

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267
September 19, 2018 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending:

Greg Phipps (Charlotte), Michael Miltich (Cornelius), Jane Campbell (Davidson), Mark Gibbons (Huntersville), Jerry Morse (Indian Trail), Norma Carpenter (Marshville), Paul Bailey (Matthews), Frederick Becker (Mineral Springs), Eddie Dinger (Mooresville), Jack Edwards (Pineville), Lynda Paxton (Stallings), Michael Johnson (Statesville), Richard Helms (Union County), Steve Maher (Waxhaw), Elizabeth Callis (Weddington), Brad Horvath (Wesley Chapel), Sam Bowles (NCBOT-Div.10)

Non-Voting Members Attending:

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

1. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Johnson called the September 2018 CRTPO meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He asked all to pause for a moment to honor the victims of Hurricane Florence.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Summary:

Chairman Johnson stated that agenda item #9 (I-77 Discussion) would be removed from the agenda because Beau Memory, the NCTA executive director, was working on hurricane relief efforts. 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 as presented, but with the removal of agenda item #9. Jane Campbell seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to adopt the agenda was unanimously approved.

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. Consent Agenda

Summary:

Chairman Johnson requested action on the two consent items: August 2018 minutes and a TIP amendment to change the project limits on the McDowell Creek Greenway in Huntersville (TIP ID# EB-5785). Mayor Becker requested a change to the August minutes for item #7, US 74 Bypass Route Designation. The requested change was to modify the sentence that read “Ms. Butler responded that the US 74 designation will remain on existing US 74 . . .” to instead read “Ms. Butler responded that the US 74 designation cannot be placed on existing US 74 . . .”

Motion:

Mark Gibbons made a motion to approve the two consent agenda items. The motion included the change to the September minutes. Dr. Miltich seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the consent agenda items were unanimously approved.

6. Transportation Improvement Program Development

a. CMAQ Funding Allocation

Presenter:

Erin Kinne

Summary:

Ms. Kinne 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 obtain the Board's approval to reallocate CMAQ and STBG-DA funds and approve associated TIP amendments in order to avoid a rescission of CMAQ funds next year. This topic was presented to the Board at previous meetings. An overview of the proposed changes was provided. Five projects will have CMAQ funds removed and replaced with STBG-DA funds, three projects will see their CMAQ funds shifted from construction to right-of-way acquisition, and four projects requiring additional funds due to cost increases will have CMAQ funds added. The TCC unanimously recommended that the Board approve the changes.

Motion:

Dr. Miltich made a motion to approve the requested TIP amendments. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

b. 2020-2029 TIP Development Local Input Points Allocation

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke 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 request that the Board approve the opening of a public comment period on the draft list of Division Needs projects proposed for local input points allocation. The comment period was scheduled to run from September 20 to October 4. In addition, public comments can be made at the October Board meeting. The draft list was reviewed. The Regional Impact projects were also reviewed. These projects were the subject of an earlier comment period.

Motion:

Dr. Miltich made a motion to approve the opening of the comment period. Vice-Chairman Bailey seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

c. I-77 & Griffith St. Interchange

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke stated that the presentation's purpose was to obtain the Board's approval of a proposed TIP amendment to allocate \$51,185 in unallocated Bonus Allocation funds to the I-77/Griffith St. interchange Improvements project (I-4750AC) in Davidson. He directed Board members' attention to the memorandum in the agenda packet that provided project details. The Town of Davidson received a Municipal Agreement from NCDOT in May with \$51,185 identified as a shortfall for additional sidewalk construction. Approximately \$80,000 in unallocated BA funding is available to provide to the project. The Project Oversight Committee reviewed the proposal and unanimously supported the request. The TCC unanimously recommended that the Board approve the amendment.

Motion:

Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve the TIP amendment. Dr. Miltich seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

d. TIP Amendment Guidelines

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke stated that the presentation's purpose was to provide information to the Board concerning proposed changes to the Board-adopted TIP amendment and modification guidelines. The guidelines were approved in June 2013, and were intended to streamline the TIP revision process by establishing a distinction between major changes that should be the subject of oversight by the TCC and Board (amendments), and minor changes that do not require significant oversight (modifications) and can be approved at a staff level. Staff is proposing to modify the guidelines to better align with similar NCDOT guidelines. Mr. Burke explained that the primary issue was that of project cost increases and that threshold that would determine if a change would be classified as an amendment or a modification. Chairman Johnson stated that the Board should be apprised of all modifications approved by staff. This item will be placed on the October agenda for action.

7. Build NC

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 receive information about Build NC, an alternative transportation financing tool enacted by the General Assembly and signed into law in June 2018. It is modeled after the federal government's Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) program. Projects to be constructed will be selected from established Strategic Transportation Investments act priorities in the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers, and will allow projects to be accelerated. The key financial elements were reviewed. Mr. Wasserman responded to questions following his presentation.

8. I-485 Express Lanes Update

Presenters:

Radha Swayampakala, RS&H

Carly Olexik, NC Turnpike Authority

Summary:

Mr. Swayampakala and Ms. Olexik 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 an update on the status of the I-485 express lanes project. The project limits are from I-77 to US 74. Three other area projects are being incorporated into the I-485 project: widening of the Ballantyne Commons Parkway bridge over I-485 (U-6030); improvements to the I-485/John St. interchange (U-4714AB); new interchange at I-485/Weddington Road (R-211EC). Construction is expected to begin next summer with completion in 2022. The presentation then moved to a discussion of recent public involvement efforts. The NCTA used geofencing as a means to reach out about the project and two ads using this technique reached over 200,000 people.

10. Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendments

Presenter:

Curtis Bridges

Summary:

Mr. Bridges 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 upcoming Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) amendments. It was explained that NCDOT's Transportation Planning Division is leading a pilot effort to adopt CTP amendments from MPOs across the region on an annual schedule. By adopting the amendments at the October meeting, the NC Board of Transportation (NCBOT) will be able to take similar action before the end of the year. CTPs must be mutually adopted by MPOs and the NCBOT. The amendments reflect CTP amendments adopted by CRTPO since original CTP adoption in 2017, as well as status updates to CTP facilities which staff has tracked. An updated list of amendments was provided. Mr. Bridges emphasized that the amendments will not affect planning, funding or prioritization efforts.

11. Public Comment Period Update

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that, at its July meeting, the Board approved the opening of a comment period to receive public input on an air quality conformity determination on the 2018-2027 TIP and 2045 MTP, as well as for amendments to the 2045 MTP to incorporate performance measure targets. The comment period began on August 22 and was scheduled to close on September 21. Only one comment was received and dealt with the performance measure targets. The Board will be asked to make the air quality conformity determination and associated amendments in October, along with the performance measure MTP amendments.

12. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that at its October meeting the Board will be asked to act on the items addressed during the previous agenda item, as well as the CTP amendments and TIP amendment and modification guidelines.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 PM.