

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267
June 20, 2018 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending:

Michael Miltich (Cornelius), Jane Campbell (Davidson), Jerry Morse (Indian Trail), Jeff McNeely (Iredell County), Norma Carpenter (Marshville), Paul Bailey (Matthews), Frederick Becker (Mineral Springs), Eddie Dinger (Mooresville), Jack Edwards (Pineville), Michael Johnson (Statesville), Richard Helms (Union County), Steve Maher (Waxhaw), Scott Buzzard (Weddington), Brad Horvath (Wesley Chapel)

Non-Voting Members Attending:

Victoria Nwasike (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission), James Walker (NC Turnpike Authority), Russell Wing (Union County Planning Board)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Johnson called the June 2018 CRTPO meeting to order at 6:04 PM. A quorum was not present, thus the Hornets Nest Park CMAQ project TIP amendment agenda item was moved to the July meeting.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Summary:

Chairman Johnson stated that a request had been made to move item #11, Strategic Transportation Corridors, to earlier on the agenda. He recommended it replace the Hornets Nest Park item as the new item #6. He asked if additional changes to the agenda were necessary. No additional changes were identified.

Motion:

Michael Miltich made a motion to adopt the agenda with the change noted above. Vice-Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to adopt the agenda as presented was approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

Six people provided public comments.

1. Alan Gardner, representing Storybrook Farm. Mr. Gardner discussed the Waxhaw Parkway project. He stated he supports the project, but would like a different alignment. The CSX rail siding was also discussed.
2. Gwen Gardner, representing Storybrook Farm. Ms. Gardner read into the record a letter from Regan Shaw representing Kensington Elementary School. The letter concerned potential threats to the Storybrook Farm from the CSX siding and the Collins Road grade separation.
3. Ray Eschert, representing South Charlotte Partners. Mr. Eschert read two letters into the record. The first was a letter to Governor Cooper stating his organization's support for the I-485 managed lanes project. The second stated support for applying local input points as a part of the Prioritization 5.0 process to the proposed widening of Lancaster Highway from Ballantyne Commons Parkway to the state line.
4. Kelsey Searcey. Ms. Searcey discussed the Waxhaw Parkway project and its potential impact on her property. She also discussed the CSX siding project.
5. Janet Critz. Ms. Critz stated that she was a member of the Mineral Springs town council. She discussed the CSX siding project.
6. Kat Lee. Ms. Lee stated that she was a Town of Waxhaw councilmember, but emphasized she was not speaking on behalf of the council. She addressed the issue of the CSX siding.

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 Johnson requested action on the May 2018 meeting minutes.

Motion:

Dr. Miltich made a motion to approve the May 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Richard Helms seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the May 2018 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

6. **Strategic Transportation Corridors**

Presenter:

Tyler Bray, Atkins

Summary:

Mr. Bray provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to provide information to the Board about NCDOT's Strategic Transportation Corridors initiative. The STC was a recommendation from the NCDOT 2040 Plan. The initiative's goals relate to system connectivity, mobility and economic prosperity. There are 25 multimodal corridors throughout the state. The US 74 corridor (Corridor U), from I-26 to Wilmington, affects the CRTPO planning area. The initiative's anticipated deliverables are corridor maps and profiles, problem statements for sub-corridors, and access management recommendations. In addition, the sub-corridor information will assist in the sequencing projects and developing a timeframe for identifying improvements. The final plan is expected to be complete by the spring of 2019. Richard Helms stated that the initiative needs to better engage local governments.

7. **STBG Funds Swap**

Presenter:

David Wasserman, NCDOT

Summary:

Mr. Wasserman provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to provide information to the Board regarding a NCDOT request to exchange \$11,860,641 of the CRTPO's Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) funds for an equal amount of STBG-Flex funds. The STBG-DA funds would be used by NCDOT to make bond payments for four projects: R-2123CE, Charlotte Outer Loop; I-3819A, R-2248E, Charlotte Outer Loop; U-209B, Independence Blvd. In turn, the STBG-Flex funds would be used to fund two CRTPO projects currently funded with STBG-DA funds: U-5108, Northcross Drive Extension; U-5874, North University Research Park I-85 overpass. There would be no effect on project schedules.

Jane Campbell asked about potential downsides. Mr. Wasserman replied that he didn't see any downsides to the proposal. Van Argabright, Director of NCDOT's Division of Planning & Programming, added that the funds are associated with the current federal transportation funding legislation known as the FAST Act which expires in FY 2020, and because the exchange will take place during the FAST Act's time period, there is little threat of a problem occurring. Scott Buzzard asked if the exchange will result in less flexible funding be applied to the U-5108 and U-5874 projects. Mr. Wasserman stated that the rules are the same for the both STBG-DA and STBG-Flex. This topic will be presented to the TCC at its July meeting for a recommendation to the Board, then be presented for final action at the Board's July 18 meeting.

8. **2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program Development**

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to update the Board on the status of the Prioritization 5.0 (P5.0) process. A comment period to obtain public input on proposed Regional Impacts tier local

input points assignments ended on June 20. 196 comments were received. 97 of the comments concerned the proposed widening of Lancaster Highway (US 521); 80 were in support of applying local points and 17 were opposed. 91 comments were received about the CSX railroad siding/Collins Road grade separation-all comments voiced opposition to the proposal. The TCC will be asked in July to make a recommendation to the Board about Regional Impacts tier local input points assignment, and that recommendation will be presented to the Board on July 18.

9. Bonus Allocation & STBG-DA Funding Reallocations

Presenter:

Bill Coxe, Project Oversight Committee Vice-Chairman

Summary:

Mr. Coxe provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation’s purpose was to provide information to the Board in advance of requesting action at the July meeting. The request at that time will be to approve an amendment to exchange \$2,550,000 of the Bonus Allocation (BA) funds programmed to the Fairview Flyover project in Mooresville, with \$2,550,000 of STBG-DA funds approved for the Bethlehem Road relocation project adjacent to the Statesville Regional Airport. The recommendation was unanimously approved by the TCC. Two maps were displayed that showed the locations of both projects.

10. Performance-Based Planning Update

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

The presentation’s purpose was to update the Board on efforts to incorporate federally-mandated performance-based planning requirements in to the CRTPO planning process, and to determine if the Board members had any questions or concerns about the measures and NCDOT targets. The next step will be to establish targets for ten performance measures and to amend the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan to incorporate them. The CRTPO can elect to endorse NCDOT’s targets or establish its own. The following lists the performance measures for which targets are required.

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| Interstate Pavement Condition (Good) | Interstate Level of Travel Time Reliability |
| Interstate Pavement Condition (Poor) | Non-Interstate NHS Level of Travel Time Reliability |
| Non-Interstate NHS Pavement Condition (Good) | Interstate Truck Travel Time Reliability |
| Non-Interstate NHS Pavement Condition (Poor) | CMAQ – Percent of Non-Single Occupant Vehicle (SOV) travel* |
| NHS Bridge Condition (Good) | CMAQ – Annual Hours of Peak-Hour Excessive Delay (PHED) per Capita* |
| NHS Bridge Condition (Poor) | CMAQ - On-Road Emission Reduction from CMAQ Projects |

(The amendment will include two CMAQ performance measures (noted by asterisks) endorsed by the Board in May.)

Board members raised questions about some of the NCDOT targets. Mr. Cook stated that the questions and concerns would be presented to NCDOT staff for responses.

11. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that the following items will be on the July agenda for action: Hornets Nest Park CMAQ TIP amendment, STBG funds swap, TIP development-Regional Impacts tier local points assignment, and the Bonus Allocation/STBG-DA swap.

Board members then made comments. Jeff McNeely noted the lack of a quorum and that members need to know in advance if a quorum will not be reached at a meeting. Mayor Becker thanked Bjorn Hansen of Union County staff and Brian Gackstetter of the NCDOT Rail Division for their assistance with developing options for the CSX siding issue. Mr. Helms discussed recent roundabout construction and urged NCDOT to better communicate its plans for future roundabouts with the affected communities. Chairman Johnson mentioned the recent correspondence from the Sierra Club about the 2045 MTP. He stated that he recently met with Roger Diedrich of the Sierra Club to discuss his concerns.

12. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.