

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267
March 15, 2023 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending:

Danté Anderson (Charlotte), Denis Bilodeau (Cornelius), Rusty Knox (Davidson), Rob Kidwell (Huntersville), David Cohn (Indian Trail), Ernestine Staton (Marshville), Jamie Lein (Marvin), Leigh Altman (Mecklenburg County), John Higdon (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Fredrick Becker (Mineral Springs), Dale Dalton (Mint Hill), James Kerr (Monroe), Lisa Qualls (Mooresville), Tony Lathrop (NCBOT-Division 10), Stephen Rosenburgh (NCBOT-Division 12), Brad Richardson (Stallings), David Jones (Statesville), George Harris (Troutman), Brian Helms (Union County), Ron Pappas (Waxhaw), Craig Horn (Weddington), David Boyce (Wesley Chapel)

Non-Voting Members Attending:

Jim Walker (NC Turnpike Authority)

1. Call to Order

Chair Ron Pappas called the March 2023 CRTPO Board meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Summary:

Chair Pappas asked if any changes to the agenda were necessary. No changes were identified.

Motion:

James Kerr made a motion to approve the agenda. Mayor Becker seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the agenda was adopted by acclamation.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

4. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder

Mr. Burke read the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder. No conflicts of interest were identified.

5. Consent Agenda

Summary:

Chair Pappas requested action on the following consent agenda items:

- a) February 15, 2023 CRTPO Board Meeting Minutes
- b) FY 2023 Self Certification

Motion:

Mayor Horn made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Rob Kidwell seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

6. CRTPO Discretionary Funds Project Call – Recommended Projects

Presenter:

Jennifer Stafford

Summary:

Ms. Stafford provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes.

She began the presentation by stating that action is requested to approve the discretionary funds for the projects recommended from the Fall 2022 project call and amend the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to add the funding allocations to new and existing projects. The CRTPO Board deferred action on this item during the February 15 meeting to have CATS staff present additional information regarding the CATSEV charger funding request. Ms. Stafford explained that CATS reduced the funding request and the POC modified its recommendation to the TCC to fund two additional bicycle/pedestrian projects. The recommended project list includes funding for four CMAQ projects, which will require submission to NCDOT to review the emissions reductions, and a resolution from the CRTPO Board that is contained within the agenda packet for tonight's meeting. She concluded the presentation by providing an overview of the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds that the CRTPO receives through the IJA legislation and explaining that the intent is to allocate these funds to projects and programs that would reduce emissions.

Motion:

Mayor Knox made a motion to approve the discretionary funds for the projects recommended from the Fall 2022 project call and amend the 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program to add the funding allocations to new and existing projects. Danté Anderson seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion the motion was approved with Huntersville voting in opposition.

7. CRTPO FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the Board 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 the FY 2024 UPWP. The final draft of the FY 2024 UPWP was reviewed with updated funding allocations. The allocation process is complete, and the document has been prepared. Recommended allocations by task code were reviewed. Proposed FY 2024 UPWP funding allocations were reviewed for the following: local planning projects, FY 2023 UPWP project carryovers and anticipated key initiatives within FY 2024. At its March meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the Board adopt the FY 2024 UPWP.

Motion:

Mayor Becker made a motion to adopt the FY 2024 UPWP. Mayor Higdon seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

8. 2024-2033 CRTPO Transportation Improvement Program

Presenter:

Travis Johnson

Summary:

Mr. Johnson provided information via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes.

He began the presentation by stating that action is requested to approve the opening of a public comment period on the draft 2024-2033 TIP, 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendments, and an air quality conformity determination. If approved, Mr. Johnson stated that the public comment period would begin on March 16 and conclude on April 14. Public engagement will be focused on the review of documents on the CRTPO's website, an advertisement will be published within the Mecklenburg Times, and shared on the CRTPO's social media accounts. Residents can sign up to speak during the public comment periods at the beginning of the CRTPO Board meetings. Mr. Johnson concluded his presentation by providing a schedule for the 2024-2033 TIP adoption process. An information report summarizing the public comment period would be conducted during

the May meeting and requested action for the CRTPO Board to adopt the 2024-2033 TIP and associated documents is scheduled to occur during the June meeting.

Motion:

Mayor Knox made a motion to approve the opening of a public comment period on the draft 2024-2033 TIP, 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Amendments, and an air quality conformity determination. Mr. Kidwell seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Proposed Transit Work Group

Presenter:

Jerrel Leonard

Summary:

Mr. Leonard provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes.

He began the presentation by stating that action is being requested to formally establish the transit work group. As a follow-up from the information report provided during the February 15 CRTPO Board meeting, Mr. Leonard summarized the input received to justify establishing the work group as well as key anticipated tasks to be undertaken. Mr. Leonard concluded his presentation by stating that the TCC unanimously recommended that the Board adopt the FY 2024 UPWP during the March 2 meeting.

Tony Lathrop stated that he was interested in the work group facilitating connections between transit providers in the CRTPO planning area to implement recommendations within Beyond 77 and CONNECT Beyond.

Motion:

Mr. Lathrop made a motion to formally establish the transit work group. Ms. Anderson seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

10. RAISE Application Grant Update

Presenter:

Jennifer Stafford

Summary:

Ms. Stafford provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes.

She began the presentation by summarizing the results of a debrief conducted between USDOT and CRTPO staff regarding the 2022 RAISE grant application. The CRTPO received a recommended rating but was ultimately not awarded RAISE grant funding in 2022 due to not providing enough data to justify the need for a safety study within the planning area.

Ms. Stafford provided an overview of the 2023 RAISE grant application that was submitted by the CRTPO on February 7. The title of CRTPO's 2023 RAISE grant is: A Cross-Jurisdictional Transportation Safety Plan; Targeting areas of persistent poverty, historically disadvantaged communities, and rural areas. She summarized crash data for the portions of the CRTPO planning area that meet these criteria along with descriptive socioeconomic statistics.

Ms. Stafford stated that 21 letters of support were received in support of the CRTPO's 2023 RAISE grant. She encouraged Board members whose jurisdictions had not submitted a letter of support to do so since these documents are still being accepted by USDOT. The CRTPO anticipates that USDOT will announce the 2023 RAISE grant recipients within the next several months.

11. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke stated that he was not aware of any agenda items as of tonight for the April 19 CRTPO Board meeting. He will consult with the Chair and Vice-Chair to determine if the meeting can be cancelled within the next two weeks.

Information was provided to the Board regarding the filing requirement for delegates and alternates with the State Ethics Commission. Elected officials that serve as delegates or alternates on an MPO Board must fill out the appropriate documents with the North Carolina State Ethics Commission prior to April 17. To date, 17 of 48 voting delegates and alternates have successfully filed their forms.

The CRTPO will be holding its spring 2023 adopt-a-street litter clean up event on Friday, March 31 from 9 until 11 along South Boulevard between Whitten Street and Woodlawn Road in Charlotte. CRTPO Board members and TCC members are encouraged to join staff in this event.

12. Board Member Comments

Presenter:

Ron Pappas

There were no comments.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.