

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

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

Members:

Joe Wilson	City of Concord
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Jonathan Marshall	Cabarrus County
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Doug Paris	Town of Midland
Linda Dosse	NCDOT-TPB
Marc Morgan	NCDOT-Div 10
Diane Hampton	NCDOT-Div 9
Josh Watkins	Town of Harrisburg

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Stuart Basham	NCDOT-Div 10
Lloyd Payne	City of Concord
Mike McManus	CCOG
Dagoberto Juarez Pozos	NCDOT
David Jaynes	East Spencer

Call to Order

The October 21, 2015 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC was called to order by TCC Chairman Joe Wilson. The Chairman welcomed everyone in attendance. Chairman Wilson began the meeting by calling the roll of eligible TCC members. Once he determined a quorum had been met, Chairman Wilson asked that everyone present introduce themselves since there were some in attendance who were guests or presenters. Mr. David Jaynes introduced himself as the new Town of Administrator for the Town of East Spencer while Ms. Linda Dosse from NCDOT-TPB, introduced Mr. Dagoberto Juarez Pozos. Mr. Mike McManus from Centralina Council of Governments introduced himself. The rest of the TCC membership and staff introduced themselves as well.

After introductions, Chairman Wilson asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. CRMPO Director Phil Conrad requested to add an item, STI Projects Local Methodology under Reports. By consensus members agreed to the addition under Reports. With no other additions or corrections being heard, Chairman Wilson continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no response from anyone in attendance, Chairman Wilson moved forward with the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Wilson called member's attention to the minutes of the August 19, 2015 TCC meeting included in their meeting packets. He asked for any comments or corrections to those

minutes. With no comments or corrections being heard, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded the motion and TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

Regional Freight Plan Request

MPO Director Phil Conrad reminded TCC members that the Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG) has led an effort to pursue a Regional Freight Plan. Phil recapped for the members the presentation made at the August 19, 2015 CRMPO TCC meeting regarding this initiative. Phil reminded members that by their consensus because they had so many questions, they decided to table the item and return at a future meeting to be provided with additional information so they could make a better informed decision. Phil also reported that the estimated total cost of the Freight Plan could be as high as \$700,000 with the budget for the first phase being projected at \$352,000.

At this time, Mr. Mike McManus from the CCOG provided TCC members with a short recap presentation on the Regional Freight Plan. After the presentation Mr. McManus fielded questions from the members regarding expectations of the finished product and the cost to the MPO for their participation. Mr. McManus stated the cost to the CRMPO would be \$25,000 and that the CRMPO would have participation on the committees guiding the project. Some members voiced concerns that this plan could be a duplication of the plan NCDOT will be doing and that the NCDOT plan would be free to the MPO. Other members reported that participating in a regional plan may be more directly beneficial. Phil called members' attention to a Local Match table included in their packets which broke down the amount of local match each jurisdiction would be responsible for providing.

With no further discussions, Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider approving participation in the CCOG Regional Freight Plan and contribute \$25,000 to participate. Mr. Doug Paris seconded the motion and Josh Watkins, Wilmer Melton and Doug Paris voting to approve. Mrs. Wendy Brindle and Chairman Wilson voted against the motion.

Phil then presented members with a Draft Resolution which would be needed to amend the CRMPO 2015-16 Unified Planning Work Program so that funds could be allocated to participate. A typo error was noted in the Draft Resolution which Phil reported he would correct. Mr. Wilmer Melton then made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the resolution with corrections. Mr. Doug Paris seconded the motion and the majority of members voted to approve.

Community Viz Funding Request

Executive Director Conrad reminded TCC members that this item was also a carry-over from the August 2015 meeting and that members had elected not to recommend participation at that time. Phil reported that the CCOG has just finished a multi-year initiative to coordinate land use planning in the region known as the Connect Project. He continued by stating that as part of this initiative, the CCOG's consultant had presented a preferred growth scenario which may be part of the analytical framework for long range plans. Community Viz is the software that was used to formulate the data and would automate population forecasts for Cabarrus and Rowan Counties.

Mr. McManus from the CCOG again fielded questions from the TCC members regarding participation in this initiative. He reported that the total budget for this project is \$300,000 and that the CCOG is requesting \$22,000 from the CRMPO to participate and have access to the Community Viz software. TCC members discussed the fact that the first phase of the initiative was already underway and a report would be coming out shortly after the first of the year and it seemed like a moot point to consider participating at this time.

Mr. Wilmer Melton made a motion to not recommend the Community Viz initiative to the TAC at this time and wait until a later date to discuss participation in the next phase. Chairman Wilson seconded the motion, and members voted unanimously 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 that she provided on the Rowan County projects. Diane also made a request to the group to have meeting packets sent via electronic email rather than receiving packets in the mail. Members would be responsible for printing and bringing their own copy. After discussion, TCC members agreed by consensus to have all future meeting packets emailed to them instead of receiving them by mail. Mr. Marc Morgan from Division 10 also provided a handout and provided updates on Division 10 Projects.
- ✓ CTP Update – Ms. Linda Dosse, NCDOT TPB reported to TCC members the status of the updating of the CTP which is currently underway. She reported that the *Draft* CTP internal review has still not been completed but she anticipates it being completed no later than October 2016. She reported that the problem statements are on the NCDOT website and she will email the Final CTP to MPO staff as soon as she receives it. She also reported to members that a final public comment meeting and comment period will be required before approval by TCC and TAC.
- ✓ TAP Program Update – Phil reported that the program is continuing to move along.
- ✓ Press Release of New 8 Hour Ozone Standard – Phil called members' attention to the press release included in their packets.
- ✓ Ramp Meter Study Kickoff Meeting – Phil reported that he had attended the kickoff meeting for the Ramp Meter Study project and called members' attention to the Agenda for that meeting that was included in their packets. He also reported to members that he had some additional information and that they could review after the meeting if they desired.
- ✓ FY 2015-16 State Budget – Phil Conrad presented members with a short power point presentation with highlights of the state budget for their information.
- ✓ STI Projects Local Methodology – Phil provided members with a handout regarding local methodology on rating rail projects for STI. He reviewed the four criteria points for the members. With little discussion Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to recommend that

CRMPO TAC consider adopting this methodology. Mr. Wilmer Melton seconded the motion and TCC members voted to approve.

Informational Items

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

Adjournment

With no other business to be considered, Mr. Jonathan Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting followed with a second by Mr. Wilmer Melton. The meeting was adjourned.