

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 267
October 2, 2014

Voting Members: *Chair* - Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Jonathan Wells – alt for Ed McKinney (C-M Planning), David Meachum (Charlotte E&PM), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Wayne Herron – alt for Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Adam McLamb – alt for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Andrew Ventresca (Iredell County), Ralph Messera (Matthews), John Rose – alt for David McDonald (CATS), Jim Loyd – alt for Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Kelsie Anderson (Mooresville), Louis Mitchell (NCDOT – Div. 10), David Keilson – alt for Reuben Chandler (NCDOT – Div. 12), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Sherry Ashley (Statesville), Travis Johnson (Davidson), Scott Correll – alt for Scott Curry (Pedestrian Focus Area Representative), Gwen Cook (Greenway Focus Area Representative), Chris Easterly (Stallings)

Staff: Robert Cook (CRTPO), Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Candice Leonard (CRTPO), Stuart Basham (NCDOT – Div. 10), Jeff Sloop (NCDOT), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Jeff Derwort (Monroe), Matthew Todd (Iredell County), Loretta Barren (FHWA)

Guests: Todd Steiss (PB), Lynn Purnell (PB), Yolanda Reynolds (Parsons), Paige Hunter (HNTB), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Meg Fencil (Sustain Charlotte), Steve Blakely (Kimley Horn), Radha Swayampakala (RS&H)

Danny Pleasant opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. TCC members and guests introduced themselves. Robert Cook introduced Candice Leonard, the new Transportation Planning Engineer with CRTPO who started work on September 23, 2014.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

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

2. Consideration of Consent Agenda

Mr. Pleasant explained that the consent agenda for the October meeting did not contain any TIP amendments, and only the September meeting minutes were to be considered for adoption by the TCC. Bill Coxe made a motion to adopt the September meeting minutes with the following addition to the Toll Facility Bonus Allocation agenda item “bonus allocation projects will not count against the \$200 million corridor cap imposed by STI.” Adam McLamb seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TCC INFORMATION REPORTS

3a. Toll Facility Bonus Allocation Subcommittee

Presenter: Bill Coxe

Summary:

Mr. Coxe began his presentation by summarizing the outcome of the bonus allocation item at the September MPO meeting. He explained that the MPO deferred the guiding principles because of concerns regarding the methodology, and an equitable distribution of projects amongst the member jurisdictions in Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties. Mr. Coxe explained that the subcommittee will provide information to the members of the MPO in an effort to gain the endorsement of the principles and methodology, recognizing that the MPO has the ultimate discretion in how these funds are programmed.

Mr. Coxe stated that the MPO did approve the opening of a call for projects that will conclude on Friday, October 4. Mr. Coxe indicated that the bonus allocation subcommittee will meet next week to review the scoring of any new submittals and validate that the 69 existing projects in the database were scored in a consistent manner. Kelsie Anderson emphasized that all member jurisdictions within Mecklenburg and Iredell Counties are encouraged to submit candidate projects for the bonus allocation funds, and it is the subcommittee's goal to bring a comprehensive list of projects to the MPO for their consideration.

Mr. Coxe also explained that an alternate project list is being prepared at the request of the MPO to show the projects from the 2040 MTP that will not likely be funded in Prioritization 3.0 that could be eligible to receive the bonus allocation funds.

Mr. Coxe explained that the subcommittee needs to receive feedback from the I-77 Mobility Partners regarding potential projects that the group has proposed within the project limits. Louis Mitchell responded to indicate that NCDOT will meet with the I-77 Mobility Partners in late October or early November and this subject will be discussed at this time. Mr. Pleasant indicated that the response from the I-77 Mobility Partners regarding the use of funds within the project corridor will indicate if the principles need to be revised.

Mr. Pleasant also indicated that the Charlotte City Council will consider the bonus allocation principles amongst other important transportation topics at a workshop on Monday, October 6. Norm Steinman mentioned that the MPO could defer action on this topic until a response is received from I-77 Mobility Partners and if the DRAFT STIP is released on December 1.

3b. MAP-21 Performance Measures for MPOs

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook explained that the MAP-21 legislation prescribed that MPOs will be required to establish and use a performance-based approach to transportation decision making and development of transportation plans and he asked for direction in developing performance targets from the TCC. He stated that FHWA currently has a draft set of rules to incorporate the MAP-21 requirements into the transportation planning regulations.

Mr. Cook stated that MAP-21 established the following seven national goals to be incorporated into the transportation planning regulations:

- Safety
- Infrastructure condition
- Congestion reduction

- System reliability
- Freight Movement and economic vitality
- Environmental sustainability
- Reduced project delivery delays

Mr. Cook indicated that State DOTs have one year to select performance targets after the rules are finalized, and MPOs will subsequently have six months after this date to establish performance targets. He also indicated that the FHWA guidelines stipulate that State DOTs and MPOs must work together to develop performance targets. Within the Charlotte region, Mr. Cook reminded the TCC that CRTPO must coordinate with CATS, its neighboring MPOs, NCDOT, and SCDOT on the establishment of targets.

Staff participated in a phone conversation with NCDOT last week regarding the performance target requirement from MAP-21. NCDOT stated that a process framework has not been established to date, and the department will wait until the final requirements are released by FHWA in the spring of 2015 before they will establish performance targets. Mr. Cook emphasized that performance targets will need to be incorporated into the development of the 2045 MTP and may have correlation to Prioritization 4.0, so there is a need for CRTPO to start the process in the near future, ahead of NCDOT. Mr. Cook suggested that CRTPO could take a proactive approach and begin the process of establishing its performance targets, and NCDOT could provide feedback concurrently with the development of its own targets.

Mr. Pleasant polled the TCC on taking a lead role in the development of performance measures in the near term prior to NCDOT developing its criteria, and there was agreement amongst the delegates that this was an appropriate course of action. He also reminded the TCC that CRTPO will have to establish performance targets on pavement condition, safety, and freight mobility, and these are new aspects that MPOs will have to measure.

Loretta Barren stated that the performance targets will only apply to the National Highway System; however, they may also apply to bridges that are on the state inventory. She emphasized that the process of developing performance targets is intended to be developed from the “bottom up”, with MPO targets helping State DOTs achieve their targets, and in turn; the State DOT performance targets would assist the FHWA targets.

Ms. Anderson inquired about the role that MPOs will have in developing targets relative to the State DOT performance targets. Mr. Cook stated that while MPOs can have different targets; however, it is wise to have targets that will benefit the DOTs measures. He mentioned that this can be achieved by involving NCDOT statewide and Division staff in the development of CRTPO’s targets. Mr. Cook reminded the TCC that ultimately these performance measures will be considered in the development of future TIPs.

Mr. Cook indicated that he would develop a work plan and suggest participants in the effort to create performance targets for CRTPO.

3c. CRTPO TIP Database

Presenter: Robert Cook and Todd Steiss, PB

Summary:

Mr. Cook summarized the purpose and need for CRTPO to develop a TIP database for its website. He mentioned that this tool will make finding TIP projects easier for TCC and MPO members as well as the general public.

Todd Steiss provided information regarding the development of the TIP Database to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). The presentation covered the following points:

- The data for CRTPO's TIP projects is uploaded to the website from a Microsoft Access database that has been provided by NCDOT.
- Queries can be conducted by TIP number, project description, project type, location, or cost range.
- Project-specific maps and datasheets can be generated on an ad-hoc basis.
- TIP amendments will necessitate continual updates by staff to keep the TIP database accurate.

Mr. Cook explained that there are a few minor modifications that will be made prior to the TIP database going live on CRTPO's website. Staff will continue to maintain and seek to improve this resource.

3d. CONNECT update

Presenter: Jonathan Wells, C-M Planning

Summary:

Mr. Wells explained that he has been tasked to evaluate the deliverables from the CONNECT study to determine the types of data that can be used in the development of CRTPO's 2045 MTP. During last month's meeting, members of the TCC and the CONNECT program forum were solicited to volunteer in the evaluation effort. Mr. Wells reported that Dick Winters, Megan Green, and Travis Johnson from the TCC, several CDOT employees and regional MPO staff will participate in this effort.

He also reported that a CONNECT Program Forum was held in September, with significant discussion focused on engaging the community leaders in the implementation stage of the study.

OTHER REPORTS

4a. NCDOT Report

Stuart Basham provided on several transportation projects in the northeast corridor of Charlotte to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#).

Mr. Basham's presentation covered the following projects:

- I-485 Outer Loop Completion
- Piedmont Improvement Program/Double Track Project
- Grier Road Grade Separation
- Sugar Creek Grade Separation
- Graham Street Extension
- Bridges on U.S. 29 over Mallard Creek

- Intersection Improvements ~ N.C. 49/Cameron Boulevard
- UNC Charlotte Leftover at Alumni Way

Mr. Coxe suggested that Mr. Basham present this information to the University City Partners group.

Mr. Mitchell announced that NCDOT will be hosting a series of public workshops over the next two weeks on the I-77 HOT lanes project:

- Thursday, October 2 at the Metrolina Regional Traffic Management Center in Charlotte, 2327 Tipton Drive - A public hearing on the issuance of bonds for the I-77 HOT project.
- Public Information sessions on the project will be held at the following times/locations:
 - Wednesday, October 8 in Mooresville at the Charles Mack Citizen Center, 215 N. Main Street.
 - Thursday, October 9 in Huntersville at the North Mecklenburg High School Media Center, 11201 Old Statesville Road.

Mr. Mitchell stated that a separate series of public information sessions will be held prior to the setting of toll rates following the financial close of the project.

David Keilson provided the following project updates on behalf of NCDOT-Division 12:

- A modernization project on Murdock Road in Troutman/Statesville will add a foot of asphalt in each direction beginning next year.
- A milling and resurfacing project has started in the southbound lanes of I-77 from Exit 54 to Exit 45.
- Traffic in the eastbound lanes of I-40 has been shifted to the south in the vicinity of I-77 to accommodate the new bridge structures that are under construction.

4b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report

Curtis Bridges indicated that the work group held its first meeting last month, and named additional staff representatives from CATS, northern Iredell County, southern Mecklenburg County, and the NCDOT Divisions 10 and 12. Mr. Bridges is working to identify a representative to serve on the work group from the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. The group will develop a methodology and a list of selected projects for the Transportation Alternatives funding that CRTPO has received.

4c. Upcoming Issues

Mr. Pleasant encouraged TCC members to sign up for the NACTO urban bikeway training workshop that will be held at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center on October 9. He also mentioned that the leaders of this training will host a “Charlotte Bike Talk” panel discussion at the Stage Door Theatre within the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center in Uptown Charlotte on the evening of October 9.

Mr. Cook explained that the Charlotte Region did not receive a TIGER grant for the regional freight study, and staff will coordinate with Centralina Council of Governments to determine a scope and schedule for the plan.

5. Adjourn: Mr. Pleasant determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.