

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267
May 17, 2017 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending:

Vi Lyles (Charlotte), Michael Miltich (Cornelius), Rob Kidwell (Huntersville), Michael Alvarez (Indian Trail), Jeff McNeely (Iredell County), Carl Ellington (Mint Hill), Jack Edwards (Pineville), Michael Johnson (Statesville), Richard Helms (Union County), James Warner (Waxhaw), Scott Buzzard (Weddington), Tony Lathrop (NCBOT-At Large)

Non-Voting Members Attending:

Elizabeth McMillan (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission), Jim Walker (NC Turnpike Authority)

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chairman Michael Johnson called the May 2017 CRTPO meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Summary:

Vice-Chairman Johnson asked if there were items to be added to the agenda or changed. No changes were identified.

Motion:

Rob Kidwell made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mayor Edwards 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:

Vice-Chairman Johnson requested action on the April 2017 meeting minutes.

Motion:

Jeff McNeely made a motion to approve the April 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Kidwell seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the April 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. Mr. Taylor provided information via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation focused on the public input received thus far in the review process. The major themes of the input were reviewed, along with suggestions on how to improve the project. Mr. Taylor also discussed factors that need to be considered when evaluating the suggested changes. Next steps were reviewed. A draft findings report is tentatively scheduled to be presented to the board at its July meeting. No questions were raised by the board.

7. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) TIP Amendment

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook 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 of a TIP amendment to program Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) funds for the South Fork Crooked Creek greenway project (TIP # EB-5723) in Indian Trail. This project was endorsed by the board at the April meeting when the other TAP projects were endorsed, however, the TIP amendment could not be pursued due to the need to work out several details. The CRTPO, NCDOT and the Town of Indian Trail resolved those issues and the TIP can be amended. The TCC unanimously recommended that the request be approved.

Motion:

Mr. Kidwell made a motion to amend the TIP as presented. Richard Helms seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was approved unanimously.

8. 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 obtain the board's approval to start a 30-day public comment period on the draft 2018-2027 TIP, 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) amendments made necessary by TIP changes, and the required air quality conformity determination. The comment period will begin on June 19 and conclude on July 19. Mr. Burke stated that the MTP amendments fall into three categories: adding projects funded in the TIP that are not currently in the MTP; adjusting project MTP horizon years due to TIP schedule changes; correcting or changing project details. The Clean Air Act requires air quality conformity determinations in areas classified as Non-Attainment or Maintenance of air quality standards.

Motion:

Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the start of a public comment period as requested. Michael Miltich seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

9. Independence Pointe Parkway CTP Alignment Modification

Presenter:

Kathi Ingrish, Town of Matthews

Summary:

Ms. Ingrish 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 start a public comment period concerning proposed changes to the alignment of Independence Pointe Parkway in Matthews. An alignment shift is needed to because the alignment on the CTP does not best serve the affected parcels and crosses I-485 at a poor location. In addition, Ms. Ingrish listed several benefits that would result from a new alignment. The TCC unanimously recommended that the board approve Matthews' request. The board posed questions to Ms. Ingrish following the presentation, and following a discussion about the proposed start and end dates, it was determined that the comment period should start on May 25 and conclude on June 25.

Motion:

Dr. Miltich made a motion to approve the opening of the comment period and to extend it to June 25. Mr. Helms seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was adopted unanimously.

10. 2017 STBG-DA Recommended Project List

Presenter:

Bill Coxe, TCC Vice-Chairman

Summary:

Mr. Coxe provided information 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 development of the Surface Transportation Block Grant-Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) project list in advance of requesting board action to approve a project list in June. It was noted that there was minor error in the project list affecting two projects: NC 200 & NC 522 roundabout and New Town Road & Marvin Road roundabout. Ten points were not applied to each project in the Adopted Plans category. Those points have since been applied, but did not result in a change to the overall project rankings. Funding was discussed-\$29.1 million is available in FY 2021. The recent effort to update the project selection process was reviewed, including the board-approved update to the criteria. The project selection process was overseen by the Project Oversight Committee. The POC's recommendations were reviewed. Mr. Coxe also stated that several projects are not currently eligible for federal funding because they are not part of the federal-aid system. The affected projects are: NC 51 & Johnston Drive Realignment to Church St.; Bethlehem Road Realignment; Lytton St. Connector; Bailey Road Extension. The POC has recommended giving the sponsors of these projects one year to determine how these projects can become eligible to receive federal funds.

11. 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information 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 development of the 2045 MTP, specifically the roadway ranking process. The roadway ranking methodology was reviewed, along with the projected revenue expected to be available. The ranking methodology is divided into two tiers. An ad hoc Roadway Ranking Review Committee is responsible for reviewing the Tier I results and will assist in applying the Tier II scores. 288 projects were submitted for consideration, and of that number, 131 will move from Tier I to Tier II for further consideration. Roadway ranking information, including project scores, is posted on the MTP website: 2045MTP.org.

12. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook stated that there would be at least one action item on the June agenda: STBG-DA project list. Also, the Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln MPO requested that the CRTPO consider adopting a resolution to support placing a NC highway designation on the Catawba Crossings project. This project was formerly identified as the Garden Parkway when it was a toll project.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.