

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
July 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), Alysia Osbourne – alt for Taiwo Jaiyeoba (Charlotte Planning, Design & Development), Aaron Tucker (Cornelius), Dave Hill (Huntersville), Todd Huntsinger (Indian Trail), Matthew Todd (Iredell County), Dana Stoogenke (Matthews), Megan Green (Meck. Co. – LUESA Air Quality), David McDonald (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Nathan Farber – alt for Steve Frey (Mint Hill), Sarah McAllister – alt for Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Erika Martin (Mooresville), Stuart Basham – alt for Brett Canipe (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT – Div. 12), Dominique Boyd (NCDOT – TPD), Travis Morgan (Pineville), Justin Russell – alt for Bo Connerly (Stallings), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), Theo Ghitea – alt for Matt Hubert (Waxhaw), Alex Riemondy (Focus Area Representative – Bicycle), Gwen Cook (Focus Area Representative – Greenway), Kate Cavazza (Focus Area Representative – Public Health), Tracy Houk (Focus Area Representative – Pedestrian)

Staff:

Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Robert Cook (CRTPO), Temekia Dae (CRTPO), Judy Dellert-O’Keef (CRTPO), Brian Elgort (CRTPO), Travis Johnson (CRTPO), Jerrel Leonard (CRTPO), Agustin Rodriguez (CRTPO), Jennifer Stafford (CRTPO), Theo Thomson (CRTPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Stan Brock (NCDOT), Kathryn Cogar (CDOT), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Andy Grzyski (CDOT), Andy Mock (CATS), Jason Lawrence (CATS), Scottie Miller (NCDOT – Div. 10), Teresa Robinson (NCDOT), Wendy Taylor (NCDOT), John Cook (NCDOT-Div. 12)

Guests:

Hisham Abdelaziz (CDM Smith), Andrew Babb, (Pond & Company), Brady Finklea (Kimley-Horn), Michael Johnson, Nick Landa (RS&H), Todd McAulliffe (AECOM), Dr. Michael Miltich (Cornelius Town Board), Erin Musiol (RS&H), Bradley Reynolds (WSP), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Lyuba Zuyeva (VHB)

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.

Prior to the first agenda item, Andrew Ventresca (Davidson) announced that he has accepted a new position with the Town of Troutman as of July 12. He will carry out the role of TCC Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2021 as the delegate to the Town of Troutman beginning with the August meeting.

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:

David McDonald made a motion to approve today’s agenda. Erika Martin 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 July meeting contained the following items:

- Approval of June 3, 2021 TCC Minutes,
- 2020-2029 TIP Amendments,
- Transportation Alternatives Program Scoring Criteria Revision, and
- CATS 2020-2029 TIP Amendment: CityLYNX Gold Line Streetcar ARP funds.

Motion:

Mr. Ventresca made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Dana Stoogenke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

TCC BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 CATS 2030 Transit System Plan CTP Amendments

Presenter: Andy Mock, CATS

Summary:

Mr. Mock 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 stating the requested action is to recommend three amendments to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) for approval by the Board. Mr. Mock reviewed the three CTP updates that included LYNX Blue Line Extension from its current southern terminus near Pineville to Ballantyne, a new LYNX Blue Line Station located between the New Bern and East/West Stations, and the LYNX Silver Line locally preferred alternative. These updates are requested to align the CTP with adoptions made by the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC).

Motion:

Mr. McDonald made a motion to recommend that the Board approve three amendments to the CTP. Travis Morgan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

4.2 Fred D. Alexander Boulevard Alignment CTP Amendment

Presenter: Andy Grzymiski, CDOT

Summary:

Mr. Grzymiski 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. Grzymiski's began his presentation by stating the requested action is to recommend an amendment to the future Fred D. Alexander Boulevard alignment in the CRTPO's CTP for approval by the Board. Mr. Grzymiski provided background information on the project, reasons for the shift in the location of the proposed roadway alignment, and a summary of public comments received for this project.

Motion:

Mr. Ventresca made a motion to recommend that the Board approve the amendment of the future Fred D. Alexander Boulevard alignment in the CRTPO's CTP. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Transit Education Initiative Task Force

Presenter: Jerrel Leonard

Summary:

Mr. Leonard provided information to the TCC on the Transit Education Initiative Task Force and covered the following points:

He began his presentation by stating the requested action is to recommend the Section 5307 sub-allocation methodology and the MOU recommended from the TEI Task Force for approval by the Board. He updated the TCC on the Task Force's recommended Section 5307 sub-allocation methodology and reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Transit Education Initiative (TEI) Task Force presented its recommendations for changes to the current sub-allocation methodology and for the proposed MOU during their presentation at the June TCC meeting.

Motion:

Ms. Martin made a motion to recommend that the Board adopt the Section 5307 sub-allocation methodology and the MOU recommended by the TEI Task Force. Bjorn Hansen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the TCC unanimously recommended to approve the requested motion.

4.4 Performance-Based Planning: Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Targets

Presenter: Jerrel Leonard and Erin Musiol, RS&H

Summary:

Mr. Leonard and Ms. Musiol 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. Leonard and Ms. Musiol conducted a presentation on Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) placeholder targets. Their requested action is to recommend placeholder PTASP targets for approval by the Board. They provided a background on the federally required PTASP targets and how states, MPOs, and transit agencies are required to set performance targets in support of national goals. MPOs must establish PTASP targets by July 20, 2021. In order to meet the deadline, CRTPO worked with transit agencies to create placeholder targets with the expectation that these targets will be updated. The CRTPO will coordinate with transit agencies to set new PTASP targets and create a performance management agreement that will be presented to the TCC and CRTPO Board at a future meeting.

Motion:

Dave Hill made a motion to recommend that the Board approve placeholder PTASP targets. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the TCC unanimously recommended to approve the requested motion.

TCC INFORMATION REPORTS

5.1 Beyond 77 Corridor Study

Presenter: Agustin Rodriguez

Summary:

Mr. Rodriguez 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 conducted an update on the Beyond 77 Corridor Study. Mr. Rodriguez provided an overview of the results of phase 3 public engagement, implementation workshops (June 24 & 28), and reviewed expected outcomes of the study. The TCC was made aware of upcoming Alternative Funding concept workshops (July 22 & 28), education session, Transportation Staff Meeting presentations (August 18 & 25) and a timeline for deliverables.

Mr. Rodriguez concluded his presentation by stating that a draft report should be available for review by September.

5.2 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 on the status of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The presentation's purpose was to update the Board regarding the public comment period on the 2050 MTP draft fiscally constrained roadway project list and Active Transportation Corridors. The public comment period began on June 17 will conclude on July 14. He requested that the TCC share the public engagement materials with their community contacts. He explained that the project team continues to coordinate with transit agency providers to develop projected capital and operating revenues and identify future projects. Public engagement on the transit component will occur later in 2021.

5.3 Marshville Bypass Tolling Study

Presenter: Robert Cook and Bjorn Hansen (Union County)

Summary:

Mr. Cook and Mr. Hansen 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:

They presented on a request from Union County and the Town of Marshville to submit the Marshville Bypass to the NC Turnpike Authority to be analyzed as a proposed tolled freeway facility. Mr. Cook provided background on the Marshville Bypass. The freeway bypass is depicted within the CRTPO's CTP and is part of the statewide vision for US 74. The NCTA study helps to determine a proposed project's financial viability as a tolled facility. The project sponsor is required to provide a Board resolution requesting NCDOT's evaluation of the feasibility for toll financing for project delivery.

The TCC will be requested to recommend that the Board endorse the submittal of the Marshville Bypass to be analyzed as a toll facility by the NCTA during the August meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

6.1. NCDOT Report

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

6.2. Project Oversight Committee Update

Jennifer Stafford stated that the fall call for discretionary projects will open on August 9 and close on October 15. She also shared that there will be a webinar to educate jurisdictions on the application process.

6.3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report

Curtis Bridges stated the Bicycle Pedestrian Work Group meeting has been cancelled this afternoon. He also shared information for the Pedal Mooresville Bicycle Plan Update. For more information please visit moorevillenc.gov.

6.4. Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation (CRAFT)

No reports were provided.

6.5 Upcoming Issues

Mr. Cook provided an update on the CONNECT Beyond Regional Transit Study. Mr. Cook stated that the study will conclude this fall. A staff level meeting will be held the following week to review the study's draft recommendations, identify ways to incorporate outcomes into their MTP, work programs, and identify ways the Regional Transportation Agencies can support CONNECT Beyond.

The next TCC meeting will be conducted virtually on August 5, 2021 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURN

Ms. Babson determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.