

**CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267**  
**February 15, 2017 Meeting**  
**Summary Minutes**

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**Members Attending:**

Greg Phipps (Charlotte), Woody Washam (Cornelius), James Mallory (Iredell County), Norma Carpenter (Marshville), Jim Taylor (Matthews), Jim Puckett (Mecklenburg County), Frederick Becker (Mineral Springs), Jack Edwards (Pineville), Wyatt Dunn (Stallings), Michael Johnson (Statesville), Richard Helms (Union County), Steve Maher (Waxhaw)

**Non-Voting Members Attending:**

Jim Walker (NC Turnpike Authority)

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Taylor called the February 2017 CRTPO meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He reminded members to file the required forms with the State Ethics Commission by the April 15, 2017 deadline. The chairman also noted the death of former Mecklenburg County manager Harry Jones who died earlier in the day.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Summary:

Chairman Taylor asked if there were items to be added to the agenda or changed. No changes were identified.

Motion:

Mayor Maher made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Woody Washam seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to adopt the agenda was approved unanimously.

**3. Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments

**4. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder**

Mr. Cook read the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder. No conflicts were identified.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Summary:

Chairman Taylor requested action on the January 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion:

Mayor Becker made a motion to approve the January 2017 meeting minutes as presented. James Mallory seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the January 2017 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**6. 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke stated that the action requested concerned two Mecklenburg County greenway projects referenced in a memorandum included in the agenda packet. The amendment details are listed in the table below. The Project Oversight Committee reviewed the request at its January 12 meeting and recommended that the amendments be considered for a TCC recommendation. The TCC unanimously recommended that the board amend the TIP as presented.

TIP ID #	Project Description	Action Required	Reason for Amendment
EB-5784	Irvins Creek Greenway	Delete EB-5784 from TIP and reallocate the \$879,000 in STP-DA funds to the McDowell Creek Greenway project EB-5785.	NCDOT match and cost of federalization of this project are about the same. Expenditure is not warranted.
EB-5785	McDowell Creek Greenway	Receive \$879,000 in STP-DA funds from EB-5784; Delay construction from FY 2018 to FY 2020.	County cash flow policy does not allow for earlier construction.

Motion:

Vice-Chairman Johnson made a motion to approve the TIP amendments as presented. Mayor Becker seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

**7. I-485/Weddington Road Interchange Conformity Determination & Old Monroe Road/John St. Widening MTP/TIP Amendment**

**a. I-485/Weddington Road Interchange Conformity Determination**

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to obtain the board's approval to release a draft air quality conformity determination report for a 30-day public comment period. The conformity determination was triggered by the proposal to add one additional lane in each direction on I-485 between the proposed Weddington Road interchange (R-211EC) and the existing John St. interchange. The lanes are being built because NCDOT has determined that the construction of the Weddington Road interchange will affect the operations of the managed lanes between the two interchanges. The proposed lanes will alleviate the problem.

Motion:

Mr. Mallory made a motion to approve the release of the draft air quality conformity determination report as presented. Mr. Washam seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

**b. Old Monroe Road/John St. Widening MTP/TIP Amendment**

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to obtain the board's approval to open a 30-day public comment period on amendments to the 2040 MTP and 2016-2025 TIP to segment the I-485/John Street interchange from the U-4714 project to allow the addition of loop ramps at the interchange to be constructed with the I-485 Express Lanes (I-5507) project. The 30-day comment period for this project and the Weddington Road interchange conformity comment period mentioned above will be conducted simultaneously.

Motion:

Mr. Mallory made a motion to approve the start of a 30-day public comment period as presented. Mayor Edwards seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

## 8. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

### Presenter:

Robert Cook

### Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to obtain the board's approval of the draft goals and objectives and a proposed change to the roadway ranking criteria.

The board first discussed the goals and objectives. After discussion, the board decided to modify Goal 1, Objective a. so that it reads as follows: Manage, and strive to eliminate, congestion within the existing transportation system. The roadway ranking criteria were reviewed. One minor change to the criteria had been recommended by the TCC, based on a recommendation from the MTP Advisory Committee. The Accessibility to Employment criterion was proposed to be modified to use data from the CONNECT Our Future initiative, specifically, the data that identified various types of employment centers in the region. The criterion's purpose (to identify how well a proposed road project serves existing jobs) will not change, instead, only the method of doing so is proposed to change. No changes to the roadway ranking criteria were proposed by the board. The presentation then moved to a review of public outreach activities, both those conducted since outreach began on January 16, as well as upcoming events.

### Motion:

Jim Puckett made a motion to approve the recommended change to the roadway ranking criteria as presented, and to approve the goals and objectives, but with the change to Goal 1, Objective a. so that it reads as follows: *Manage, and strive to eliminate, congestion within the existing transportation system.* Mr. Washam seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

## 9. FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program Amendments

### Presenter:

Robert Cook

### Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to obtain the board's approval of recommended adjustments to the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. The UPWP is the CRTPO's budget, and the changes were identified as a part of a midyear review of the FY 2017 budget. The adjustments were necessary to reallocate funds to task codes experiencing shortfalls. The reallocated funds will come from two funded local transportation planning projects that are not being pursued, thus no existing project will experience a reduction in funds. The proposed changes will not result in a change to CRTPO priorities. The potential changes were reviewed. Board posed questions to clarify points made during the presentation.

### Motion:

Mayor Becker made a motion to approve the changes to the FY 2017 UPWP. Greg Phipps seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted with 46 votes cast in favor of the motion and two votes cast in opposition. Union County cast the two votes in opposition.

## 10. Greater Charlotte Regional Freight Mobility Plan

### Presenters:

Jessica Hill, Centralina Council of Governments & Wallace Everett, President, Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals Charlotte Roundtable

### Summary:

Ms. Hill provided a brief overview of the regional freight study and noted that it was now complete. She stated that one of the study's products was freight-related information that could be incorporated into the CRTPO's 2045 MTP. Mr. Everett discussed his role in the preparation of the study through the Freight Advisory Committee. Following Ms. Hill's and Mr. Everett's statements, the board posed questions regarding the Norfolk Southern O

line and the possibility of using it for the Red Line commuter service, the possible effect of the I-77 express lanes project on freight movement, and the NC Railroad double-track project.

**11. Rail & Bus State of Good Repair TIP Amendments**

Presenter:

David McDonald, Charlotte Area Transit System

Summary:

Mr. McDonald stated that the amendment was necessary to correct the amount of prior year funding in the current TIP that will be expended in FY 2017, and to update the estimate of potential state of good repair funds beginning in FY 2018 until FY 2029. The amendments affect TIP projects TG-5118A (rail) and TW-4901 (bus). He explained that after seven years of operation of the LNYX blue line, FTA has started allocating state of good repair funds to assist in maintenance and operations of this service. Mr. McDonald explained that this will be an action item during the March TCC meeting.

**12. Draft Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Project List**

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to review the draft Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality list in advance of seeking board endorsement at the March meeting. The purpose of the CMAQ program was reviewed, along with eligible projects, project selection criteria, and the funding available for the two fiscal years in question: FY 2018 and 2019. A timeline of events leading up to the presentation was provided. The proposed project list was reviewed. No questions were raised by the board. The item will return at the March meeting for action.

**13. Upcoming Agenda Items**

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that the March agenda will include action requests to adopt the FY 18 UPWP and the FYs 18 and 19 CMAQ project list. CRTPO process improvements will also be discussed.

**14. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.