

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 267
June 5, 2014

Voting Members: *TCC Chair* – Danny Pleasant (CDOT), *Vice-Chair* – Joe Lesch (Union County), Dan Leaver – alt for David Meachum (Charlotte E&PM), Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), Wayne Herron – alt for Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Adam McLamb – alt for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Andrew Ventresca (Iredell County), Erika Martin (Troutman), Ralph Messera (Matthews), David McDonald (CATS), Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Kelsie Anderson (Mooresville), Megan Green (Mecklenburg County – LUESA Air Quality), Scott Cole - alt for Louis Mitchell (NCDOT – Div. 10) David Keilson – alt for Reuben Chandler (NCDOT-Div. 12), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Phil Collins (Statesville), Julian Burton (Weddington), Ken Tippette (Bicycle Focus Area Representative), Dick Winters (Public Health Focus Area Representative), Scott Correll (Interim Pedestrian Focus Area Representative)

Staff: Robert Cook (CRTPO), Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Louis Mitchell (NCDOT-Div. 10) Stuart Basham (NCDOT – Div. 10), Tim Gibbs (CDOT), James Lim (NCDOT-Public Transportation), Bjorn Hansen (Centralina COG), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Mike Davis (CDOT), Jim Loyd (Monroe), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Matt Magnasco (CDOT), Jake Lowman (Iredell County), Sherry Ashley (Statesville), Jonathan Wells (C-M Planning)

Guests: Radha Swayampakala (RS&H), Todd Steiss (PB), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), David Wiggins (Steele Creek Residents Association); Meg Fencil (Sustain Charlotte)

Danny Pleasant opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. TCC members introduced themselves.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Pleasant asked if any changes to the agenda were necessary. Hearing none, the June agenda was adopted by acclamation.

2. Consideration of May Meeting Minutes

Mr. Pleasant asked if any changes to the minutes were necessary. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May TCC meeting. Bill Coxe made a motion to approve the May TCC meeting minutes. Joe Lesch seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

TCC BUSINESS ITEMS

3a. U-5507A&B, Prosperity Church Road NW Arc TIP Amendments

Presenter: Dan Leaver, Engineering and Property Management

Summary/Action Requested:

Dan Leaver provided an overview of the project status for U-5507 Sections A and B, and his presentation

can be found [here](#). He indicated that a TIP amendment for this project is necessary for two reasons. It was necessary to change the funding year of construction for U-5507B from FY 2014 and FY 2015, and there is \$966,740 in unused right-of-way funding from U-5507A that he would like reallocated to Section B of this project for right-of-way acquisition. Mr. Coxe asked if this project would be subject to a conformity determination based upon its project horizon year in the 2040 MTP. Norm Steinman from CDOT responded to indicate that this project will be completed by the end of 2014, and will be in accordance with the conformity document.

Motion:

Andrew Ventresca made a motion to recommend to the MPO that it consider modifying the construction phase of U-5507B from FY 2014 and FY 2015, and to consider reallocating \$966,740 in unused right-of-way funding from phase A to Phase B of U-5507. Mr. Coxe seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3b. CRTPO NCDOT P3.0 DRAFT Local Input Points Allocation

Presenter: Neil Burke

Summary/Action Requested:

Mr. Burke provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). The presentation covered the following points:

- NCDOT released scores for all projects and modes on May 14, 2014.
- A summary of the inventory of projects by mode that are being considered under P3.0 indicated that there are 119 highway, 26 bicycle/pedestrian, 4 rail, 0 public transportation, and 25 aviation projects across the Statewide, Regional Impacts and Division Needs tiers of P3.0 within CRTPO.
- A list of fully and partially funded Statewide Mobility projects that NCDOT had identified within the CRTPO planning area was presented.
- A list of the projects with the Top 10 quantitative P3.0 scores within Regions E and F and Divisions 10 and 12 for highway and non-highway projects was reviewed.
- Mr. Burke indicated that a subcommittee of TCC members has endorsed a draft list of CRTPO's P3.0 projects that are proposed to receive local input points based upon the adopted methodology.
- A meeting was held between CRTPO staff and NCDOT Divisions 10 and 12 to coordinate each division's local input point assignment to maximize influence on projects that are priorities of all three organizations.
- During the meeting, it was recognized by the three organizations that CRTPO's local input points methodology would require an amendment to reference the assignment of less than 100 points is acceptable when a project crosses into an adjacent MPO. In this case, the pro-rata share of the mileage of the project within CRTPO should be applied to the point assignment.
- Mr. Burke presented the draft lists of projects that the subcommittee has proposed for local points assignment as part of the P3.0 process.
- The subcommittee endorsed the assignment of 2,400 local input points to 25 highway projects within the Regional Impact tier, and 100 points to one non-highway project (proposed CSX rail siding project in Indian Trail).
 - Based upon the proposed pro-rata share amendment, The NC 73 project from Lincoln County to Vance Road Extension would receive 45 points from CRTPO

- with 100 local input points possible if the Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO chooses to assign their share.
 - The NC 150 project from Harvel Road in the Hickory MPO to Perth Road in Mooresville would receive 79 points from CRTPO with the remainder possible if the Hickory MPO chooses to assign their share.
 - The remaining 76 points will be assigned to the project with the next highest P3.0 score.
- The subcommittee endorsed the assignment of 2,000 local input points to 20 highway projects within the Division Needs tier, and 500 points to five non-highway projects.
- Mr. Burke indicated that the draft lists are subject to change based upon public comment received and continued coordination between NCDOT Divisions 10 and 12.

Scott Cole mentioned that the I-485 ITS project may be overcome by the I-5507 TIP that is tentatively scheduled for construction and local input points should not be assigned to this project. Mr. Burke indicated that he will revise the spreadsheet to remove this project, and to show the NC 115 widening project from Hartness Road to Old Wilkesboro Road in Statesville receiving the remaining 76 local input points from the pro-rata shares projects.

Motion:

Wayne Herron made a motion to recommend the draft list of projects proposed for CRTPO's share of local input points to the MPO in consideration of initiating a 30-day public comment period, as amended to incorporate I-485 ITS project into the I-5507 project and reallocate its share of points to the NC 115 widening project in Statesville, and; to recommend that the MPO consider amending CRTPO's local input points methodology to include the provision for pro-rata point allocation when a project crosses in to an adjacent MPO. Mr. Coxe seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

TCC INFORMATION REPORTS

4a. Mt. Holly Road Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided an update on the status of this amendment, and he added that GCL MPO has taken action to remove its portion of the proposed thoroughfare from its CTP. CDOT is researching the right of way reservation for this proposed project, and an update will be provided an upcoming TCC meeting. Mr. Steinman suggested that a provision is incorporated into the regional agreements between CRTPO and the adjacent MPOs that require consultation between the organizations before the amendment to the CTP occurs that would impact the other organization.

4b. Tolled Corridors Management Team

Presenter: Bill Coxe, Town of Huntersville

Summary:

Mr. Coxe provided the TCC with an update on the Tolled Corridors Management Team. His presentation covered the following points:

- The proposed implementation of tolling on several corridors will require the CRTPO to develop new policies, and become actively engaged in project development, design and governance.
- TCC comments on the I-77 HOT lanes project Environmental Assessment recommended the formation of a management team.
- The MPO's May 2013 action to amend the 2035 LRTP to advance the I-77 HOT lanes project from Charlotte to Mooresville included the following recommendations:
 - The MPO recommends that NCDOT continue its high level of coordination with MUMPO and local staff through procurement, implementation and operation.
 - The MPO recommends that NCDOT and MUMPO convene a joint task force to coordinate this project with other area managed lanes projects.
- It is recommended that the TCC form a subcommittee to work on these issues.
- TCC action to formally establish a subcommittee will be requested at the July TCC meeting.

David McDonald indicated that this would be a working group to provide technical guidance to the TCC; therefore he felt that MPO action would not be necessary. Mr. Pleasant directed Mr. Coxe to identify a group of TCC members that can serve in this subcommittee and present this information to the TCC at the July meeting. Mr. Steinman suggested that this subcommittee develop a list of tasks to complete, and incorporate it into a Concept of Operations document. Louis Mitchell indicated that NCDOT is forming a stakeholder group to further investigate appropriate business models and branding along tolled facilities that are planned throughout North Carolina. He indicated that CRTPO's tolled facilities subcommittee may be able to provide input to the MPO board and NCDOT on policy and operations considerations on these corridors within the Charlotte area.

4c. Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update

Presenter: Anil Panicker, NCDOT-TPB

Summary:

Mr. Panicker indicated that he has received comments on the CTP maps from the Transportation Planning Branch (TPB) in Raleigh. He is meeting with member jurisdictions throughout CRTPO to discuss the comments, and revising the maps accordingly. The next step is to present the draft CTP maps to the TCC and MPO with the recommendation to initiate the public involvement process for the Mecklenburg and Union county portions of CRTPO only. Mr. Panicker indicated that Mr. Steinman will lead the public involvement process and identify members for a subcommittee on the public involvement component of the CTP. He indicated that NCDOT does not have a specific public involvement process for the CTP, and it would follow CRTPO's Public Involvement Process.

Mr. Steinman explained that the CTP will play a very important role in the selection of projects to be considered in the development of the 2045 MTP. The CTP will need to be adopted by the MPO before any significant work can be done on the 2045 MTP. He also mentioned that the CTP subcommittee should be reconvened to guide the implementation process of the CTP at the local level.

Erika Martin emphasized that Troutman's CTP is outdated and inquired if this process will allow amendments to the maps. Mr. Panicker indicated that he has been directed by the TPB office in

Raleigh to finish the CTP process for Mecklenburg and Union Counties prior to incorporating the Iredell County portion of CRTPO into the maps. He said that TPB had started the process of developing a CTP for Mecklenburg and Union Counties prior to the MPO expansion to include Iredell County, and he has been directed to finish the initial assignment to not belabor the process.

Mr. Herron indicated that explaining transportation planning boundaries and processes to the public can be a challenge, but to conduct public involvement on a partial area of CRTPO would lead to further confusion and frustration. He did not recommend excluding the new members of CRTPO from the development of the CTP because this does not leave a welcoming impression. Mr. Panicker responded by indicating that maps from the four CTP maps in the Iredell County could be displayed separately from the CTP maps he has prepared for Mecklenburg and Union Counties during the public involvement process.

Sherry Ashley emphasized that development of Statesville's CTP has occurred in several intervals since 2007 with the initial expectation that this process would take 18 months for NCDOT to complete the plan. Mr. Panicker explained that Statesville does have a draft set of CTP maps, but due to competing priorities NCDOT has put the Statesville CTP on hold indefinitely.

Mr. McDonald, Mr. Herron and Mr. Coxe indicated that CRTPO's process to complete its CTP should not move forward unless the CTP maps depict the entirety of the MPO's planning area. Mr. Coxe also suggested that the process could be re-focused to join all of the CTP's within CRTPO's planning area, create a draft set of maps, and resolve the remaining tasks of the plan through a collective process.

Mr. Pleasant also emphasized the opportunities to bring the region together through a unified planning process, and CRTPO should have one CTP even if it adds several months to the completion time of this effort.

4d. CONNECT Update

Presenter: Jonathan Wells, C-M Planning

Summary:

Jonathan Wells provided an overview of an update on the CONNECT regional study, and his presentation can be found [here](#). He indicated that the public involvement component has concluded, and his presentation focused on the public involvement survey results for the five growth scenarios. Mr. Wells also showed the "top 5" growth priorities for each county within CRTPO planning area. Mr. Coxe requested that the staff involved with the CONNECT study deliver a full presentation to the TCC at an upcoming meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

5a. NCDOT Report

Scott Cole reviewed a spreadsheet depicting the current construction status of projects throughout Division 10. This list can be found [here](#). Mr. Mitchell indicated that Division 10 will have a public meeting on their draft assignment of local input points to projects for P3.0 on Tuesday July 15 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at the Metrolina Regional Transportation Management Center, 2327 Tipton Drive in

Charlotte. David Keilson mentioned that NCDOT-Division 12 has several resurfacing projects in progress on US 21, NC 3, and NC 152 in Mooresville. He provided an update on the I-40 and I-77 interchange project in Statesville indicating that work is being done to pave the ramps and install noise walls at this location. Mr. Keilson indicated that the first phase of the I-40 and I-77 interchange project will be completed in 2017. Division 10 will have two public workshops on their methodology and draft local input points assignment with a meeting at the Gastonia Police Department in Gastonia on July 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and another meeting at Conover Station in Conover on July 15 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

5b. Upcoming Issues

Mr. Coxe gave a brief update on the development of toll facility bonus allocations that can be returned to MPOs in North Carolina that embrace tolling projects. His presentation can be viewed by clicking [here](#). The bonus allocation subcommittee is working on a methodology for identifying and prioritizing projects that are eligible for the bonus allocation funds from proposed tolling projects within CRTPO. Mr. Coxe indicated that a draft methodology would be presented to the TCC and MPO at their August meetings, with an adoption of this methodology at the September meetings. The projects recommended by the subcommittee for funding from the bonus allocations would be presented to the TCC and MPO at their September meetings with adoption in October.

Mr. Cook provided the group with several upcoming issues for future consideration. He indicated that NCDOT will be accelerating the schedule for MPOs to adopt their UPWPs from May to March each year. This change would accelerate the UPWP project selection process from October to July each year. Loretta Barren indicated that the acceleration of this process is only for the FTA 5303 funds that are distributed to MPOs, and two separate UPWP processes could be conducted to distribute the FTA 5303 and P.L. funds.

Mr. Cook mentioned that FHWA has recently released a new set of regulations that govern the metropolitan planning process. A process will be initiated where the new FHWA regulations will be reviewed at the upcoming Transportation Staff meetings held on Wednesdays. Ms. Barren encouraged the group to comment on what CRTPO likes and does not like regarding the new metropolitan planning regulations.

Mr. Cook also announced a public meeting for a conformity determination and TIP amendments for the Baucom Road Extension and the I-485 and Oakdale Road interchange projects. The meeting will be held in Room 801 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center from 3:30 to 5:30. Upcoming action request on the conformity determination and TIP amendments for these projects will occur at the July TCC and MPO meetings.

The final 2040 MTP document has been posted to the CRTPO website and can be found [here](#).

6. Adjourn: Mr. Pleasant noted that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.