

**CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267**  
**April 19, 2017 Meeting**  
**Summary Minutes**

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**Members Attending:**

Vi Lyles (Charlotte), Woody Washam (Cornelius), Beth Cashion (Davidson), Mark Gibbons (Huntersville), Jeff McNeely (Iredell County), Jim Taylor (Matthews), Frederick Becker (Mineral Springs), Ted Biggers (Mint Hill), Jack Edwards (Pineville), Michael Johnson (Statesville), Paul Henkel (Troutman), Richard Helms (Union County), Steve Maher (Waxhaw), Scott Buzzard (Weddington), Tracy Dodson (NCBOT-Division 10), John Pope (NCBOT-Division 12)

**Non-Voting Members Attending:**

Jim Walker (NC Turnpike Authority), Tony Lathrop (NCBOT-At Large)

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**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Jim Taylor called the April 2017 CRTPO meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Members were asked to introduce themselves.

Chairman Taylor introduced Mecklenburg County Commissioner Dumont Clarke. He noted Mr. Clarke's over 10 years of service on the MUMPO/CRTPO board, and thanked him for his service and presented a token of the board's gratitude. Mr. Clarke thanked Chairman Taylor and the board.

**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:

Beth Cashion made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Biggers 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 March 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion:

Mayor Becker made a motion to approve the March 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Woody Washam seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the March 2017 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

**6. I-77 Express Lanes Contract**

Presenter:

Beau Memory, NC Turnpike Authority  
Jim Taylor, Mercator Advisors

Summary:

Beau Memory, Executive Director of the NC Turnpike Authority stated that the purpose of the presentation was to keep the board informed of the progress of the review of the I-77 express lanes contract. Jim Taylor of Mercator Advisors was introduced by Mr. Memory. Mercator Advisors will be conducting the contract review. Mr. Taylor provided information via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the

minutes. The presentation focused on the overall scope of work, as well as the review's schedule. The review's objective is to "identify and evaluate potential policy options that might address concerns expressed by members of the public regarding the implementation of the managed toll lanes concept and various provisions in the agreement." Policy options were discussed, which included: terminate the agreement; renegotiate or modify the agreement; purchase the facility. It was stated that these were not the only options. Three projects illustrating the three potential options were reviewed to provide context. Board members posed questions to Mr. Taylor following the presentation. Chairman Taylor thanked Mr. Memory and Mr. Taylor for the presentation and for their willingness to keep the board informed.

## **7. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Financial Assumptions**

### Presenter:

Neil Burke

### Summary:

Mr. Burke provided information via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to obtain the board's adoption of financial assumption to be used in the roadway ranking process, as well as the development of the MTP's financial plan. Financial plan requirements were reviewed, as was the concept of fiscal constraint. An MTP's financial plan must demonstrate that sufficient funds are available to implement transportation improvements through a comparison of revenues and costs. Two basic components were discussed: population share and revenue escalation. Population share was used as the indicator of future revenue. CRTPO's population share for each STI geography was reviewed. This approach is consistent with the approach taken during the preparation of the 2040 MTP. Mr. Burke reviewed each STI geography and provided the revenue estimates for each. Regarding revenue escalation, a 2% annual rate was used to determine revenues from 2028 to 2045. The 2% rate is consistent with what was assumed as part of the 2040 MTP, and was verified as a reasonable approach by NCDOT's TIP Unit staff. A question was raised about why the estimated amount of available revenue for roadway projects within the Division Needs tier of NCDOT-Division 10 did not add up to 23% of \$1 billion throughout the life of the 2045 MTP, as shown on presentation slide. Mr. Burke followed up on this question with an e-mail to the board the following day that stated the reason was the slide did not include text to explain that CRTPO's share of the anticipated Division 10 funds (81% or \$810,000,000) in the MTP would need to be reduced by \$150 million to account for STBG-DA and TAP funds that come off the top of this tier, based upon a provision in the STI legislation. It was stated that the assumptions were reviewed and endorsed by the MTP Advisory Committee, and were unanimously recommended for adoption by the TCC.

### Motion:

Mayor Biggers made a motion to adopt the 2045 MTP financial assumptions as presented. Woody Washam seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the 2045 MTP financial assumptions were approved. Richard Helms of Union County cast a dissenting vote.

## **8. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Project List**

### Presenter:

Curtis Bridges

### Summary:

Mr. Bridges provided information via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to obtain the board's endorsement of the TAP project list and to amend the TIP for two of the three recommended projects. The Bicycle & Pedestrian Work Group scored and ranked projects using the board-adopted methodology, and the TCC recommended that the board endorse the three projects, but amend the TIP for two of the three. It was explained that a TIP amendment was not being requested for the Indian Trail project because there were some details associated with project funding that needed to be resolved before an amendment could be requested. Mr. Bridges stated that he was confident an amendment could be requested as early as the May board meeting. The table below lists the three projects.

TAP Year	Sponsor	Project	Total Cost	Reimbursement Request	Local Match	Programmed TAP Funds	Recommend April TIP Amendment
2016	Charlotte DOT	Mallard Creek Church Road Shared-Use Path	\$2,942,500	\$200,000	\$1,742,500	<b>\$200,000</b>	Yes
2016	Town of Indian Trail	South Fork Crooked Creek Greenway	\$1,333,333	\$1,000,000	\$333,333	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	No
2016	Town of Cornelius	Westmoreland Road Multi-Use Corridor	\$1,739,130	\$1,200,000	\$539,130	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	Yes

Motion:

Action on this item consisted of two motions.

1. Endorsement: Mayor Biggers made a motion to endorse the TAP project list as presented. Vi Lyles seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the TAP project list was unanimously endorsed.
2. TIP Amendment: Ms. Lyles made a motion to amend the TIP to add the Mallard Creek Church Road Shared-Use Path and the Westmoreland Road Multi-Use Corridor projects. Mr. Washam seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**9. 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendments**

Presenter:

Will Washam, Town of Cornelius

Summary:

Mr. Washam provided information 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 1) amend the TIP by reallocating \$1.2 million in TAP funds from the McDowell Creek Greenway (EB-5817) to the McDowell Creek Tributary Greenway (EB-5777), and 2) to receive \$1.4 million in STBG-DA funds from EB-5777 and amend the project scope to include the Westmoreland Rd Multi-Use Corridor project. This project was endorsed by the board earlier in the meeting during the TAP agenda item.

Motion:

Mayor Biggers 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.

**10. TIP Project R-211EC, I-485/Weddington Road: Air Quality Conformity Determination, 2016-2025 TIP Amendment & 2040 MTP Amendment**

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that the request before the board was to 1) make a finding of air quality conformity, 2) amend the 2016-2025 TIP, and 3) amend the 2040 MTP. He then provided background for why the requests were being made, and stated that NCDOT determined that the construction of the I-485/Weddington Road interchange (R-211EC) would affect the operations of the proposed managed lanes on I-485 between the I-485/Weddington Road interchange and the I-485/John Street interchange, and further, that the addition of one lane in each direction on I-485 between the two interchanges would alleviate the problem. The air quality conformity determination analysis was required because the addition of the auxiliary lanes was not analyzed in the previous conformity determination analysis that added the I-485 Express Lane project to the 2040 MTP and 2016-2025 TIP. The TCC unanimously recommended that the board take the requested action.

Motion:

Vi Lyles made a motion to 1) make a finding of air quality conformity, 2) amend the 2016-2025 TIP, and 3) amend the 2040 MTP. Beth Cashion seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

**11. Draft 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program**

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke provided information via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to review 2040 MTP amendments resulting from changes proposed in the 2018-2027 draft TIP, discuss project schedules, and review TIP adoption schedule. Three reasons for modifying the 2040 MTP were identified: change project horizon years; change project details; add projects to the MTP. The affected projects were reviewed by noting the change type(s) associated with each. Staff will likely request that the board approve the start of a public comment period at its May meeting, with TIP adoption likely to occur in August. Action to modify the 2040 MTP will be requested at that time.

**12. Upcoming Agenda Items**

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that the following action items would be on the May agenda: Seek permission to begin a public comment period on the draft 2018-2027 TIP and a TIP amendment for the Indian Trail TAP project. He also mentioned that a draft STBG-DA project list would be presented for review.

Richard Helms requested that the board place on the next agenda an item regarding the possible livestreaming of future CRTPO meetings.

**13. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.