

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 21, 2013

NC Research Campus
1st Floor – CORE Lab Building
150 Research Campus Drive
Kannapolis, NC 28081

Members:

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Dan Peters	Town of Granite Quarry
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Jonathan Marshall	Cabarrus County
Macon Sammons	Town of East Spencer
Marc Morgan	NCDOT-Div. 10
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div. 9
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB
David Pugh	Town of Midland

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Jack Flaherty	NCDOT-Transit
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Susan Pullium	NCDOT-SPB
David Lipe	Kannapolis
L.J. Weslowski	RIDER
Lauren Blackburn	NCDOT-Bike/Ped
Louis Mitchell	NCDPT-Div 10

Call to Order

TCC Chairman Jonathan Marshall called to order the August 21, 2013 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC after the meal was served. Chairman Marshall called the roll of eligible TCC voting members. After the roll call was complete, Chairman Marshall asked that all those present introduce themselves.

After introductions were made, TCC Chairman Marshall asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. CRMPO Director Phil Conrad requested that the meeting be started with the Reports/MPO Business section in consideration of the guests from NCDOT. With no further additions or corrections to the agenda being heard, by consensus Mr. Conrad's request was approved. 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, Chairman Marshall asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none heard, he moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Marshall called members' attention to the minutes of the June 19, 2013 TCC meeting. He asked members for any comments or corrections to the minutes. Mr. Dan Peters made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting.

CTP Amendment #2

MPO Director Phil Conrad called TCC members' attention to the fact that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) had been adopted by the MPO Board back in

August 2011. Phil explained that the CTP is a component of the MPO's adopted fiscally constrained Plan. Phil continued by saying that the Town of Granite Quarry would like to revise the CTP to include redesignating the US Hwy 52 Bypass to tie into the existing US Hwy 52 which runs north of the Town. Mr. Dan Peters TCC representative from the Town of Granite Quarry, reviewed the highway map showing the requested change.

After minimal discussion, Mr. Dan Peters made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the amendment and release this information for public comment. Mr. Joe Wilson seconded the motion and members voted unanimously to approve.

2035 LRTP Amendment and Conformity

Linda Dosse explained to TCC members that the Cabarrus Rowan MPO and the NCDOT have been working together on an Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report for an amendment to the 2012-2018 TIP. Linda continued by saying that the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Conformity Report provides proof that the financially constrained Cabarrus Rowan MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) meets national ambient air quality standards set forth by EPA. Linda went on to state that the Report also certifies that the TIP is a subset of the 2035 LRTP and the Conformity Report is consistent with the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Linda called members' attention to Attachment 4 included in their agenda packets. The attachment she explained is an excerpt from the TIP Conformity Report. Linda reviewed the information with the TCC members. She explained what projects the amendment referenced and that the amendment was strictly being done to amend the schedule of the projects and nothing more.

After all discussion, TCC Chair Jonathon Marshall made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting the Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination for the 2012-2018 TIP amendment. Mr. Dan Peters seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2013-14 UPWP Amendment #1

Phil Conrad reported to the members that the City of Salisbury recently requested that the CRMPO and the City of Concord as the Lead Agency for the CRMPO, reimburse the City of Salisbury for approved expenses incurred by the City regarding the East Innes Street Corridor Study. Phil explained that because of the fact that the funding for this project was approved in a prior fiscal year, the current year UPWP will have to be amended. Mrs. Wendy Brindle with the City of Salisbury provided a powerpoint presentation to the TCC members showing the timeline of the project which explained why the funds were not expended in the prior fiscal year. Phil called members' attention to Attachment 5 in their packets which was a *Draft* resolution to amend the UPWP and increase the line item for Special Studies by transferring the amount from the CRMPO's unobligated fund balance. Phil asked for any questions or comments. With none heard, Mr. Macon Sammons Jr. made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting Amendment #1 to the 2013-14 UPWP. Mrs. Diane Hampton seconded the motion and TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

2040 LRTP Projects List

Phil informed the TCC members that since the passage of the Strategic Mobility Formula (SMF) by the General Assembly, MPO staff has been working to prepare a draft revenue forecast for the 2040 LRTP. Phil went on to say that this draft forecast is based on the tier system outlined in the SMF and also takes into consideration the statewide forecast methodology developed by NCDOT for regional and division tier allocations. These forecasts Phil explained, are going to be applied to the projects listed in the 2035 Plan and the most recent CRMPO Priority Project List.

Phil called members' attention to Attachment #6 included in their packets. The attachments contained 2012-2015 Horizon Year projects, 2016-2025 Horizon Year projects, 2026-2030 Horizon Year projects, and 2031-2040 Horizon Year projects, which Phil reviewed for the members. In closing, Phil summed up for members the 2040 LRTP Revenue Assumptions also included in the packet. After review and no questions raised, Mr. David Pugh made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the 2040 Project List for further air quality evaluation. Ms. Linda Dosse seconded the motion and members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

- ✓ Local Reports - MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mrs. Diane Hampton from NCDOT Division 9 reviewed a spreadsheet of updates on the Rowan County projects included in their packets. Mr. Marc Morgan provided TCC members with a handout of Division 10 project updates and reviewed them as well. Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT TPB reported to TCC members that the Functional Classification of Roads is in need of updating. Linda stated she would be getting current information regarding each jurisdiction out to respective jurisdictions by the end of August. Review, comments and corrections must be received and submitted by the end of December 2013.
- ✓ Transportation Planning Update – Ms. Susan Pullium, NCDOT Director of Strategic Planning spoke to TCC members about new changes being implemented within the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch. Ms. Pullium explained that emphasis is being put on enhanced customer service, leveraging infrastructure using current plans and doing more collaboration and communication internally and externally in the department. She went on to say that more acknowledgement of plans already created in the CTP, LRTP, MTIP, and TIP will be used to prevent duplication of information and that one of the goals is to coordinate resources already available. The Director also stated that the Department needs input from the MPO's and RPO's to help address where changes are needed most in building a better Planning Branch.
- ✓ Bicycle and Pedestrian Update – NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian Director Lauren Blackburn provided background information on the NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian department. She reviewed how funds could be used and what types of plans qualified for the funding. She explained that under the new Strategic Mobility Formula there is an increase in the State match and also the formation of a new Transportation Alternative Program Fund formerly known as Enhancement Grants.

- ✓ NC811 Report - Diane Hampton of Division 9 provided a handout on House Bill 476 and reviewed specific highlighted details that concern municipalities across the state.
- ✓ Strategic Mobility Formula (SMF) Update – Phil Conrad called TCC members attention to information provided in their packets regarding the SMF Legislation and key dates for tasks to completed for the P3.0.

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.
- Jack Flaherty, NCDOT Transit provided members with a handout on a public forum being held in Rowan County to discuss transit needs and opportunities. He called their attention to the date, time, and place of the forum.
- Next scheduled meeting is September 18, 2013.

Adjournment

With no other business to be considered, Mr. David Pugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC. Mr. Dan Peters seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.