Mr. Josh Watkins made a motion to approve adding the line item. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve. Vice-Chairman Cox continued on to the next item of business.

### Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chairman Cox asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the March 17, 2010 TCC meeting. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Ed Muire seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

## **DRAFT 2011-2020 TIP and Conformity**

Phil Conrad reported to TCC members that the NCDOT Board of Transportation released the Draft TIP on August 5, 2010. The TIP Phil explained, includes highway, bicycle, pedestrian rail and transit projects for the fiscal years 2011 to 2020. He continued by stating that as part of the process, CRMPO had submitted a project priority list to NCDOT in the fall of 2009. The final State TIP is expected to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation in the spring of 2011.

Phil called members attention to Attachment 3A included in their packets which was a funding report for the highway portion of the Draft 2011-2020 TIP. He also noted Attachment 3B which was a summary of any schedule changes for the major highway projects between the 2009-2015 TIP and the Draft TIP. Phil informed the TCC members that this information along with the remaining modes of transportation for the Draft TIP can be viewed on the Cabarrus Rowan MPO website.

TCC members discussed the need to have a one-on-one meeting with NCDOT's TIP unit to review the Draft TIP. By consensus, the TCC members recommended that CRMPO TAC conduct a one-on-one meeting with NCDOT's TIP unit to review and discuss the Draft TIP.

## **2009 CMAQ Call and Project Submittals**

MPO Director Phil Conrad reported to TCC members that additional funding is available for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) projects. CMAQ funds Phil explained, are a federal funding source for areas designated non-attainment by the EPA, but do require a local sponsor and a 20 percent local match. Phil continued by stating that eligible projects must demonstrate an emissions reduction benefit to the local area and applications must be submitted to NCDOT no later than September 30, 2010.

Phil reported that MPO staff has received five new CMAQ Project proposals from the City of Concord, City of Kannapolis and the Town of Midland as well as a request for statewide funds for the City of Salisbury Traffic Signal System included in their packets as Attachment 4A. The Salisbury Traffic Signal project Phil stated, is expected to cost \$3-3.5 million with 80 percent of the project to be funded by CMAQ. The 20 percent local match would be provided by NCDOT Division 9 and the City of Salisbury. The CMAQ funds for this project would be in addition to the funds sub-allocated by NCDOT directly to the CRMPO.

Mr. Conrad called TCC members' attention to Attachment 4B included in their packets which was a table listing the five local CMAQ projects that had been submitted. Phil informed TCC members that NCDOT has indicated that the CRMPO has a balance of \$265,270 in 80 percent CMAQ matching funds available for CMAQ eligible projects.

Phil reported that copies of the five applications submitted were included in their packets for their review. Phil continued by reviewing the five projects with the TCC members and then opening the floor to discussion. Mr. Joe Wilson with the City of Concord reviewed for TCC members the projects that the City of Concord had submitted. Mr. Wilson identified the submitted projects as (1) Traffic Management Software System; (2) Miramar Street Sidewalk Project; and (3) Patton Street Sidewalk Project.

Mr. Wilmer Melton, City of Kannapolis TCC member, provided members with information on the Little Texas Road Sidewalk Project that was submitted by the City of Kannapolis for consideration. Mr. Richard Flowe and Mr. David Pugh from the Town of Midland also provided TCC members with information on the Midland Sidewalk Project the was submitted for consideration by the Town of Midland. After a lengthy discussion and some clarification from Ms. Loretta Barren with FHWA, TCC members voiced concerns that the Midland Sidewalk project application would need to be revised as it

included future growth estimates and that the sidewalks would not provide a greater connectivity to schools, shopping, medical facilities or parks at this time. It was agreed upon by consensus of the TCC members that the Midland Sidewalk Project not be submitted in this call in order to give the Town time to amend the application and that this project be given top priority in the next call for CMAQ projects. This would also mean that the Town of Midland would only be one year behind the other selected projects in funding. By consensus, this proposal was agreeable to the Town of Midland TCC representatives.

After all discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend to CRMPO TAC that they endorse the Little Texas Road Sidewalk Project and the Miramar Street Sidewalk Project as the candidate projects for the CMAQ funding available, and to also request that TAC make the Midland Sidewalk Project a top priority in the next call for CMAQ projects. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and all TCC members with the exception of Jonathan Marshall voted to approve the recommendation.

Phil then called TCC members attention to the resolution included in their packets "Cabarrus-Rowan MPO Resolution Endorsing Statewide Candidate CMAQ Project Proposal" for the City of Salisbury. After explanation, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to recommend that CRMPO TAC approve the resolution. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports / MPO Business**

- Appoint and Elect TCC Vice Chairman - Phil explained that Vice-Chair Adrian Cox rotated to the Chair position to replace Mr. Kenneth Geathers and that a new Vice Chairman would need to be elected at this meeting. The TCC Vice-Chairman rotates to the Chair position automatically. In addition, the TCC Chair and Vice-Chairman are rotated between jurisdictions in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. According to Phil, the TCC will need to nominate and elect a Vice-Chairman from Rowan County for the replacement. Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to appoint Mr. Ed Muire as the new TCC Chairman to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Geathers. Mr. Dan Peters seconded the motion and with Mr. Muire's consent, the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.
- Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey and Mr. Brett Abernathy from NCDOT Division 9 presented handouts and updates on the Rowan County projects.
- TIGER II Application for Yadkin River Crossing Project Phase II – Mr. Conrad called members attention to a copy of the TIGER II Grant Application for the I-2304AD/I-85 Corridor Improvement and Yadkin River Crossing Project included in their packets. He also requested that TCC members review a resolution of support for the grant application. With no discussion, Mr. Joe Wilson made a motion to recommend that CRMPO TAC approve the resolution. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.
- Old Beatty Ford Road Interchange Update – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 Engineer, provided updates to the TCC members in regard to this project. He explained to TCC members why this project may no longer qualify for federal funding under the new guidelines set forth by FHWA. TCC members expressed concerns in

regard to this new information. The project has been on the CRMPO TIP Priority List for many years and TCC members reported that it is a vital project to the area.

Ms Loretta Barren, FHWA, reported that under new FHWA guidelines, projects must be able to justify that they meet the criteria of mobility and safety of the interstate system, local planning must be considered, and if the project is approved it must be completed within eight years.

- CTP Update – Linda Dosse with NCDOT TPB reported to TCC that she continues to work on updating the Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Linda presented maps to the TCC members for their review and input. She reported to TCC members that she will make revisions and corrections based on their input and bring back before the group in October.

Airport Parkway Realignment – Phil called TCC members' attention to a letter from Rowan County Planning included in their packets regarding the realignment of the Airport Parkway. Rowan County representative Ed Muire requested that Linda Dosse make this change to the Draft CTP, which was granted by consensus.

- Mecklenburg County Grade Program – Eric Moore with Mecklenburg County Air Quality Division made a presentation to the TCC members in regard to grant opportunities to replace aging diesel engines.
- HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant – Rebecca Yarborough from the Centralina COG made a presentation to the TCC members on the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. After the presentation, Ms. Yarborough called members attention to a Resolution included with the presentation materials and asked that the TCC recommend approval of the resolution to CRMPO TAC. Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to recommend TAC approve the resolution of support. Mr. Josh Watkins seconded the motion and all TCC members with the exception of Ed Muire voted to approve the recommendation.

### **Information Items**

NC Mobility Fund – Mr. Phil Conrad called TCC members' attention to information included in their packets on the NC Mobility Fund. Mr. Conrad encouraged TCC members to read the information and submit comments to the email address provided in the information.

Metrolina Regional Model – Mr. Conrad called members attention to information in their packets regarding the regional model and budgets for the model.

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, Rowan Express, East Rowan Express, Cabarrus Links and the RIDER Transit Ridership Information - Phil called the TCC members attention to the ridership information included in their packets.

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to consider, the meeting of the TCC was adjourned. The next meeting will be September 15, 2010 at the Cabarrus Regional Chamber.