

**CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center**  
**Room 267**  
**June 7, 2018**

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**Voting Members:** *Chair* – Sherry Ashley (Statesville), *Vice-Chair* – Dennis Rorie (Waxhaw), David McDonald (CATS), Andy Grzyski – alt for Liz Babson (CDOT), Dan Leaver (Charlotte E&PM), Aaron Tucker – alt for Wayne Herron (Cornelius), Travis Johnson (Davidson), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Todd Huntsinger – alt for Patrick Sadek (Indian Trail), Rich Hoffman – alt for Matthew Todd (Iredell County), CJ O’Neill – alt for Susan Habina Woolard (Matthews), Nathan Farber – alt for Steve Frey (Mint Hill), Cami Wecklerly ( Mooresville), Scott Cole (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT-Div. 12), Andy Bailey (NCDOT-TPD) Travis Morgan (Pineville), Kevin Parker – alt for Chris Easterly (Stallings), Gwen Cook (Greenway Focus Area Representative), Will Washam (Bicycle Focus Area Representative), Scott Correll (Pedestrian Focus Area Representative), Dick Winters (Public Health Focus Area Representative)

**Staff:** Robert Cook (CRTPO), Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Erin Kinne (CRTPO) Candice Rorie (CRTPO), Alyson Craig (C-M Planning), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Brett Canipe (NCDOT-Div. 10), Stuart Basham (NCDOT-Div. 10), John Cook (NCDOT – Div. 12), Travis Preslar (NCDOT-Div. 10), Lee Ainsworth (NCDOT – Div. 10), Nastasha Young (NCDOT-TPD), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Sushil Nepal (Huntersville)

**Guests:** Todd Steiss (WSP), Nick Landa (RS&H), Joe Lesch (Gresham Smith), Tyler Bray (Atkins), Nick Ramirez (AMT)

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

Robert Cook introduced the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department’s new Deputy Director, Ms. Alyson Craig. Ms. Craig started with the department on May 29. Previously, Ms. Craig was the director for the Center for Real Estate at UNC-Charlotte.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Ms. Ashley explained that a modification to today’s agenda was proposed by the Town of Huntersville to delete the Northwest Huntersville Transportation Study – Phase II business item (#3.2) because its Town Board deferred a recommendation on the study during its June 4 meeting.

The revised agenda was adopted by acclamation.

**2. Consideration of Consent Agenda**

Ms. Ashley stated that the consent agenda for the June meeting contained the approval of the May 3, 2018 TCC Minutes.

**Motion:**

Erika Martin made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Andy Grzyski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **TCC BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **3.1. Prosperity Church Road CTP Amendment**

Presenter: Sushil Nepal, Huntersville

#### Summary/Action Requested:

Mr. Nepal 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. Nepal began his presentation by stating that the requested action was for the TCC to approve a realignment of a section of the future Prosperity Church Road and subsequently amend the CTP maps to reflect this amendment.
- He stated that the Prosperity Church Road extension is identified within the highway, bicycle, and pedestrian maps of the CTP as a recommended connection between Eastfield Road and NC 73 in Huntersville.
- Mr. Nepal explained that Huntersville Town Board adopted the Clarke Creek Greenway Small Area Plan in March of 2018. This plan has identified the need to realign a section of the future Prosperity Church Road to support the proposed land development in the area.
- He then reviewed Article 5, Section 7 of the TCC bylaws that allow the TCC to approve amendments to the CTP:
  - The TCC finds the proposed alignment to be technically reasonable; and,
  - The proposed alignment enters and exits the affected property at the officially approved location and angle or curvature; and
  - The TCC finds that the proposed alignment does not move closer than 400 feet to an adjacent land owner's property boundary; or
  - If the proposed alignment is already within 400 feet of an adjacent property, the shift in the alignment is away from the property, or if the shift moves the proposed alignment no more than 25% closer to the property.

Mr. Grzyski inquired about the frequency that the NC Board of Transportation will consider amendments to the CTP maps. Andy Bailey responded to explain that NCDOT-TPD will submit CTP map amendments to the NC Board of Transportation annually from the three MPOs in the Charlotte area.

#### Motion:

Mr. Coxe made the following motions:

- (1) The TCC has reviewed the alignments of the Prosperity Church Road extension between Eastfield Road and NC 73 within the CTP highway, bicycle and pedestrian maps.
- (2) The new alignments were determined through the Clarke Creek Small Area Plan that was adopted by the Town on March 5, 2018.
- (3) The TCC finds that all conditions specified in Article 5, Section 7 of the TCC bylaws have been met, and that appropriate public engagement have occurred.
- (4) The TCC thus modifies the highway, bicycle, and pedestrian CTP maps to reflect the requested alignments.

Dennis Rorie seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## TCC INFORMATION REPORTS

### **4.1 2020-2029 TIP Development Update**

Presenter: Neil Burke

#### Summary:

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 ongoing public comment period on the Regional Impact projects proposed for local input point assignment within the 2020-2029 TIP Development process
  - To date, eight public comments have been received.
  - The NCDOT Division's public comment period on local input point assignments associated with Regional Impact and Division Needs projects began on June 4 and will conclude on July 9.
- He summarized the outcome of a local input points coordination meeting between CRTPO staff and the NCDOT Divisions on May 14.
  - Reallocation of 100 points from NC 51/Sam Newell Road to the non-highway mode has been recommended.
  - 100 points are recommended for Richardson Creek CSX rail siding in Monroe
  - Division 10 has a draft allocation of 100 points on the Richardson Creek CSX rail siding rail project
- He then reviewed a series of project score modifications that have been completed by the NCDOT-SPOT office.
- Mr. Burke reminded the TCC that local contribution letters for Regional Impact projects are due to CRTPO staff by Tuesday, July 17.
- He concluded his presentation by explaining that CRTPO's public comment period will end on June 20, and final action will be requested to recommend the approval of the Regional Impact local input points allocations to projects during the July 13 TCC meeting.

Mr. Coxe expressed concern with the allocation of the CRTPO's local input points to privately-owned railroad companies.

### **4.2. Air Quality Update**

Presenter: Loretta Barren

#### Summary:

- Ms. Barren began her presentation by stating that EPA has re-imposed the 1997 NAAQS standard used in transportation conformity until the non-attainment areas have completed their twenty-year maintenance plan.
- She explained that CRTPO must complete a conformity determination for the 1997 NAAQS standard.
- Ms. Barren explained that there are no perceived impacts to the CRTPO's adopted MTP and TIP, however; amendments cannot be approved until the air quality conformity determination has been re-demonstrated for the 1997 NAAQS standard.

- Ms. Barren explained that the first four years of the current TIP are impacted, from FY 2018 through FY 2021.
- NCDOT cannot amend its STIP for projects that are within the planning areas affected by this rule.
- She explained that NEPA documents can be signed by FHWA as long as the project scope is the same as the project description in the MTP.
- Ms. Barren concluded her presentation by explaining that the air quality conformity process will begin on June 22, and is anticipated to be complete by November.

Mr. Coxe requested confirmation that projects that have been classified as exempt can be amended into the TIP. Ms. Barren responded to explain that projects that have been identified within the MTP as exempt projects can be amended into the TIP during this time. She added that these are generally small projects along interchange ramps or intersections.

Mr. Coxe inquired about the exemption status for amending non-highway projects into the TIP. Ms. Barren explained that bicycle and pedestrian and bus projects are exempt, however; rail projects are not exempt.

#### **4.3. Performance-Based Planning Update**

Presenter: Robert Cook

##### Summary:

- Mr. Cook began his presentation by reviewing the performance-based planning targets that CRTPO has approved, and providing a schedule for the approval of the remaining targets.
- He explained that the public involvement period for the amendment of the ten performance-based planning targets into the 2045 MTP will be combined with the public engagement effort for the updated air quality conformity standard. He anticipates that this public comment period will begin in August or September.
- Mr. Cook explained that CRTPO must approve a performance management agreement with NCDOT and local transit providers.
- He concluded his presentation by stating that final action for CRTPO to approve the ten performance-based planning targets is scheduled for November.

Mr. Burke reminded the TCC that the performance-based planning targets may eventually influence the projects selection process for the MTP and the TIP. He explained that the integration of performance-based planning into the NCDOT Prioritization process will be a discussion topic during the P6.0 Work Group meetings that will begin this fall.

#### **4.4 Bonus Allocation and STBG-DA Funding Reallocation**

Presenter: Dennis Rorie

##### Summary:

- Mr. Rorie began his presentation by explaining that this is a proposal endorsed by the Project Oversight Committee 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.

- He explained that the exchange of Bonus Allocation and STBG-DA funds will allow both projects to move forward.
- Mr. Rorie concluded his presentation by stating that action will be requested during the July TCC and CRTPO Board meetings. He added that this item will be placed on the consent agenda for the July 12 TCC meeting because no concerns have been raised with this proposed action.

#### **4.5 NCDOT Corridor Studies**

Presenter: Nastasha Young, NCDOT-TPD and Tyler Bray, Atkins

##### Summary:

Ms. Young and Mr. Bray 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:

- Ms. Young began her presentation by providing an overview of NCDOT’s Strategic Transportation Corridors (STC) program.
  - The STC was a recommendation from the NCDOT 2040 Plan and was adopted by the NC Board of Transportation in 2015.
  - There are 25 multimodal corridors throughout North Carolina.
- Mr. Bray provided an overview of the US 74 corridor (Corridor U) by explaining that this is a 275 mile corridor between I-26 and Wilmington.
- He explained that part of the work completed to-date involved a corridor inspection with emphasis on major connections, wayfinding, major land uses, and constraints.
- Mr. Bray explained that the data collection effort will focus on previous studies, active STIP projects, local transportation and land use plans as well as performance measures.
- The public engagement effort will consist of web-based, interactive input, stakeholder workshops along the corridor, and one-on-one interviews.
- He provided an overview of the deliverables for this planning effort which include corridor maps and profiles, problem statements for sub-corridors, and access management recommendations.
  - The sub-corridor information will assist in the sequencing projects and developing a timeframe for identifying improvements.
- Mr. Bray concluded his presentation by summarizing the plan schedule, with the final plan to be completed in the spring of 2019.

Anil Panicker suggested that the US 74 corridor study consider a new bridge over the Catawba River between Charlotte and Gaston County, which may include a fixed route transit line.

#### **OTHER REPORTS**

##### **5.1. NCDOT Report**

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

- Significant construction is ongoing within the western portion of Monroe Expressway project. Bridge structures and culvert construction are necessitating periodic lane shifts.
- Work continues at night to convert four major intersections along US 74 in Indian Trail to superstreets. Those intersections are Sardis Church/Wesley Chapel Stouts Road, Faith Church Road, Unionville-Indian Trail Road, and Indian Trail-Fairview Road.
- Work on the widening project has begun along South Trade Street (U-5804B) in Matthews. The project’s estimated completion date is by the end of September.

- Work will begin this month to convert the intersection of Brookshire Boulevard (NC 16) and Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road intersection to North Carolina's first continuous flow intersection (U-6084). The project is estimated to be completed in December.
- The Sugar Creek Road grade separation will open in the fall.
- Division 10 will host a public meeting on its P5.0 local input point assignments on June 19th at the Stanly Commons Complex in Albemarle.

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

- The I-40/I-77 (I-3819B) interchange final improvements project will be let this fall. The Broad Street corridor improvements project (U-6039) will be combined with the I-3819B project.
- A public meeting will be held this fall for the Williamson Road widening project (R-5100B) from Brawley School Road to I-77.
- A meeting was held between Division 12 staff and FHWA regarding the Fairview Flyover project (U-5817) because this project is proposed to receive STBG-DA funds that will federalize the project.
- Division 12 will host a public meeting on its P5.0 local input point assignments on June 25th at the Maiden Town Hall.

Andy Bailey announced that he has been promoted to fill the Metrolina Group Supervisor position within NCDOT-TPD. He explained that he will continue to be the CRTPO coordinator and primary TCC representative within his new role.

### **5.2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report**

Mr. Bridges explained that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group will discuss a potential rescission of the CRTPO's TAP funds during its meeting this afternoon.

### **5.3. Upcoming Issues**

Mr. Burke announced that he will be emailing a survey regarding the 2019 NCAMPO conference in Charlotte to TCC members to solicit session topic ideas, keynote speakers, and potential mobile tours within the next week.

Ms. Ashley announced the formation of a tolling operations subcommittee. The subcommittee roster will consist of Mr. Rorie, Mr. Coxe, Susan Habina Woolard, Bjorn Hansen, Liz Babson, and Bill Thunberg.

Mr. Cook provided an overview of a series of organizational changes for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department. He stated that CRTPO has been moved from the Long Range Planning Division to its own division within the department. Mr. Cook explained that he has been promoted to the position of Assistant Planning Director of the CRTPO. The Transportation Program Manager and the Participation and Consultation Planner have been approved as new positions within the FY 2018 budget.

**6. Adjourn:** Ms. Ashley determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.