

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 267
October 10, 2013

Voting Members: *TCC Vice-Chair* – Joe Lesch (Union County), Norm Steinman – alt for Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), Eric Moore (LUESA-Air Quality), John Rose – alt for David McDonald (CATS), Louis Mitchell (NCDOT-Div. 10), David Keilson (NCDOT-Div. 12), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Adam McLamb – alt for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Andrew Ventresca (Iredell County), Ralph Messera (Matthews), Neil Burke (Mooresville), Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Shannon Martel (Stallings), Sherry Ashley – alt for Phil Collins (Statesville), Erika Martin (Troutman), Jordan Cook (Weddington)

Staff: Robert Cook (CRTPO), Nick Landa (CRTPO), Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Tracy Newsom (CDOT), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Mike Davis (CDOT), Jonathan Wells (C-M Planning), Gwen Cook (Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation), Keith Sorensen (Indian Trail), Jim Loyd (Monroe), Scott Cole (NCDOT-Div. 10), Brett Canipe (NCDOT), Bjorn Hansen (GCLMPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA)

Guests: Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Todd Steiss (PB), Page Hunter (HNTB)

Joe Lesch opened the meeting at 10:00 AM.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Lesch asked if any changes to the agenda are necessary. Bob Cook noted that a request had been made to add an item to the agenda to discuss a Thoroughfare Plan amendment to Ardrey Kell Road. Mr. Lesch suggested that the item be added to the agenda after Item 7, and then asked if any other changes to the agenda are necessary. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt the October TCC agenda. Bill Coxe made a motion to adopt the agenda. Adam McLamb seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

2. Consideration of September Meeting Minutes

Mr. Lesch asked if any changes to the minutes are necessary. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Coxe made a motion to approve the September TCC minutes. Anil Panicker seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3. 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

a. Plan Update

Presenter: Nick Landa

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Landa indicated that the Plan update process is well underway, and that work by the MTP Advisory Committee continues on chapter development. He also noted that a consultant is under contract to help with the completion of the MTP and with public involvement. Finally, he stated that the majority of work as of late has gone into completing the draft roadway project list.

b. Roadway Project Ranking

Presenter: Nick Landa

Summary/Action Requested:

Mr. Landa provided information to the TCC about the MTP project list, highlighted by the following:

- The project list was released for public involvement in September, and three meetings were held that were fairly well attended;
- Comments that were received are included in your agenda packet, with the exception of one that was inadvertently left out from a citizen in Mooresville – it was a comment of support for the NC 150 widening project in western Iredell County (it was also noted that the public comments are posted on the CRTPO website);
- Formatting changes to the project list were referenced (e.g. Existing and committed projects added, new columns added to provide information required by consultation agencies, etc.)
- Ralph Messera noted that the funding for one of the E+C projects (TIP# U-5110) was pulled, so the project can be removed from the MTP; and
- A specific request was made by the City of Statesville to add the Murdock Road realignment project in place of the Eastside Drive project currently on the project list in the 2025 Horizon Year, which is described in a memorandum that was provided to the TCC.

Sherry Ashley, from Statesville, briefly described the project request as being a realignment of the existing Murdock Road, and noted that this project is a higher priority project to both Statesville and Troutman. She stated that an economic development study for the area was recently completed identifying the highest priority sites as being along Murdock Road. It was also noted that there are some unknown issues associated with the Eastside Drive project that still need to be worked out. Neil Burke, from Mooresville, reiterated support for making the proposed change to the project list, as long as the anticipated revenue available for the Division 12, Division Needs category of projects in the 2025 Horizon Year is adequate to cover the cost of the Murdock Road project.

Mr. Landa disclosed that a note was added to the project list for two specific project corridors in Mecklenburg County (I-77 from Center City Charlotte to I-485, and US 74 from Conference Drive to I-485), based on a request from the CRTPO board at its September meeting. He also noted that there were no other controversial public comments expressing significant dissatisfaction or proposed changes to the project list.

Motion:

Ms. Ashley made a motion to recommend that the Murdock Road realignment project be added to the 2025 Horizon Year of the fiscally constrained project list, in place of the Eastside Drive widening project in Statesville currently on the list. Erika Martin seconded the motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Coxe made a motion to recommend that the CRTPO approve the fiscally constrained project list, as amended, noting that minor corrections to the E+C network may be necessary. Mr. Messera seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Strategic Transportation Investment (STI)

Presenter: Nick Landa

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Landa provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are

incorporated into the minutes [here](#). He provided an overview of the project submittal process that is a result of the Strategic Transportation Investment legislation enacted in June 2013, highlighted by the following:

- Overview of the new legislation was provided;
- The Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) will be conducting the Prioritization 3.0 (P3.0) evaluation process, which will lead to the development of the next Transportation Improvement Program (TIP);
- Criteria has been developed to evaluate capital projects of all modes quantitatively and qualitatively based on 3 categories – Statewide Mobility, Regional Impact and Division Needs;
- Modes eligible by category was described, and the CRTPO’s submittal eligibility by mode was outlined;
- The P3.0 database currently contains highway projects that were previously submitted during the P2.0 process – both mobility and modernization type highway projects;
- The CRTPO will have to determine which projects to submit, which to remove and how to allocate its share of local points to projects of all modes in the database;
- Committees have been recommended to be created to accomplish the tasks outlined;
- Deadlines for completing the tasks described, as well as the actions anticipated to be requested by the TCC and CRTPO, were provided.

Mr. Burke asked if decisions will have to be made about removing projects from the P3.0 database based on what was submitted for the MTP. Mr. Landa replied that there will have to be some decisions made about which projects to leave in the database and which to remove. Scott Cole, with NCDOT, asked when those decisions would have to be made, to which Mr. Landa indicated that it would need to be done by January 2014. Mr. Coxe asked if the project changes that are required by October 23 have to do with project limits and descriptions that might be different now than they were when originally submitted for P2.0. Mr. Landa indicated that, yes, those are the types of changes that will need to be considered. The following was proposed to be accomplished in the near term:

- The current P3.0 highway project list will be sent to the TCC to solicit proposed changes; and
- A transportation staff meeting will be held on October 16 to discuss proposed changes to the P3.0 highway project list.

Mr. Landa then highlighted the P3.0 highway, and bicycle and pedestrian submittal processes, and presented membership for committees proposed to accomplish those tasks. A committee was not proposed for transit projects, or for other modes. After discussion by the TCC, it was determined that transit and other modes also be discussed at the October 16 transportation staff meeting. Mr. Landa continued by discussing the P3.0 local input point process. He indicated that each MPO/RPO and NCDOT Division Offices receive a specific amount of local points, which must be allocated based on a prescribed methodology that is approved by the CRTPO and SPOT. There was consensus from the TCC for the three P3.0 committees proposed – P3.0 highway projects committee, P3.0 bicycle and pedestrian committee, and P3.0 local input point methodology committee – with minor changes, including the addition of NCDOT Division Office representation. He also stated that all recommendations proposed by the various committees would require TCC and CRTPO approval.

5. MPO Planning Area Boundary Expansion

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook began by informing the TCC that the CRTPO’s Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) had been signed by the Secretary of Transportation, making it official. He noted that some of the original

signatures required have yet to be submitted. It was also noted that the signature of the Governor, or his designee, would begin the clock for the initial 18-month evaluation period added to the MOU – to review such items as voting structure, quorum, etc. Mr. Cook then stated that a couple communities in Union County who originally opted out of the MPO process might be reconsidering the opportunity to join CRTPO. He indicated that some outstanding issues include making recommendations to the CRTPO about revisions to its bylaws, now that the MOU has been approved and signed. It was suggested that a few meetings would be necessary to discuss the bylaws. He also noted that regional agreements with the adjacent MPOs still need to be completed.

6. Transportation Improvement Program Financial Plan

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook reminded the TCC that a financial plan is now required to be completed by the TPO for its Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). He indicated that Parsons Brinkerhoff, one of the TPO's on-call consultants, has been asked to assist the TPO with the development of its TIP financial plan. He noted that the process is in its early stages and that more information will be provided at upcoming TCC meetings.

7. Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Process

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook stated that the UPWP process previously presented, at the September TCC meeting by Scott Lane, yielded a particular outcome – to establish a UPWP committee. He noted that the committee would guide the development of the UPWP, but that the TCC and CRTPO would still be responsible for approving the plan. Possible membership for the committee was discussed, and Mr. Cook indicated that he would ask the TCC to approve the UPWP committee membership at its November meeting.

8. Ardrey Kell Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/Action Requested:

Mr. Cook told the TCC that a request had been made to revise the alignment of Ardrey Kell Road from what is currently shown on the Thoroughfare Plan, to accommodate proposed land use development that conflicts with the current alignment of the roadway. He stated that a specific alignment has not yet been determined, but the TCC is being requested to authorize public involvement for the Thoroughfare Plan amendment when the alignment is finalized. He also noted that the type of public involvement required is still being defined. Mr. Coxe asked if the current alignment on the Thoroughfare Plan is official. It was clarified that the roadway is currently classified as a minor thoroughfare. Norm Steinman stated that the proposed project is entirely within the City of Charlotte and any motion should include language that all public involvement be coordinated appropriately between the City and CRTPO.

Motion:

Mr. Coxe made a motion that public involvement for the proposed Thoroughfare Plan amendment be authorized by the CRTPO when an appropriate alignment is determined, and that the public involvement be coordinated based upon land use and transportation needs of both the City of Charlotte and the

CRTPO. Jonathan Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Upcoming Issues

Mr. Steinman announced that a traffic and revenue study by AECOM for managed lanes on US 74 is anticipated to conclude near the end of the calendar year, and that the results of the study can be presented at a transportation staff meeting upon completion.

10. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.