

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

NC Research Campus
Kannapolis City Hall
401 Laureate Way
Kannapolis, North Carolina 28081

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Kassie Watts	Town of Midland
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT TPD
Stuart Basham	NCDOT Div. 10
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9
Sushil Nepal	Town of Harrisburg
Franklin Gover	Town of China Grove
Joe Morris	Town of East Spencer
Chris Stiller	Town of Rockwell
Troy Powell	Town of Spencer
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Phil Collins	Cabarrus County
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Div 9
Tim Haigler	CMS
Andy Christy	RIDER Transit
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPD

Call to Order

TCC Chairman, Mr. Wilmer Melton called the March 20, 2019 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order and proceeded to the roll of eligible TCC members determining that a quorum had been met.

Chairman Melton then asked for any additions or corrections to the agenda. With none heard, Chairman Melton continued by asking for any speakers from the floor. With none heard, he moved on to the next item of business.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Melton called the TCC members' attention to the January 16, 2019 meeting minutes included in their meeting packets. Chairman Melton asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions being heard, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the TCC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

CTP Amendments

Andy Bailey with NCDOT- TPD reported to the members that the NCDOT has spent the past year working on some amendments to the adopted CTP. The MPO's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) serves as a compliment to the current fiscally constrained 2045 MTP. It was noted that NCDOT provided an update on the CTP to the TCC at the January meeting and a public meeting was held on January 29th at the Connect Christian Church. No comments were received during the public comment period, which concluded on March 4th. TCC members had some discussion with NCDOT staff about the CTP Index table and some additional edits. Erin Burriss with the Town of Mt. Pleasant asked that a column be added for multi-use paths and NCDOT agreed. NCDOT staff indicated that they would incorporate any changes into the Index and maps prior to the TAC meeting. Mr. Nepal asked if the item could be delayed a month to incorporate any final changes. Mr. Melton and Ms. Morris indicated that their staff had spent several hours on the Index and maps already. Mr. Bailey replied that the Index and maps are a living document that can be changed at any time. Phil confirmed that the following jurisdictions would be submitting comments to NCDOT prior to the TAC meeting: Kannapolis, Mt. Pleasant, Harrisburg, Cabarrus County, Concord, and Salisbury. It was noted that the future right-of-way is the most important item in the Index. Phil asked if the new East Spencer interchange could be added with these final comments and NCDOT replied yes, pending public input. Phil noted the resolutions by the East Spencer and Rowan County Boards in open session. Both East Spencer and Rowan indicated a desire to move forward. Mr. Bailey confirmed the need to receive all final comments in the next week via email. MPO staff will send out a reminder.

With no further discussion or comments, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to forward the CTP Amendments to the TAC for their consideration and Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FY 2019-2020 DRAFT UPWP

Director Phil Conrad reminded the TCC members that each year the Cabarrus Rowan MPO is required to create and adopt a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Phil continued by stating that the UPWP is the MPO's budget and uses the state fiscal year 2019-2020. He called members' attention to Attachment #5 in their packets which was the detailed line by line budget for their review. Phil explained that the UPWP identifies the planning tasks, responsible agencies and funding sources for regional transportation planning activities to be conducted within the planning area during the next fiscal year. Phil went on to say that these projects include MPO planning activities conducted by local agencies, the NCDOT and a line item for Regional Model and MTP Maintenance.

Phil then reviewed the budget line item by line item for the members. He explained that the line item for the Regional Model task had increased from the previous year. After he completed the review, he moved on to the attachment containing the member contributions for operations. He asked that TCC staff consider these amounts when they develop their budget for next fiscal year.

After review, he asked for any questions or comments. Mrs. Susie Morris asked about funding for the staff time to complete the socioeconomic updates and Phil indicated that it was adequate. Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to forward the DRAFT UPWP to the TAC for their consideration and Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DRAFT 2022-2031 TIP Project Call

Executive Director Conrad reported to the TCC members that a call for *new* projects (all modes) had been issued in October 2018 with a deadline of January 31st. He commended the TCC members on the quality of projects submitted, which were included in the packets. He noted that this list is not inclusive of any holding tank (select) or carryover projects that will automatically be evaluated by NCDOT and provided at a later date. Phil asked the project sponsors to give a brief overview of these projects. Phil summarized the Concord Aviation projects and noted their funding cap under the regional tier. Erin Burris noted the highlights of the five Mt. Pleasant projects. There was some discussion of the NC 49 project as a subset of the larger project to the county line and beyond. Franklin Gover noted the China Grove pedestrian projects and their emphasis on downtown. He confirmed the Town's commitment to the local match. Ed Muire summarized the Rowan County submittals, particularly the NC 150 intersection and the new interchange for East Spencer. A joint resolution was included in the packets. Phil noted the two final Granite Quarry projects in the packet with Town Board resolutions. Phil also noted that the approval of this list would be well in advance of the summer deadline to begin submitting projects in the NCDOT SPOT interface.

With no further discussions, Mr. Ed Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the DRAFT 2022-2031 TIP Project List. Mrs. Erin Burris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

RIDER Transit Program of Projects

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that RIDER Transit System Program of Projects is a list of proposed FTA grant requests to support the operations of RIDER Transit System in FY 2019. Phil went on to say that RIDER has decided to use the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO's Public Involvement procedures to process this annual requirement and called members' attention to the TCC packets which included the Program of Projects background information, list of projects proposed to be funded in 2019. After a brief review, Phil reported that a public comment period was held on the Program of Projects from February 4 to March 4, 2019 and no comments were received from the public. He recognized Andy Christy from Rider Transit and the link to their Triennial Review.

With little discussion, Mr. Troy Powell made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing the Program of Projects. Mr. Phillip Graham seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment #6

Director Phil Conrad reported to the TCC members that staff typically brings amendments from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC for consideration. The first project amendment is a delay in the construction schedule to FY 2020 for track improvements to the Kannapolis Amtrak Train Station (P-5725). Mr. Melton confirmed the value of this project to the City of Kannapolis.

With little discussion, Mr. Sushil Nepal made a motion to recommend that the TAC consider endorsing Amendment #6. Mr. Troy Powell seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

Reports/CRMPO Business

Local Reports - MPO/TPD/NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Stuart Basham, representative for Division 10 addressed the TCC members and called their attention to Division 10 updates included in their packets. Stuart provided updates on projects I-3802B I-85, U-3440, U-4910 A and B, U-5806 and B-5123.

Mr. Fred Haith, representing Division 9 called members' attention to the Division 9 spreadsheets of updates included in their packets. Fred reported that projects were progressing and would be happy to relay any project concerns to the appropriate NCDOT engineer. Phil Conrad noted the joint resolution between the City of Salisbury and Rowan County on the Airport Parkway project.

2020-2029 TIP Conformity and 2045 MTP Amendment – Phil noted project schedule changes for Mallard Creek widening, NC 73 widening, and Poplar Tent Road widening that would be reflected in a 2045 MTP amendment as part of the TIP adoption later this calendar year.

Correll Street Interchange CTP Request – Phil reported that this item would be handled administratively prior to the March TAC meeting, which was agreed to by NCDOT and the project sponsors of East Spencer and Rowan County.

Informational Items

- Concord Express, Salisbury Transit, and RIDER Transit Ridership Information – Phil noted the ridership information included in their packets.
- Phil noted he minutes from the most recent meeting on the Triad ITS Regional Strategic Deployment Plan and the most recent CRAFT meeting.
- Phil informed the TCC members that the annual NCAMPO Conference will be held in Charlotte in April.

- Next scheduled meeting is April 17, 2019..

Adjournment

Chairman Melton asked if there was any other business to discuss and adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am.