

MUMPO TCC
AGENDA
March 3, 2011

1. Consideration of February Meeting Minutes

Bill Coxe

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve as presented, or with amendments.

2. Charlotte Streetcar Project (10 minutes)

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: No action is suggested at this time due to the public comment period being extended to February 28. The action that will be necessary if the TCC decides to recommend that the project advance is:

- a. Amend the 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program to place project funding for the 1.5 mile segment in FY 2011*
- b. Amend the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan to place the 1.5 mile segment in the 2015 horizon year*
- c. Make a conformity determination on the amended 2009-2015 TIP and amended 2035 LRTP.*

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.

ATTACHEMENT: Streetcar Memorandum, including public comments

3. CATS 2009-2015 TIP Amendment (5 minutes)

David McDonald

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO take action to amend the 2009-2015 TIP in order to utilize funds allocated for FY 2011, designated to CATS for the replacement of underground fuel tanks at the North Davidson Bus Maintenance Facility.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum.

ATTACHMENTS: CATS TIP Amendment Memorandum; CATS TIP Amendment Resolution

4. ARRA Rail Improvements (5 minutes)

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO adopt a resolution of continued support for high speed rail.

BACKGROUND: NCDOT was awarded \$545 million in American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to fund 27 projects in 11 counties for track improvements necessary to advance the Southeast High Speed Rail corridor, which will ultimately run between Charlotte and Washington, D.C. Recently, the House of Representatives passed a continuing resolution bill that would eliminate spending on high speed rail. Due to recent discussion about action on a possible rescission of ARRA funding related to North Carolina's high speed rail project, it would be an appropriate time for the MPO to weigh in on the issue.

ATTACHMENT: Draft Resolution

5. Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

a. Draft TIP Status Update and Timeline (10 minutes)

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the status of the Draft 2012-2018 TIP.

ATTACHMENT: TIP Memorandum

b. I-77 Widening and HOT Lanes Conversion (20 minutes)

Barry Moose

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: At the February TCC meeting, a proposal was made by NCDOT regarding the I-77 widening and HOT lanes conversion project. The project proposal discussed consists of the following:

- *Use funds currently programmed in the outer years of the TIP to widen I-77 to eight lanes in each direction to exit 28, including conversion of a HOV lane to a HOT lane;*
- *Incorporate TIP project I-3311E to widen substandard lanes on I-77 to the proper width, as part of this project;*
- *Complete the remaining portion of project I-3311B, to widen I-77 from I-485 to NC 73 by adding a general purpose lane in each direction, as part of this project.*

Several questions and concerns were raised at the February TCC meeting. At the March meeting, the TCC will need to continue its discussion of the proposal, and determine if enough information is available to make a recommendation to the MPO.

c. Prosperity Church Rd/I-485 Interchange (15 minutes)

Matt Magnasco

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO reallocate STP-DA funds from Little Rock Road (U-5116) to Prosperity Church Road Northwest Arc, and recommend that the funding year be changed from FY 15 to FY 13.

BACKGROUND: The MPO allocated STP-DA funds in FY 15 for a project to realign a portion of Little Rock Road (U-5116) in conjunction with the City of Charlotte's Fred D. Alexander Boulevard projects. The City has already completed planning and design on the project, so using the funds in FY 15 would result in a substantial delay to the project. The City proposes to reallocate the \$4.8 million in DA funds from Little Rock Road to construct a segment of realigned Prosperity Church Road in the Prosperity Village/I-485 interchange. This segment must be open to traffic when I-485 is completed (currently scheduled for December 2014) for the interchange to function properly. The funding year is also requested to be changed from FY 15 to FY 13.

6. 601 South Connector Project (15 minutes)

Jim Loyd

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: This project will provide a link between the Monroe Connector/Bypass and US 601, south of Monroe. Four preliminary alignments are being presented to the TCC for comment.

7. Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model Update (10 minutes)

Anna Gallup

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the progress of the Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model.

8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Prioritization Process (15 minutes)

Lauren Blackburn

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: A subcommittee of the TCC was recently formed to continue the development of a methodology for ranking bicycle and pedestrian projects. Two meetings of the subcommittee have been completed; this is an update regarding the progress of the subcommittee and the status of the prioritization process.

9. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) (10 minutes)

Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the status of the UPWP.

10. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) (5 minutes)

Anil Panicker

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the status of this project.

11. Adjourn