

**MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center**  
**Room 267**  
**August 5, 2010**

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**Voting Members:** Wayne Herron-Chair (Monroe), Bill Coxe-Vice-Chair (Huntersville), Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Jim Keenan (E&PM), Ken Tippet (CDOT Bicycle Coordinator), Jonathan Wells – alt. for Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), Leslie Rhodes (LUESA-Air Quality), Richard Hancock-alt. for Barry Moose (NCDOT-Div. 10), 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), Kevin Icard (Pineville), Shannon Martel- alt. for Brian Matthews (Stallings), Amy Helms (Union County), Greg Mahar (Waxhaw), Joshua Langen (Wesley Chapel)

**Staff:** Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Robert Cook (MUMPO), Nick Polimeni (MUMPO), Crissy Huffstickler (Planning), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Tom Tasselli (Cornelius), Craig Thomas (Indian Trail), Gwen Cook (Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation), Reid Simons (NCTA), Kate Butler (NCDOT), Loretta Barren – via phone (FHWA)

**Guests:** Carl Gibilaro (PBS&J), Lindsey Dunevant (Carolina Thread Trail)

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TCC Chairman Wayne Herron opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

**1. Consideration of July Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Herron asked if there were any changes needed to the July minutes. Jonathan Wells made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented. Danny Pleasant seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. FY 11 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Amendment**

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/Action:

Mr. Cook stated that the following amendments were proposed:

1. Reallocate \$50,000 in Planning (PL) funds from Task Code VI-12, Management & Operations to Task Code VI-10, Corridor Protection Studies. The towns of Matthews and Stallings will each receive \$25,000 and use the funds to participate in the preparation of a transportation plan with the Town of Indian Trail.
2. Reallocate \$6,624 in Planning (PL) funds from Task Code VI-12, Management & Operations to Task Code III-3, Travel Model Updates.
3. Change the project description of the Town of Davidson's Planning (PL) funds transportation planning project.

He stated that the reason for the amendment was that the final amount of the FY 2011 PL funds was not provided to MUMPO until May 5, one day before the TCC was scheduled to take final action on the UPWP and the final amount was \$99,836 more than assumed during UPWP development. Therefore, the TCC's recommendation in May was to use \$43,212 of the additional funds to make up for a shortfall in FY 2011 Section 5303 funds, and to program the remaining \$56,624 in Task Code VI-12,

Management & Operations until it could be determined how to allocate the funds. Mr. Coxe stated that he wanted to ensure that work on the Matthews, Indian Trail and Stallings project was integrated into larger regional efforts, such as the preparation of the CTP.

Motion:

Mr. Coxe made a motion to amend the FY11 UPWP as presented. Danny Pleasant seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Update**

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook stated that the MPO approved the TCC-endorsed CMAQ project list at its July meeting. The next step in the process is for all successful project sponsors to complete NCDOT CMAQ applications and return them to him by August 18. He stated that the project sponsors had been notified of this deadline.

**4. Small Project Ranking**

Presenter: Lauren Blackburn, Town of Davidson

Summary/FYI:

Ms. Blackburn provided a summary of what was presented to the MPO at its July 21 meeting. She also discussed some of the concerns of the MPO members, including that some members were unclear how to direct the TCC to proceed. In conclusion, Ms. Blackburn indicated that although the MPO had some apprehension about developing a small project ranking, it was determined to pursue the effort, perhaps by designating funds from an existing source. It was also stated that the next step will be to provide more education to the MPO prior to its September meeting in order to help guide the process. Mr. Herron stated that he thought the process, even without a clear outcome, is a helpful exercise in that it creates a dialogue with the MPO.

**5. Monroe Parkway Status Update**

Presenter: Reid Simons, NCTA

Summary/FYI:

Ms. Simons reported on the following:

- The findings of Fish and Wildlife are that the project concurs with all regulations, meaning the Record of Decision (ROD) is expected soon
- Design/Build is moving forward
- It is anticipated that bids for construction will be open in October
- A name has been selected for the transponder that will be used: NC Quick Pass

Mr. Coxe stated that JJ Eden, of the NCTA, would be leaving and asked if a replacement has been found. Ms. Simons responded that a search is currently underway. Mr. Messera asked if the NC Quick Pass will be compatible with toll facilities in other states, and if so, which states. Ms. Simons responded that customers will have a choice between a sticker pass and a transponder. The sticker will only work in this region, but the transponder will be compatible in other states, such as South Carolina, Georgia, Texas and New York.

## **6. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)**

Presenter: Anil Panicker, NCDOT

### Summary / FYI:

Mr. Panicker provided a summary of the July 21 CTP subcommittee meeting, stating that its main focus was the public involvement portion of the CTP process. He indicated that when the base maps have been completed and reviewed by all jurisdictions, then a timeline for public meetings will be set. Several comments were made regarding the various planning processes and studies that are taking place throughout the region and that coordination among all processes is very important in order to engage the public in a meaningful way, and also to produce results that are consistent, collaborative and yield value.

### **Miscellaneous Announcements**

Mr. Cook provided announcements about the Centralina COG Regional Study and the release of the Draft State Transportation Improvement Program, indicating that more information regarding both items would be provided in the coming months.

Mr. Norm Steinman, of CDOT, announced that the Complete Streets Advisory Group had met and that when information from the meeting is available, an update will be provided to the TCC. He also announced that Charlotte is submitting four Tiger II applications. One application is for a construction project on Shopping Center Drive, and three are for the following planning related activities: The Community House Road bridge over I-485, Independence Area Plan and an evaluation of four shopping centers throughout the region to devise “park once” plans.

Mr. Coxe announced that funding was finally awarded for Phase 3 of the Fast Lanes Study. Ms. Loretta Barren, of the FHWA, provided some background information regarding the funding of the study.

Ms. Leslie Rhodes, with LUESA, provided an update regarding air quality requirements.

**7. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.