

**MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center**  
**Conference Room 267**  
**Special Meeting-April 23, 2009**

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**Voting Members:** Wayne Herron - Chairman (Monroe), Bill Coxe -Vice-chair (Huntersville), Norm Steinman –alt. for Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Jim Keenan (E&PM), Ken Tippet (CDOT), Jonathan Wells - alt. for Debra Campbell (CMPC), Leslie Rhodes – via phone (LUESA), David McDonald - alt. for John Muth (MTC/CATS), Richard Hancock – alt. for Barry Moose (NCDOT-Division 10), Jamal Alavi – via phone (NCDOT-TPB), Jack Flaherty (NCDOT-PTD), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Ralph Messera (Matthews), Kevin Icard (Pineville), Shannon Martel – alt. for Brian Matthews (Stallings), Jordan Cook (Weddington), Joshua Langen (Wesley Chapel), Amy Helms – via phone (Union County)

**Staff:** Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Robert Cook (MUMPO), Crissy Huffstickler (CMPC), Vida Covington (CATS), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Anthony Roberts (Cornelius), Hemal Shah (Cornelius), Jim Loyd (Monroe), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Yolanda Morris (FHWA), Louis Mitchell (NCDOT), Christy Shumate – via phone (NCTA), Carroll Gray (Lake Norman Transportation Commission)

**Guests:** Jonathan Guy (Kimley-Horn), Natalie English (Charlotte Chamber), Jim Bensman (Commissioner, Town of Cornelius), Josh Rector (Bromont Corp.)

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Mr. Herron opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. He stated that the meeting’s primary purpose was to take action on issues associated with the proposed Augustalee development in Cornelius, but that LRTP revenue assumptions would also be discussed. He then asked if any items needed to be added to the agenda. Mr. Cook asked if a representative from CATS could briefly address the TCC to discuss an issue related to the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom programs. It was agreed to add this to the agenda.

**1. Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Programs**

Presenter: Vida Covington

Summary/Requested Action:

Ms. Covington requested that the TCC assist with project selection for the two programs. She reminded the TCC that it assisted with project selection last year, and that the process would not be time consuming since there were a limited number of applications. The TCC agreed to assist with the process. Mr. Cook stated he would contact the members of last year’s subcommittee to determine if they would be assisting in helping again.

**2. 2035 LRTP Revenue Assumptions**

Presenter: Andrew Grzymiski

Summary/Requested Action:

Mr. Grzymiski used a Power Point presentation to discuss revenue assumptions for the LRTP with the TCC. He noted that there were two outstanding issues that needed resolution: the incorporation of transit revenue projections and potential managed lanes revenue. Norm Steinman suggested that the TCC delay making a recommendation to the MPO at its special April 29 meeting.

### 3. Augustalee

#### a. Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

Presenter: Andrew Grant-Cornelius

##### Summary/Requested Action:

The discussion began with Mr. Grant making a motion to recommend to the MPO that it amend the Thoroughfare Plan to include a new interchange on I-77 at Westmoreland Road. Lee Bailey seconded the motion. A brief discussion then took place, followed by Mr. Grant reviewing a Power Point presentation. Questions were asked of Mr. Grant after the presentation. One questioner asked why the new lanes on I-77 were not being planned as managed lanes. Mr. Grant responded by saying that Cornelius would be agreeable to constructing the new lanes as managed lanes if they are found to be suitable.

Mr. Grant noted that the Thoroughfare Plan needed to be amended to include a realignment of Jim Cooke Road to accommodate the Bailey Road extension because it is slightly different from that which is shown on the Plan. David McDonald suggested that the original motion be amended to include this item. Mr. Grant and Mr. Bailey agreed.

Mr. Coxe offered a substitute motion that stated: amend the Thoroughfare Plan to include the realignment of Jim Cooke Road, but to not include the proposed interchange. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. Mr. Coxe walked the TCC through a presentation, and stated that the interchange should not be added absent an analysis of the entire roadway. A vote was taken on this motion. Seven votes were cast in favor and nine were cast in opposition. The motion failed.

A vote was then taken on the original motion (including the addition of the Jim Cooke Road realignment). 15 votes were cast in favor and two votes were cast in opposition. The motion passed, therefore the TCC voted to recommend to the MPO that it amend the Thoroughfare Plan to include the proposed interchange on I-77 and the realignment of Jim Cooke Road.

#### b. Proposed 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments

Presenter: Andrew Grant-Cornelius

##### Summary/Requested Action:

The discussion began with Mr. Grant making a motion to recommend to the MPO to amend the TIP as requested. Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. A discussion followed the motion and second. Mr. Coxe stated that an extension of Northcross Drive is included in the TIP as project U-5108, and asked if it was Cornelius' intent to construct the project. Mr. Grant replied that it was the town's intent to build the project. Mr. McDonald offered a friendly amendment stating that the new lanes on I-77 would be constructed as HOV/HOT lanes. Mr. Grant declined the friendly amendment.

Mr. Coxe offered a substitute motion that stated: it is the preference of the TCC that the I-77 lanes be constructed as managed lanes if it appears to be reasonable pending further analysis. Lauren Blackburn seconded the motion. Mr. Steinman offered a second substitute motion: the TIP amendment for the interchange should be handled as one motion, and all remaining TIP amendment requests would be handled in a second motion. Upon being put to a vote, seven votes were cast in favor of Mr. Steinman's motion and nine were cast in opposition, therefore, the motion failed. The TCC then acted on Mr. Coxe's motion. Upon being put to a vote, 13 votes were cast in favor, and two votes were cast in opposition. Mr. Coxe's motion carried.

More discussion followed the above action. Mr. Steinman then made a motion stating that any action to recommend a TIP amendment would not be a commitment of project prioritization in the LRTP process. Mr. Coxe seconded the motion. Ten votes were cast in favor of the motion and five votes were cast in opposition. The motion carried.

The TCC then returned to the original motion to amend the TIP for all projects. Upon being put to a vote, 12 votes were cast in favor and three votes were cast in opposition. Therefore the motion carried and the TCC recommended to the MPO that it amend the TIP to include the six projects.

#### **4. Announcements**

Several announcements were made.

Mr. Coxe congratulated Mr. Herron on being named Monroe's new city manager.

Mr. Cook announced that MUMPO and CATS would be hosting a National Transit Institute (NTI) course entitled "Introduction to Statewide Transportation Planning" in June and that there were ten host seats available. He indicated that an email providing more details would be sent to everyone.