

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday November 15, 2006 – 12 Noon

Cabarrus Regional Chamber of Commerce

Members:

Ed Muire
Jeff Young
Dan Mikkelson, Chair
Lindsey Hobbs
Mike Byrd
Chris Moore
Linda Dosse
Ritchie Hearne
Jonathan Marshall
Brett Abernathy

Rowan County,
Town of Cleveland
City of Concord
City of Salisbury
City of Kannapolis,
Town of China Grove
Town of Harrisburg
Midland & Mt. Pleasant
NCDOT - TPB
NCDOT – Division 10
Cabarrus County
NCDOT – Division 9

Others:

Phil Conrad CRMPO Planner
Leah Wagner NCDOT– Division 10
Mike Nunn CRMPO Director
Mike Bruff NCDOT - TPB
Connie Cunningham CRMPO Staff

Call to Order

The TCC Chairman Dan Mikkelson called the November 15, 2006 TCC meeting to order. Chairman Mikkelson welcomed the members and asked all present to introduce themselves. Chairman Mikkelson introduced Mr. Mike Bruff, Branch Manager with NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch who was in attendance. Chairman Mikkelson did the role call and determined there was a quorum present to conduct the meeting. TCC Chairman Mikkelson then asked if there were any additions or corrections to the agenda. With no additions or corrections coming from the TCC members, TCC Chairman Mikkelson continued on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chairman Mikkelson asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from the September 20, 2006 TCC meeting. Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mr. Chris Moore seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote.

DRAFT 2007-2013 TIP

Mr. Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the NCDOT Board of Transportation released the Draft TIP on September 6, 2006. Mr. Conrad explained that the TIP included highway, bicycle, pedestrian, and rail and transit projects for the fiscal years 2007 to 2013. As part of the development of the Draft 2007-2013 TIP, Mr. Conrad told the TCC members that the CRMPO submitted a priority list to NCDOT in the fall of 2005. He went on to explain that the final State TIP was expected to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation in December 2006, but that date had been moved back to June 2007. Phil called the TCC members attention to a funding report included in their agenda packets for the highway portion of the Draft 2007-2013 TIP and also to a summary report of any schedule changes

and comments for major highway projects between the 2006-2012 TIP and the Draft TIP. Mr. Conrad requested additional input from the NCDOT members present during the review of the summary discussions but they had no additional comments to add. After TCC members reviewed the reports, by consensus the TCC members recommended to forward the information to the CRMPO TAC.

HOV/HOT Study

Mr. Jack Flaherty informed the members of the TCC that NCDOT Public Transportation Division and the City of Charlotte are jointly funding a feasibility study for HOV/HOT lanes in the Metrolina/Charlotte Region. Mr. Flaherty explained that this study would evaluate the feasibility of HOV/HOT lanes on I-85 in Cabarrus and Rowan Counties. He reported that NCDOT performed a sub-area study of I-85 in December 2000 that evaluated HOV/HOT lanes on I-85 from the US 29/49 split to exit 58 in Cabarrus County. Phil Conrad informed TCC members that a TCC subcommittee had met on the issue and that they recommend to the TCC that the CR MPO participate in this study and make a fair share contribution of money and in-kind services. Phil called the TCC members attention to a copy of a letter included in their packets from the co-project manager regarding this project. After discussion by TCC members, Mr. Jack Flaherty made a motion that the TCC recommend approval of CR MPO participating in the funding of the HOV/HOT lane study by providing in-kind services and cash up to \$20,000 with the invoicing being deferred until after July 1, 2007. Mr. Mike Byrd seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote.

Revised Memorandum of Understanding/TCC By laws

Mr. Conrad reported that at the September 20, 2006 meeting, the CR MPO TAC voted to add the Town of East Spencer to the Cabarrus Rowan MPO and revise the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to include their membership. The MOU, outlines the roles and responsibilities of the MPO and its member jurisdictions and once updated will be on the CRMPO website. Phil went on to inform the TCC members that to be consistent with the new MOU, the TCC and TAC will need to amend their respective by-laws. He concluded by calling the TCC members attentions to the revised excerpts that had been included in their packets for review. After review of the revisions, Mr. Chris Moore made a motion to approve an amendment to the TCC by-laws to reflect the revisions and his motion was seconded by Mr. Lindsay Hobbs. The TCC members followed with a unanimous vote of approval. Mr. Mike Bruff, NCDOT-TPB made a request to have CRMPO staff work with NCDOT attorneys to create the final MOU before any CRMPO TCC or TAC final approval and adoption. Phil will work with Linda Dosse and provide her with all information to assist in preparing the new MOU.

Reports / MPO Business

- Local Reports -MPO/TPB/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Brett Abernathy, NCDOT Division 9 staff member, reported on pending projects for Division 9 and referred to a handout included in the agenda packets. Mr. Ritchie Hearne provided Division 10 handouts and updates to current projects.
- Metrolina Regional Model Update – Mr. Jeff Young called TCC members attention to a letter included in their packets from Mr. Mike Bruff, NCDOT-TPB which discusses the Metrolina Regional Model Update funding. Mr. Young noted that this item has been before the TCC on four other occasions and on each occasion TCC members voted to base their funding of the Model Maintenance on the UZA versus the MAB population. Mr. Young noted certain phrases in the letter from Mr. Bruff that clarifies how the CR MPO receives funding and how the basis for that funding is derived.

Mr. Young went on to say that he is a member of the Metrolina Regional Model Executive Committee and that the committee is requesting once again that the CR MPO re-evaluate their position on their funding contribution and support the funding amount based on MAB population. Mr. Dan Mikkelson voiced concerns that CR MPO was being forced into this decision to support the MAB population for funding the model maintenance by NCDOT and that it could be setting a precedent for future funding apportionments. Mr. Mike Bruff addressed Mr. Mikkelson concerns and concluded by stating his letter outlines how the matter should be handled and that the CR MPO and NCDOT should expect accountability of the Model Maintenance process and get timely reports on the process. Mr. Bruff also stated that the amount that CR MPO has already allocated for the FY 2006 could remain at \$7,500. After lengthy discussion, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to approve the recommended cost share by MAB population and revise the FY 2007 PWP to reflect the full level of contribution up to \$15,400 and to also include the full cost of their portion of the MRM in the FY 2008 budget up to \$15,400. Mr. Ritchie Hearne seconded the motion. The TCC followed with a unanimous vote of approval and to forward it to the CR MPO TAC for their approval.

- Landis Spur of the Grants Creek Greenway – Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that the Landis Spur of the Grants Creek Greenway project would not proceed due to lack of funds and that the funds allocated to that project were now available for other similar projects. Phil will email everyone with the criteria for those type projects and what projects would be eligible for use of these funds.
- CTP Workshop – Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that he and Mr. Dan Mikkelson, TCC Chair, had recently attended a workshop where NCDOT presented the elements of the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and its format.
- MPO Street Appendix – Phil Conrad reported that this is close to completion and instructed TCC members that December 8, 2006 is the deadline for submitting final revisions to him by each jurisdiction.
- Nominations for TCC Vice-Chair from Rowan County for 2007 – Phil informed TCC members that elections for this office would be coming up in January 2007 and to start thinking about who would fill that position.

Information Items

- Concord Express Ridership - Phil Conrad called the TCC members attention to the ridership information included in their packets

Adjournment

With no other business to consider, Ms. Linda Dosse made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Chris Moore seconded the motion and all TCC members voted unanimously to adjourn. The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at the City Hall in Salisbury.