

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2021

Voting Members:

Chair – Liz Babson (CDOT), *Vice-Chair* – Andrew Ventresca (Davidson), Dan Leaver (Charlotte General Services), Trent Sellers – alt for Mark Wiebke (CLT Airport), Candice Rorie – proxy for Taiwo Jaiyeoba (Charlotte Planning, Design & Development), Aaron Tucker (Cornelius), Dave Hill (Huntersville), Todd Huntsinger (Indian Trail), Franklin Deese (Marshville), Rohit Ammanamanchi (Marvin), Dana Stoogenke (Matthews), Megan Green (Meck. Co. – LUESA Air Quality), David McDonald (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Nathan Farber – alt for Steve Frey (Mint Hill), Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Cami Weckerly – alt for Erika Martin (Mooresville), Brett Canipe (NCDOT – Div. 10), Dominique Boyd (NCDOT-TPD), Justin Russell – alt for Bo Connerly (Stallings), David Cole (Statesville), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), Theo Ghitea – alt for Matt Hubert (Waxhaw), Vagn Hansen (Wesley Chapel), Alex Riemondy (Focus Area Representative – Bicycle), Gwen Cook (Focus Area Representative – Greenway), Kate Cavazza (Focus Area Representative – Public Health), Erin Pratt – alt for Tracy Houk (Focus Area Representative – Pedestrian)

Staff:

Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Robert Cook (CRTPO), Brian Elgort (CRTPO), Jerrel Leonard (CRTPO), Catherine Mahoney (CRTPO), Theo Thomson (CRTPO), Travis Johnson (CRTPO), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Stuart Basham (NCDOT – Div. 10), Wendy Taylor (NCDOT – Div. 10), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Richard Buchanan (Mecklenburg County), Scottie Miller (NCDOT-Div. 10), Wilson Stroud (NCDOT), Mohamed Kaddoumi (CDOT),

Guests:

Adam Howell (Atkins), Alex Riemondy (CDOT), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Brady Finklea (Kimley Horn), Jeff Littlefield (NCDOT), Erin Musiol (RS&H), Hisham Abdelaziz (CDM Smith), Kevin Walsh (HDR), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Matt Werder (HDR), Michelle Podeszwa (HDR), Nick Landa (RS&H), Radha Krishna Swayampakala (RS&H), Scott Cole (RS&H), Todd McAuliffe (AECOM)

Liz Babson opened the virtual meeting at 10:00 a.m. Travis Johnson reviewed the virtual meeting guidelines and conducted a roll call to document attendance. Mr. Johnson determined that a quorum was achieved.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Ms. Babson asked if changes to the agenda were necessary. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve today's agenda.

Motion:

Andrew Ventresca made a motion to approve today's agenda. Lisa Stiwinter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Consideration of Consent Agenda

Ms. Babson stated that the consent agenda for the April meeting contained the following items:

- Approval of the [March 4, 2021 TCC Minutes](#)

Motion:

Dave Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda. David McDonald seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

TCC INFORMATION REPORTS

4.1 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

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 updated the TCC regarding the activities of the Roadway Ranking Review Committee (RRRC) and roadway candidate project submittals. He also reviewed the status and progress of other Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) activities including the project schedule and ongoing activities, roadway project evaluation, and an update on active transportation. Draft Tier I scores were attached to the TCC agenda and projects highlighted in green are advancing to Tier II scoring. This project list includes 240 projects. He asked the TCC to review the list of tier I scores and provide feedback. The RRRC will begin the process of developing draft tier II scores in April.

He also discussed the Active Transportation element of the plan. He stated that this is a new element of the MTP and is used to identify corridors and not specific projects that may benefit from active transportation enhancements based upon the draft criteria. He explained feedback from the Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group informed the draft criteria.

He concluded the presentation by stating that the RRRC will work to develop a draft fiscally constrained roadway project list that will be presented to the TCC for consideration of recommending to the CRTPO Board that it open a public comment period in June.

4.2 CRTPO Strategic Plan

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook 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. Cook provided an update on the CRTPO Strategic Plan. The plan originated from a recommendation from the CRTPO Staffing and Resources Study (2019). The goal of the Strategic Plan is to ensure planning efforts keep pace with changes over time, to serve as a guide for the CRTPO to lead transportation planning in the region, and establish a more proactive planning direction for the CRTPO.

Mr. Cook explained the strategic plan would provide a roadmap for the MPO and help shape the annual UPWP development. The plan will also serve as a management tool and help to provide organizational continuity as Board and TCC members change. The plan will include a mission statement, vision statement, goals, and strategies.

Mr. Cook concluded his presentation by stating that a staff workshop will be held on April 7 to prepare measurable strategies to facilitate implementation of the plan's goals.

4.3 Beyond 77 Corridor Study

Presenter: Robert Cook, Adam Howell (Atkins)

Summary:

Mr. Howell 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:

He began his presentation by reviewing the past milestones and upcoming project phases. The project is currently in Phase III and this phase of the study is about identifying transportation solutions and soliciting comments on those proposed options. This project has four phases. These phases include data collection, analysis, solutions, and recommendations.

Phase III of engagement for the Beyond 77 Corridor study begins today and will conclude on May 15. Residents are encouraged to take the Phase III [survey](#) and attend one of the two virtual public meetings on April 21 and May 13. Additional methods for public engagement with the Beyond 77 study can be found here: <https://www.beyond77.com/events/>.

OTHER REPORTS

5.1. NCDOT Report

No reports were provided from NCDOT Division 10, Division 12, or Transportation Planning Division.

Warren Cooksey stated the extended vehicle program on the I-77 express lanes continues to work well and has not created concerns about the operation of the lanes.

5.2. Project Oversight Committee Update

Mr. Johnson stated that the shortfall call is open through April 30. Links to the application and additional information is available on the [CRTPO's website](#).

5.3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report

Curtis Bridges stated the Bike and Pedestrian Work Group will meet this afternoon from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

5.4. Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation

Mr. Cook shared that the CRAFT Technical Committee met on March 23. The agenda included:

- Beyond 77 update
- Connect Beyond Regional Transit Study update
- Proposed changes urbanized areas as a result of the 2020 census.

Mr. Cook stated staff attended a webinar from the Census Bureau and FHWA about how the FHWA will respond to the proposed changes by Census Bureau for the designation of urban areas and how these areas would be established through a method referred to as hops and jumps. This would be used to include areas into an urban area that might not be contiguous. This new process will be used to define

how the CRTPO region might change. This information will be shared at an upcoming Transportation Staff Meeting.

5.5 Upcoming Issues

Mr. Burke mentioned that the April 14 Transportation Staff Meeting will include a discussion on the 2050 MTP Alternative Modes evaluation process and will include a request for input from TCC members.

ADJOURN: Ms. Babson determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.