

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2023

Voting Members:

Chair – Liz Babson (CDOT), *Vice-Chair* – Andrew Ventresca (Troutman), Samantha Miller – alt for Dan Leaver (Charlotte General Services), Candice Rorie – alt for Alyson Craig (Charlotte PD&D), Aaron Tucker (Cornelius), Andrew Golden (Davidson), Heather Maloney (Huntersville), Todd Huntsinger (Indian Trail), Richard Hoffman – alt for Matthew Todd (Iredell County), Megan Green (Meck. Co. – LUESA Air Quality), David McDonald (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Steve Frey (Mint Hill), Will Washam – alt for Erika Martin (Mooresville), Theo Ghitea – alt for Brett Canipe (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT – Div. 12), Justin Russell (Stallings), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), James Kelly – alt for Lisa Thompson (Waxhaw), Marlee Henninge – alt for Alex Riemondy (Focus Area Representative – Bicycle), Gwen Cook (Focus Area Representative – Greenway), Tracy Houk (Focus Area Representative - Pedestrian), Irene Ivie (Focus Area Representative – Health)

Staff:

Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Kendall Clanton (CRTPO), Robert Cook (CRTPO), Temekia Dae (CRTPO), Judy Dellert (CRTPO), Travis Johnson (CRTPO), Jerrel Leonard (CRTPO), Jennifer Stafford (CRTPO), Theo Thomson (CRTPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Kathryn Cogar (CDOT), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Bradley Foulks (Mooresville), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Amelia Helms (NCDOT), Martin Kinnamon (CDOT), Erin Pratt (CDOT), Johanna Quinn (CDOT), Tamika Weeks (Mooresville)

Guests:

Erin Musiol (RS&H)

Liz Babson opened the meeting at 10:01 a.m. after Travis 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:

David McDonald made a motion to approve today’s agenda. Andrew Ventresca seconded the motion. 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 1, 2023 TCC Minutes
- 2020-2029 TIP Amendments

Motion:

Mr. McDonald made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Samantha Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TCC BUSINESS ITEM

4.1 Waxhaw Parkway Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment

Presenter: Bjorn Hansen, Union County

Summary:

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:

Mr. Hansen began by clarifying the public comment period would be for both the northeast and southeast quadrants of the proposed Waxhaw Parkway. The requested action to the TCC was updated to reflect that change. Mr. modified action request for the TCC to recommend that the CRTPO Board open a public comment period on proposed CTP amendment for the northeast and southeast quadrants of the proposed Waxhaw Parkway between NC 16 to South Providence Road east of Downtown Waxhaw. He shared that Union County will open the public comment period on July 20 through August 20, 2023 if the action is approved during the July 19 CRTPO Board meeting. A public meeting will be hosted at the Waxhaw Police Department Community Room (3620 Providence Road S, Waxhaw, NC 28173) on August 3, 2023 from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

He explained that in 2022, NCDOT completed a feasibility study for the Waxhaw Parkway. The outcome of the study was a new preferred alignment of the Waxhaw Parkway and would require an amendment to the CRTPO's CTP. The revised alignment has been endorsed by the Town of Mineral Springs, Town of Waxhaw, and Union County. His presentation concluded with a proposed schedule that included the proposed public comment period, resolutions from affected jurisdictions, and presenting the CTP amendment to the TCC and Board in winter of 2023.

Motion:

Mr. McDonald made a motion to recommend that the CRTPO Board open a public comment period on the proposed CTP amendment of the northeast and southeast quadrants of the proposed Waxhaw Parkway between NC 16 to South Providence Road east of Downtown Waxhaw. James Kelly seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

TCC INFORMATION REPORTS

5.1 2026-2035 TIP Development Process (NCDOT Prioritization 7.0) Update

Presenter: Travis Johnson

Summary:

Mr. Johnson 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. Johnson presented to the TCC an update on the NCDOT 2026-2035 TIP Development Process Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0). He explained that a 30-day public comment period is currently open on the CRTPO's draft P7.0 project lists. This comment period began on June 22 and will conclude on July 22, 2023. To date, three public comments had been received. In general, these comments have supported projects in the draft P7.0 project lists.

He also presented a timeline of coordination efforts with NCDOT-Rail Division and CRTPO. Included in this summary was a list of rail projects traversing the CRTPO planning area that are anticipated to be submitted by other MPO/RPOs in North Carolina. Rail projects traversing multiple MPOs and RPOs

would be included in P7.0 project list if any one of the affected MPOs or RPOs submits the project. The CRTPO would have the option to assign local input points for any Regional Impact or Division Needs projects in Spring of 2024.

He concluded his presentation by sharing that in August the TCC will be asked to recommend to the CRTPO Board to approve the P7.0 project submittals for all modes.

5.2 Marshville Bypass Tolling Study Update

Presenter: Kendall Clanton

Summary:

Mr. Clanton 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. Clanton updated the TCC on the Marshville Bypass Tolling Study. The Marshville Bypass is part of a controlled-access facility plan for the US 74 corridor across North Carolina. The proposed bypass is a five-mile, four lane expressway, with a tolling system to help keep local traffic in Marshville while sustaining economic activity.

He stated that the NC Turnpike Authority and NCDOT developed a Toll Project Policy for MPOs to study facilities for potential tolling. Marshville Town Council and Union County Board of Commissioners requested the CRTPO submit the project for analysis. The Pre-Submittal Assessment is a high-level analysis, and this was the first time the tool has been used by NCDOT. Additional analyses to determine the feasibility of a tolled facility needs to be conducted along the proposed Marshville Bypass corridor. A component of the additional analysis includes the evaluation of a tolling system for the Marshville Bypass being seamless and interoperable with the existing Monroe Expressway.

Mr. Clanton concluded the presentation by stating that action would be requested during the August 2 TCC meeting to recommend that the CRTPO Board endorse the concept of additional analysis Of the tolling component of the Marshville Bypass.

OTHER REPORTS

6.1. NCDOT Report

- Theo Ghitea (NCDOT – Div. 10) and Anil Panicker (NCDOT – Div. 12) provided an update on projects in the CRTPO planning area in the agenda packet prior to the meeting. Additionally, they announced that each division would host a public comment period to beginning on August 1 and concluding on August 31 for the NCDOT Prioritization 7.0 project lists. An open house is tentatively scheduled at the Division 10 (716 W Main St, Albemarle, NC 28001) and Division 12 (1710 E Marion St, Shelby, NC 28152) office the week of August 21 – August 25.
- Warren Cooksey (NCTA) announced the release of the new NC Quick Pass mobile application. This application is now available for download at the Android and Apple App Stores. It will eventually replace the existing application.

6.2. Project Oversight Committee Update

Jennifer Stafford stated that the next Project Oversight Committee meeting will discuss revising the Discretionary Funds Policy and they plan on bringing those proposed changes to the TCC at the August TCC meeting. Some changes include adding health measures to the roadway criteria and the inclusion of an air quality evaluation for the Carbon Reduction Program and CMAQ-funded projects.

6.3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report

Curtis Bridges stated the Bicycle Pedestrian Work Group meeting is scheduled for 2 pm on July 6. Their agenda includes community updates and the NCDOT vulnerable road user safety assessment during this afternoon's meeting.

6.4 Upcoming Issues

Mr. Johnson shared that the CRTPO opened a 30-day public comment period on June 22 and it will continue through July 22, 2023, on the P7.0 project lists for all transportation modes.

He also shared that on June 27, the CRTPO participated in the 2023 Federal Certification Review jointly hosted by FHWA and FTA. This review included a discussion on Environmental Justice, Transit, Public Involvement, Environmental Planning, Complete Streets, and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The results of the Certification Review are expected in the Fall of 2023.

The next TCC meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2023 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURN

Ms. Babson determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.