

MUMPO TCC
AGENDA
July 9, 2009

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Wayne Herron

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve minutes from the following meetings as presented or with amendments:

*March 23 special meeting
April 23 special meeting
May meeting
June meeting*

2. Economic Stimulus (20 minutes)

a. Project List Endorsement

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend to the MPO that it endorse a project list to be funded with economic stimulus funds.

BACKGROUND: Division 10 has a balance of economic stimulus funds due to project bids coming in under estimate.

ATTACHMENT: Explanatory memorandum and project list.

b. NCDOT TIP Amendment (10 minutes)

Bill Coxe

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend to the MPO that it send a letter to NCDOT requesting a formal explanation of why it did not amend the state TIP to include the full list of MUMPO economic stimulus projects.

BACKGROUND: The MPO amended the TIP for 41 potential economic stimulus projects; NCDOT amended the state TIP for only four projects. This has resulted in at least two road projects not being able to advance with stimulus funds. NCDOT's limited action on the TIP was never communicated to the MPO.

3. I-485 Funding Options (30 minutes)

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: Action may be taken on this item.

BACKGROUND: Governor Perdue announced in February that construction on the final segment of I-485 would begin before the end of 2009. Secretary Conti informed the MPO in May that no new funds were available to accelerate the project. Because of this, the MPO will be forced to divert funds from an existing project(s) to I-485 if the Governor's schedule is to be met. The Secretary identified three potential sources of funds:

- 1. I-85 widening, from Speedway Boulevard to NC 73 in Cabarrus County (I-3803B)*
- 2. Independence Boulevard widening, from Albemarle Road to Idlewild Road (U-209B)*
- 3. Monroe Connector/Bypass (R-2559 and R-3329)*

The TCC must determine if it wishes to recommend to the MPO changes in project prioritization in order to advance I-485's construction. A decision was made at the June 10 Transportation Staff Meeting to use the adopted project ranking criteria to evaluate the unbuilt portion of I-485, Independence Boulevard (U-209B) and the Monroe Connector/Bypass project. (The I-85 widening will not be considered because it is outside MUMPO's planning area.)

The ranking effort is scheduled for the July 8 Transportation Staff Meeting.

4. LRTP Update Status (45 minutes)

Tim Gibbs

a. Ranked Project List

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: The list includes all projects considered for inclusion in the LRTP in the rank order resulting from the project ranking process and the application of the Reduces Congestion score.

ATTACHMENT: Explanatory memorandum and project list.

b. Upcoming Project Milestones

Andy Grzymiski

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Important milestones must be achieved in order to adopt the LRTP by early 2010. The milestones will be reviewed, and the TCC's role in achieving them will be discussed.

ATTACHMENT: Upcoming Milestones for LRTP Development.

c. Revenue Sources

Andy Grzymiski

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: As part of the development of modal and financing scenarios, certain assumptions need to be made regarding potential additional funding sources. These revenue sources will be discussed with the TCC and incorporated into the financing scenarios.

d. Modal & Financing Scenarios

Andy Grzymiski

ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse scenarios

BACKGROUND: Four basic modal and financing scenarios are being proposed to test combinations of road and transit improvements that will allow MUMPO to develop an air quality conforming LRTP. The four scenarios will be reviewed and discussed, and the TCC will be requested to endorse them.

ATTACHMENT: Modal and financing scenarios.

e. Public Involvement & Consultation

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Staff has developed a public outreach program based upon the MPO's adopted Public Involvement Plan and a plan to address the Consultation requirements. A review of past outreach and Consultation activities will be provided, along with efforts that will be conducted between now and the LRTP's adoption.

5. Statewide CMAQ Project Endorsement (10 minutes)

Anne Tazewell

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO endorse the NC Solar Center/NC State University Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) II project

BACKGROUND: The CFAT project provides education and outreach about clean transportation technologies and practices to reduce transportation related emissions and sub-award funding to implement emission reduction projects such as the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles, refueling infrastructure, diesel retrofits and idle reduction technologies. NCDOT has approved \$1,000,000 in FFY 2009 funding for the statewide CFAT II project. The CMAQ program rules require the state's MPOs to endorse statewide projects.

6. Monroe Connector/Bypass (10 minutes)

Jennifer Harris

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the status of this project.

7. Chestnut Connector (10 minutes)

Jamal Alavi

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: The Chestnut Connector is a proposed facility on new alignment that will extend Chestnut Lane from its current end at Old Monroe Road in Indian Trail to US 74. NCDOT is pursuing constructing this facility instead of completing two programmed TIP projects for Indian Trail and Stallings roads.

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