

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 267
August 2, 2018

Voting Members: *Chair* – Sherry Ashley (Statesville), *Vice-Chair* – Wayne Herron (Cornelius), Liz Babson (CDOT), Becky Chambers – alt for Dan Leaver (Charlotte E&PM), Travis Johnson (Davidson), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Todd Huntsinger – alt for Patrick Sadek (Indian Trail), Rich Hoffman – alt for Matthew Todd (Iredell County), Susan Habina Woolard (Matthews), Nathan Farber – alt for Steve Frey (Mint Hill), Cami Weckerly (Mooresville), Brett Canipe – alt for Scott Cole (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT-Div. 12), Travis Morgan (Pineville), Kevin Parker – alt for Chris Easterly (Stallings), Erika Martin (Troutman), Alexandra Beesting (Waxhaw), Lisa Thompson (Weddington), Will Washam (Bicycle Focus Area Representative), Gwen Cook (Greenway 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), Theo Thomson (CRTPO) Robert Nock (CRTPO Intern), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Stuart Basham (NCDOT-Div. 10), Wendy Taylor (NCDOT – Div. 10), Lee Ainsworth (NCDOT – Div. 10), John Cook (NCDOT – Div. 12), Ahmad El Khatib (NCDOT-TPD), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Aaron Tucker (Cornelius), Troy Fitzsimmons (Cornelius)

Guests: Todd Steiss (WSP), Nick Landa (RS&H), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Joe Lesch (Gresham Smith)

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

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Ashley explained that a modification to today’s agenda was requested to move the Air Quality Conformity & Performance Measures Comment Period information report (item 4.2) to the upcoming issues (item 6.3) section of the agenda since the public comment period has been delayed to August 22.

The revised agenda was adopted by acclamation.

2. Consideration of Consent Agenda

Ms. Ashley stated that the consent agenda for the August meeting contained the following four items:

- Approval of the July 12, 2018 TCC Minutes,
 - Recommend that the CRTPO Board approve three 2018-2027 TIP amendments. These amendments have been recommended to the TCC by the Project Oversight Committee.
1. Add the NC 51 and Johnston Drive/Church Street realignment project in Pineville to the 2018-2027 TIP. The project has \$1,175,000 of STBG-DA funding programmed in construction in FY 2020 with a local match of \$1,435,000.
 2. Allocate \$1,802,447 in available STBG-DA funds from the 2017 call for projects to the

Kensington Drive widening project in Waxhaw.

3. Allocate \$628,000 in unobligated FY 2018 STBG-DA funds to resolve a funding shortfall with the South Prong Rocky River Greenway (EB-5775) in Cornelius.

Motion:

Bill Coxe made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Wayne Herron seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TCC BUSINESS ITEM

3.1. US 74 Bypass Route Designation

Presenter: Pate Butler, NCDOT

Summary/Action Requested:

Ms. Butler 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. Butler began her presentation by stating that the NCDOT - Traffic Mobility and Safety Division are in the process of requesting that AASHTO and FHWA consider the proposal to officially designate the Monroe Expressway as the US 74 Bypass.
- She explained that it is NCDOT's practice to request the numbering of routes from AASHTO close to the opening of the new facility.
- Ms. Butler explained that AASHTO's Special Committee on U.S. Route Numbering's next semiannual meeting will likely be in September, where this request will be considered.
- She stated that a resolution of support is required from the CRTPO that supports the proposed route designation.
- Ms. Butler concluded her presentation by stating that NCDOT needs the resolution approved by the CRTPO in order to submit the package to AASHTO by August 25.

Motion:

Mr. Herron made a motion to recommend to the CRTPO Board that it endorse the resolution to designate the Monroe Expressway as US 74 Bypass. Brett Canipe seconded the motion. 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 stating that the CRTPO's Regional Impact local input points were submitted to the NCDOT-SPOT office prior to the July 27 deadline.
- He explained that the SPOT office is currently calculating the final Regional Impact P5.0 quantitative scores and will release the list of programmed Regional Impact projects to be included within the DRAFT 2020-2029 TIP by early September.
- Mr. Burke explained that the P5.0 Subcommittee will meet in August to develop the recommended local input point assignments for the Division Needs tier.

- He concluded his presentation by explaining that action will be requested of the TCC during the September 6 meeting to recommend to the CRTPO Board that it open a 14-day public comment period on the recommended Division Needs point assignments.
 - The Division Needs local input point public comment period would begin on September 20 and conclude on October 4.

4.2. CMAQ Funding Reallocation

Presenter: Erin Kinne

Summary:

- Ms. Kinne began her presentation by stating that staff has recently been made aware that Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds may also be subject to rescission if they are unobligated beyond September 30, 2019.
- She summarized the proposed CMAQ funding reallocations as follows:
 - \$2.1 million – shifting CMAQ funds to an earlier project phase (prior to FY 2020 in the TIP);
 - \$8.3 million - reallocating CMAQ funds to projects with accelerated timeline and replacing with STBG-DA funds
- Ms. Kinne explained that she is in the process of finalizing the proposal and it will be presented to the Project Oversight Committee for their recommendation during the August 23 meeting.
- She concluded her presentation by stating that action will be requested by the TCC to recommend that the CRTPO Board approve the CMAQ funding reallocations during the September 6 meeting.

Mr. Coxe stated that the CRTPO needs to have a better understanding of the amount and availability of its CMAQ funds from the NCDOT-Transportation Planning Division ahead of time. He added that it takes at least two years to develop these projects and have the funding obligated.

Mr. Burke stated that the CRTPO will be working with the Project Oversight Committee to develop a discretionary projects policy document throughout the remainder of 2018. As part of this, a single, annual call for projects schedule will be formalized for utilization in 2019. He explained that this annual schedule will aid in the CRTPO's ability to better manage and anticipate its discretionary funds.

Ms. Kinne added that the CRTPO is in the process of receiving more refined data on its projects in terms of authorization dates and the amount of funding obligated.

OTHER REPORTS

5.1. NCDOT Report

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

- Several interchanges are in the final stages of grading and paving along the Monroe Expressway project. Noise walls and signage installations are in progress throughout the project.
- 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. The side street movements

have been restricted by activating the super street U-turn patterns within the past week. The result has been an increase in mobility throughout the work zone.

- 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 in Charlotte to North Carolina's first continuous flow intersection (U-6084). The project is estimated to be completed in December.
- NCDOT recently let a contract to construct a pair of roundabouts along New Town Road at the intersections of Marvin School Road and Waxhaw-Marvin Road in Marvin. Each intersection will need to be closed for approximately six weeks to construct the roundabout.
- A groundbreaking ceremony was held last week for the Charlotte Gateway Station project in Uptown Charlotte. Phase 1 of the project will be getting underway shortly. This work will involve construction of 2,000 feet of track, five bridges, and a rail platform. Work on this phase of the project is expected to be complete in 2022.

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

- A public meeting was held for the Fairview Road Extension project (U-5817) on Tuesday, July 31 in Mooresville. Division 12 received a significant amount of feedback on the project.
- A new project to install a closed loop signal system along the NC 115 corridor between Mooresville and Davidson is underway. The new signal system will be operable between Waterlynn Road and Yellow Wood Drive by early December.
- The final improvements for the I-40/I-77 interchange (I-3819B) in Statesville should be let for construction in October of 2018.
- Preliminary design work has begun on the Midnight Lane – Oates Road overpass project in Mooresville (U-5816). The environmental document is scheduled to be complete in June of 2019 and will be let for construction in 2021.

Warren Cooksey provided the following summary of the public engagement effort for the I-485 Express Lanes project (I-5507).

- Two public meetings that were held on Wednesday, July 25 in Matthews and Thursday, July 26. The two meetings had a combined attendance of approximately 320 residents;
- 185,000 views of the public meeting advertisement on the project's Facebook page;
- 144,000 views on the project's [publicinput.com webpage](http://publicinput.com). 400 comments have been received within this method;
- 29,000 postcards were mailed to residents within the project corridor;
- 250 residents completed a survey on the project;
- 50 voicemail phone comments have been received on the project;
- The public comment period will end on August 10. The comments will be included within the Categorical Exclusion.

5.2. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report

Mr. Bridges announced that there will be an additional item on this afternoon's Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group agenda this afternoon regarding updates of active greenway projects that are being managed by Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation and the Town of Cornelius.

5.3. Upcoming Issues

Mr. Cook made the following announcements:

- The public comment period for the Air Quality Conformity & Performance Measures has been delayed until August 22 to better align with the start of the periods for the CRTPO's neighboring MPOs.
 - He stated that the TCC will be informed via email once the public comment period has begun for these items.
- TCC members will receive an email regarding the local transportation projects call within the next few weeks. He explained that there is very little unobligated balance of PL funds anticipated for the FY 2019 UPWP; therefore there may not be an opportunity to fund local planning projects.
 - Mr. Cook encouraged TCC members to submit their ideas for local projects in the event that NCDOT-TPD identifies an unobligated PL balance for CRTPO within the FY 2019 UPWP.

Mr. Burke provided the following update on the 2019 North Carolina Association of MPOs Conference:

- The conference will be held in Charlotte on April 24-26 at the Charlotte Convention Center.
- CRTPO staff has met with the Charlotte Convention Center staff to plan for the meeting rooms that will be reserved for the conference
- The conference consultant is in the process of securing room blocks at the government rate at several hotels in Uptown Charlotte.
- A session planning subcommittee and a general conference planning subcommittee will begin regularly meeting in August.

Candice Rorie announced that TCC members will receive an email regarding a call for submittals for the 2018 Traffic Count program towards the end of August. There will be a three-week call for traffic data.

6. Adjourn: Ms. Ashley determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.