

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 267
October 6, 2016

Voting Members: *Chair* - Danny Pleasant (CDOT), *Vice-Chair* - Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Dan Leaver (Charlotte E&PM), Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Travis Johnson (Davidson), Adam McLamb – alt for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Barry Whitesides – alt for Matthew Todd (Iredell County), Susan Habina Woolard (Matthews), Steve Frey (Mint Hill), Allison Kraft (Mooresville), Scott Cole – alt for Louis Mitchell (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT-Div. 12), Linda Dosse (NCDOT-TPB), Kevin Parker – alt for Chris Easterly (Stallings), Sherry Ashley (Statesville), Erika Martin (Troutman), Dick Black (Union County), Dennis Rorie (Waxhaw), Will Washam (Bicycle Focus Area Representative), Gwen Cook (Greenway Area Representative), Scott Curry (Pedestrian Focus Area Representative)

Staff: Robert Cook (CRTPO), Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Candice Rorie (CRTPO), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Stuart Basham (NCDOT – Div. 10), Loretta Barren (FHWA)

Guests: Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Steve Blakley (Kimley Horn), Joe Lesch (Gresham Smith), Todd Steiss (WSP/PB), Paige Hunter (HNTB), John Johnson (STV), Roger Diedrich (Sierra Club)

Danny Pleasant opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. TCC members, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

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 contained the September 1 TCC Meeting Minutes.

Motion:

Will Washam made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Scott Cole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TCC BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1. Prioritization 4.0 Local Input Points Allocation

Presenter: Neil Burke

Summary/Action Requested:

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

- Mr. Burke began his presentation by summarizing the public comment period for projects proposed for local input points assignment in the Division Needs tier of P4.0.

- One public comment was received from Sustain Charlotte, which expressed support for assigning local input points to non-highway modes and funding additional bicycle and pedestrian projects.
- Mr. Burke summarized a series of recommendations from the P4.0 subcommittee regarding the Division Needs local input point assignment.
 - Do not recommend local input points assignment to Division Needs projects that did not have a reasonable chance to be funded based upon P4.0 score or cost to NCDOT.
 - Recommend a diversion from CRTPO's adopted methodology to transfer an additional 300 local input points from highway to non-highway projects because the non-highway projects have more competitive P4.0 scores.
 - Recommend that 200 Division Needs Highway local input points allocated to unfunded Regional Impact highway projects in Iredell County.
 - US 21/NC 115 (Cedar Lane-Old Mountain Road) project in Troutman
 - US 21 (Medical Park Drive-NC 150) project in Mooresville
 - Division 12 has a draft allocation of points on these projects.
- Mr. Burke reviewed the Division Needs projects recommended for local input points assignment, and explained that the deadline to enter the local input points into the NCDOT-SPOT database is October 31.

Motion(s):

Mr. Coxe made a motion to recommend to the MPO that it consider approving the projects proposed for Division Needs local input point assignment under Prioritization 4.0 (including the diversion of 300 points from highway to non-highway), and to recommend to the MPO that it affirm that CRTPO's public involvement procedures and the local input methodology conditionally authorized by NCDOT have been followed and points allocated to those Division Needs projects scored in the Prioritization 4.0 process. Allison Kraft seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3.2. Faith Church Road Alignment Study

Presenter: Adam McLamb

Summary/Action Requested:

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

- Mr. McLamb began his presentation by explaining that the Town of Indian Trail completed a study to determine if the existing alignment of Faith Church Road is constructible given existing conditions, environmental constraints, existing and planned developments.
- He summarized the recommendations from the alignment study which included the replacement of Alignment Segment "C" with an alternate connection in Wesley Chapel.
- He explained that the town held a public comment period beginning on August 18 and ending on September 20. In total, 95 comments were received, with the majority supporting the recommendations from the study.
- Mr. McLamb explained that the Town held a public meeting to seek input on the alignment study on September 6.
- The Town approved the study and its recommendations at the September 28 Town Board meeting.

Mr. Coxe requested confirmation on the CTP amendments as a result of the alignment study. Mr. McLamb stated that the amendments would remove Segment B from the CTP highway map, and replace this with a connection on the bicycle and pedestrian CTP maps. In addition, Segment C would be deleted from the CTP highway map.

Mr. McLamb also stated that the widening of Wesley Chapel Road would necessitate a classification modification in the CTP from minor thoroughfare to boulevard.

Motion:

Mr. Coxe made a motion to recommend to the MPO to remove Faith Church Road between Old Monroe Road to Potter Road from the CTP highway map, and subsequently add a connection in the place of the deleted highway alignment on the bicycle and pedestrian CTP maps. Erika Martin seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

3.3. FY 2017 UPWP Amendments

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/Action Requested:

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

- Mr. Cook reviewed three proposed amendments to local planning projects in Indian Trail, Mooresville and Troutman in the FY 2017 UPWP. A summary of the proposed changes are listed below:
 - Indian Trail: Reallocate \$40,000 from the Faith Church Road project to Wesley Chapel-Stouts Road study
 - Mooresville: Support the Downtown Mooresville Railroad Crossing study with \$60,000 in FY 2017 PL funds
 - Troutman: Support the Town's request with carryover of \$85,000 in FY 16 funds to complete the US 21/NC 115 Corridor Study in FY 17.
- These requests have been reviewed by the UPWP Review Subcommittee. FHWA and NCDOT-Transportation Planning Branch staffs are members of this committee and they have found the amendments to be acceptable.
- Mr. Cook concluded his presentation by stating that action will be requested by the TCC during the October meeting.

Motion:

Sherry Ashley made a motion to recommend to the MPO that it consider approving the amendments to the FY 2017 UPWP. Barry Whitesides seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TCC Information Reports

4.1. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary:

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

- Mr. Cook began his presentation by explaining that RS&H has been selected through a competitive process to assist staff in preparing the MTP. The contract was approved by City Council on September 26.
- He then provided an overview of key milestones (subject to change) between the public kickoff in January or February of 2017 and the adoption of the MTP in March of 2018.
- Mr. Cook provided a summary of the five tasks that the MTP advisory committee is to develop recommendations for the TCC, which include:
 - Goals and objectives
 - Financial plan
 - Roadway ranking methodology
 - Roadway ranking process results
 - Public outreach
- Mr. Cook concluded his presentation by encouraging the TCC to start identifying roadway projects within their jurisdictions for submittal in the 2045 MTP.

Mr. Coxe questioned the recommended sequence of having the MPO approve the roadway ranking methodology prior to the goals and objectives. Mr. Cook explained that the advisory committee has recommended that the public outreach for both efforts should be combined for the ease of understanding by the general public. Mr. Coxe suggested that the proposed changes to the goals and objectives should be presented to the TCC as an information report during the November meeting.

4.2. MPO Regional Agreements

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary:

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

- Mr. Cook began his presentation by stating that federal regulations require the execution of an agreement between two MPOs when urbanized areas overlap into an adjacent MPO's planning area. The agreement describes how the metropolitan transportation planning processes will be coordinated.
- Mr. Cook reviewed a series of text revisions to the regional agreements between CRTPO and Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln, Cabarrus Rowan, and the Greater Hickory MPO.
- He explained that the next steps are to continue the coordination with regional MPO staffs, discuss the agreements during the October MPO meeting, with the goal of requesting action during the November TCC and MPO meetings.

4.3. FTA 5307 TIP Amendments

Presenter: Neil Burke

Summary:

- Mr. Burke explained that a TIP amendment to the FTA 5307 TIP project for Iredell County Area Transit System (ICATS) operating assistance is necessary to reflect a 50% federal/50% local match.
- He explained that the current TIP does not currently reflect the 50% local match share.
- Action will be requested during the November TCC meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

5.1. NCDOT Report

Stuart Basham provided an update on behalf of NCDOT-Division 10:

- The Monroe Expressway construction is slightly ahead of schedule with the project to be completed by the end of 2018.
- The Independence Boulevard project (U-209) overpasses at Sharon Amity and Idlewild Roads will be completed in December of 2016.
- Utility relocation is nearly complete on the Graham Street/Mallard Creek Road project (U-2507) and construction will resume on this project in the near future.
- A public meeting will be held on the John Street/Old Monroe Road Widening (U-4714 project on October 11 at Stallings United Methodist Church.
- Jen Thompson will be rejoining NCDOT-Divisions 10 and 12 as the public information officer on October 8.

Anil Panicker provided an update on behalf of NCDOT-Division 12:

- A post-hearing meeting will be held for the NC 150 widening project (R-2307) later this month.
- A closure is in effect on the ramp from the southbound approach of I-77 to I-40 westbound. A detour has been posted. This closure will be in effect until mid-November.
- The I-77 Rest Area Project north of Statesville is 50% complete.

Linda Dosse announced that Brian Wert has been named the Western group Supervisor for NCDOT-TPB.

5.2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report

Mr. Bridges provided an overview of the next Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group meeting to be held this afternoon.

5.3. Upcoming Issues

Mr. Burke provided a series of updates on recommendations made by FHWA as an outcome of CRTPO's 2015 Certification Review.

- Completion of the MPO regional agreements is in process.
- Update to Public Involvement Plan
 - Issued RFP
 - Consultant selected and contract approved
- Staffing Assessment
 - 7 proposals were submitted
 - Interviewing 2 finalists

Mr. Burke mentioned that the first meeting of the Prioritization 5.0 work group was held on Monday in Raleigh. He stated that he will keep the TCC updated on the upcoming criteria and process decisions that will be requested of the work group for the next eight months.

Candice Rorie announced that a call for projects for the Traffic Count Program will open on October 19. Additional information on CRTPO's traffic count program can be found [here](#).

6. Adjourn: Mr. Pleasant determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.