

MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 267
June 3, 2010

Voting Members: Bill Coxe-Vice-chair (Huntersville), Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Jim Keenan (E&PM), Tim Gibbs – alt. for Ken Tippette (CDOT Bicycle Coordinator), Jonathan Wells – alt. for Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), David McDonald (CATS-MTC), Jack Flaherty (NCDOT-PTD), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Adam McLamb – alt. for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Ralph Messera (Matthews), Lee Bailey (Mint Hill), Jim Loyd – alt. for Wayne Herron (Monroe), Kevin Icard (Pineville), Shannon Martel- via phone - alt. for Brian Matthews (Stallings), Amy Helms (Union County), Greg Mahar (Waxhaw)

Staff: Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Robert Cook (MUMPO), Nick Polimeni (MUMPO), Tracy Newsome (CDOT), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Carroll Gray (Lake Norman Transportation Commission), Jason Wager (Centralina COG)

Guests: Steve Blakley (Kimley-Horn), Carl Gibilaro (PBS&J), Reid Simons (NCTA)

TCC Vice-Chairman Bill Coxe opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. A matter regarding CSX Rail closings in Indian Trail was added, to be announced at the end of the agenda.

1. Consideration of May Meeting Minutes

Mr. Coxe asked if there were any changes needed to the May minutes. Mr. Coxe requested that the presentations referenced in the minutes be included as part of the minutes. Staff suggested that this could be accomplished by adding the presentations as PDF attachments, to be accessed on the MUMPO website along with the minutes. The minutes were adopted by acclamation.

2. CMAQ Update

Presenter: Jason Wager, Centralina COG

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Wager stated that 29 CMAQ project applications had been submitted, which will be reviewed and ranked by the subcommittee. He stated the names of all the subcommittee members, and briefly explained the breakdown of the review process. Mr. Wager also noted that the first subcommittee meeting would take place the following week, with the goal being to present the results of the subcommittee meeting(s) to the TCC at its July meeting.

3. NCDOT Complete Streets Policy Development Update

Presenter: Tracy Newsome, CDOT

Summary/FYI:

Ms. Newsome provided an update to the TCC regarding the Complete Streets Policy Development advisory group, stating that a consultant was selected to assist with the development of the policy. She stated that the consultant will be responsible for coordinating data analysis and public involvement, among other things. A very preliminary draft schedule was presented, and Ms.

Newsome indicated that a stakeholder list is being developed. Finally, Ms. Newsome announced that the advisory group would be meeting in Charlotte on June 22 and taking a tour to see various sites around the city. She mentioned that on June 23, the advisory group would like to meet with TCC members. Jonathan Wells asked if TCC members could suggest locations for the advisory group tour in Charlotte. Bill Coxe then asked if TCC members could attend the advisory group meeting on June 22. Ms. Newsome responded affirmatively to both requests and indicated that she would be sending more detailed information to the TCC regarding the advisory group meetings. Danny Pleasant emphasized the importance of the project, and the need for the TCC to get involved with the process.

4. Small Project Ranking

Presenter: Lauren Blackburn, Town of Davidson

Summary/FYI:

Ms. Blackburn summarized what took place at the education session prior to the May 19 MPO meeting. She stated that the next step is to discuss criteria to define small projects and create a list to present to the MPO. Bill Coxe questioned if it was too soon to create a list. He suggested that the MPO might need a better understanding of the implementation process for transportation projects, and mentioned that it might be a good topic for the education session prior to the July MPO meeting. It was concluded that the small project criteria would be discussed at the next transportation staff meeting.

5. Monroe Parkway Status Update

Presenter: Carl Gibilaro, PBS&J

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Gibilaro reported on the following:

- The Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) is complete and was signed on May 25.
- The FEIS was sent to the FHWA for their review in order to get the Record of Decision (ROD) signed as soon as possible.
- The NCTA has requested proposals from three firms for a Design/Build contract.
- A workshop will be held in June for Indian Trail business owners to discuss the impacts of the project.
- A presentation is scheduled for the July TCC meeting regarding the Design/Build procurement, as well as the transponder that was chosen.

Mr. Gibilaro brought copies of the signed FEIS to distribute to members of the TCC, and indicated that he didn't have enough for everyone that day, but that everyone would receive a copy when they are all printed.

Reid Simons, with the NCTA, stated that there is no delay in the bond financing associated with the project, and any reports to the contrary are misinformation.

6. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Update

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook reminded the TCC that the final FY 11 Planning (PL) fund amount was not provided until the day before the May TCC meeting, and that the amount was almost \$100,000 more than the figure being used to develop the UPWP. He noted that some of the additional funds were allocated to travel demand model tasks to make up for a reduction in FY 11 Section 5303 funds, but that there was insufficient time to program the rest of the funds. For that reason, MUMPO must amend the FY 11

UPWP to allocate the balance (approximately \$56,000). Mr. Cook stated that there was a possibility of doing so at the July meetings and that discussions will take place at the Wednesday staff meetings.

7. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)

Presenter: Anil Panicker, NCDOT

Summary / FYI:

Mr. Panicker reported that base maps were still being worked on. He informed the TCC that while the base maps are being completed, he would like to discuss with the subcommittee the bicycle and pedestrian maps that will also be part of the CTP. He stated that he would be sending out a meeting notice to the subcommittee to begin that discussion.

The following items were briefly discussed prior to the adjournment of the meeting:

- CSX Rail Closings – Adam McLamb, representing Indian Trail, stated that two main RR crossings of the CSX rail line in Indian Trail would be closed for repairs for several days in June.
- July Meeting Date – Mr. Coxe asked if everyone is ok with the July 1 TCC meeting date. No one indicated a conflict, so it was decided that the meeting will be held on Thursday, July 1.

Bill Coxe announced that Julie Clark, with Mecklenburg Park & Recreation, will be leaving. He recognized her many efforts and stated that she will be greatly missed.

8. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM.