

MUMPO TCC

AGENDA

May 10, 2012

1. **Adoption of the Agenda** Bill Coxe

2. **Consideration of April Meeting Minutes** Bill Coxe
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve as presented, or with amendments.

3. **MUMPO Self Certification** (5 minutes) Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend to the MPO that it adopt the attached resolution certifying MUMPO's compliance with all federal transportation planning laws, statutes, etc. during FY 12.

BACKGROUND: Federal regulations require MPOs to self-certify that they comply with all laws, statutes, etc. governing the transportation planning process.

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum; Checklist; Draft Resolution

4. **I-77 & I-485 TIP & LRTP Amendments & Conformity Determination** (45 minutes) Bill Coxe
ACTIONS REQUESTED:
 - 1) *Recommend that the MUMPO adopt a statement concerning I-77 North that*
 - a. *Endorses HOT lanes as the preferred technique for providing additional capacity on I-77*
 - b. *Endorses the appropriate use of a public/private partnership in delivering HOT lanes*
 - c. *Expresses the expectation that planning and environmental studies occur within the framework of a corridor that stretches from central Charlotte to Mooresville*
 - 2) *Recommend that the MUMPO amend the LRTP and the TIP as follows and recommend that the MUMPO make a determination that the amendments allow our region to meet its air quality conformity requirements. (Note: the following actions must all occur for the air quality conformity determination to be valid)*
 - a. *Amend the LRTP to modify the I-485 South project shown in the 2025 horizon year (index # 3118) to include the Johnston Road flyover and an extension of the project eastward to Rea Rd. The project remains a 6 lane widening with auxiliary lanes. Show the NCDOT estimate of \$114,650,000 as the anticipated cost with funding type as Loop funds.*
 - b. *Amend the LRTP to eliminate the remaining 2025 horizon year projects for I-485, index numbers 3120 and 3116, and replace them with an I-485 project that would widen I-485 to 8 lanes (6 general purpose and 2 express) from Rea Rd to Independence Bv. with a cost estimate inflated from the current NCDOT estimate to the anticipated year of expenditure and showing the funding type as Loop funds.*
 - c. *Amend the LRTP to modify the I-485 2035 horizon year project, index # 3119, to delete the Johnston Rd flyover (having accomplished it in 2025.) Adjust the project cost estimate accordingly.*
 - d. *Amend the TIP, project # R-4902, to incorporate the project description contained in # 2a above, include the NCDOT cost estimate of \$114,650,000, and show all funding coming from Loop sources. Acknowledge that equity dollars may be needed to keep this project on schedule but recommend that this can occur only if those dollars can be found without impacting the LRTP financial constraints.*
 - e. *Request that NCDOT amend the typical section for project R-4902 between I-77 and Johnston Rd to construct four additional feet of full depth paved shoulder on the median side of the travel lanes in each direction. This portion of roadway would be restriped and used in a later project to separate the general purpose lanes from managed lanes. The decision to implement*

managed lanes, the selection of type of managed lane, and the operational plan for those lanes will be based on a study of I-485 between I-77 and US 74.

- f. Amend the LRTP I-77 project shown in the 2015 horizon year (index # 3132) to alter the southern boundary to I-277, acknowledge that from I-277 to Hambright Road the current HOV lanes would be converted to HOT lanes with 2+ occupant vehicles using the lane for free and add HOT 2+ lanes (one each direction) north to Catawba Ave. This is Scenario 1 under the public involvement notice. **Because this scenario is currently contained in the TIP, no TIP amendment is necessary at this time.** As part of this amendment, the TCC recommends a statement that this action is not intended to prejudice additional effort on behalf of Scenarios 2, 3, or 4 and that as sufficient information is made available, the MUMPO may approve the modification of the LRTP and the TIP to include Scenario 2, 3, or 4.
- 3) Commit the TCC to an active, ongoing, and meaningful participation in the creation and maintenance of a statement of principles that will guide the development of the I-77 North project or projects. This statement is to be an evolutionary document that shall include but not be limited to the topics contained in the attached draft.

BACKGROUND: NCDOT has requested modifications to the LRTP and the TIP to accommodate significant changes in projects for I-485 South and I-77 North. Air quality modeling occurred for several options for the I-77 North project concurrent with a single option for I-485 South. Thus, for any project to move forward, it is essential that one air quality conformity determination be adopted for appropriate projects for both roadways. A task force of the TCC has worked diligently with NCDOT and consultants on the options for I-77 North but at this time, insufficient information is available for the task force to recommend something other than what is currently in the TIP under project I-5405. To keep the letting of the I-485 project on schedule, it is necessary to make the described changes and findings above with the caveat that as the team continues to work on the I-77 issues, it is entirely possible that Scenarios 2, 3, or 4 can emerge as preferred strategies. To that end, the task force is formulating the attached draft statement of principles to guide success in the corridor.

ATTACHMENT: I-77 North Corridor Statement of Principles

5. Transportation Improvement Program Amendments (10 minutes) Robert Cook
a. Miscellaneous TIP Amendments

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO approve the attached TIP amendments as presented.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum; Resolution

b. Bearskin Creek Greenway (EB-5011) (10 minutes) Lisa Stiwinter

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: The Bicycle and Pedestrian Division of NCDOT has requested that MUMPO amend the TIP to fund the Bearskin Creek Greenway project (EB-5011) in the amount of \$1,636,000 in FY 2015. The Bearskin Creek Greenway is approximately 1.6 miles beginning at Stafford Street Ext. and ending at Icemorlee Street. The project is an important component of Monroe's Greenway Master Plan connecting four parks, the Union County Farmers Market and Historic Downtown Monroe. The Bearskin Creek Greenway also serves as a portion of the Carolina Thread Trail that will link municipalities' greenway and trail networks throughout Union County as well as provide a link to adjacent towns, cities and counties.

ATTACHMENTS: Feasibility Study Information; Maps; Letter of Support

6. CONNECT Consortium Agreement (10 minutes) Rebecca Yarbrough
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO approve the CONNECT Consortium Agreement.

BACKGROUND: In the summer of 2011, MUMPO endorsed submission of Centralina COG's application for HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning funds, on behalf of the region. MUMPO also indicated at that time its intent to become a member of the CONNECT Consortium, a collaborative of over 100 local governments, non-profits, businesses and business groups, and organizations such as MPOs and RPOs, who will guide the process of creating a regional plan for sustainable development, the Regional Strategic Framework. CCOG now has a Consortium Agreement prepared. The TCC is being requested to review, comment, and recommend approval to the MPO at its May 16, 2012 meeting.

ATTACHMENTS: Invitation Letter; Resolution & Proposed Consortium Agreement; Q&A; Appointment Form

- 7. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)** (10 minutes) Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO approve the FY 2013 UPWP as presented.

BACKGROUND: The UPWP is adopted annually and identifies the major transportation planning activities to be undertaken during the fiscal year. See the attached memorandum for more information.

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum; Task Descriptions; Funding Sources & Task Codes spreadsheet

- 8. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)** (10 minutes) Bjorn Hansen
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Centralina COG staff has been contracted to assist with MUMPO's project selection for potential FY 2016 & 2017 CMAQ funds. Four project development meetings were held earlier this year and project applications were due April 27. A project ranking subcommittee will convene during the month of May to rank the projects that were submitted. Action by the TCC and MPO is anticipated in July.

ATTACHMENTS: CMAQ Memorandum; List of proposed CMAQ projects

- 9. Urbanized Area Boundary Expansion** (10 minutes) Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on matters related to the MPO's expansion due to the growth of the Charlotte urbanized area.

10. Upcoming Issues

11. Adjourn