

**CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**April 4, 2024**

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**Voting Members:** *Chair* – Liz Babson (CDOT), Mackenzie Nowacki – 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), Richard Hoffman – alt for Matthew Todd (Iredell County), Megan Green (Meck. Co. – LUESA Air Quality), Brian Horton (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Justin Williams – alt for Steve Frey (Mint Hill), Lisa Stiwinter - alt for Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Erika Martin ( Mooresville), Theo Ghitea – alt for Sean Epperson (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT – Div. 12), Alex Rotenberry (NCDOT-IMD), Justin Russell – alt for Kevin Parker (Stallings), Sherry Ashley – alt for Herman Caulder (Statesville), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), James Kelly (Waxhaw), Vagn Hansen (Wesley Chapel), Dave Campbell (Focus Area Representative – Bicycle), Gwen Cook (Focus Area Representative – Greenway), Irene Ivie (Focus Area Representative – Health), Tracy Houk (Focus Area Representative - Pedestrian)

**Staff:** Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Kendall Clanton (CRTPO), Robert Cook (CRTPO), Temekia Dae (CRTPO), Judy Dellert (CRTPO), Brian Elgort (CRTPO), Travis Johnson (CRTPO), Jerrel Leonard (CRTPO), Theo Thomson (CRTPO), Will Snyder (CRTPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Martin Kinnamon (CDOT), Matthew Kirkendall (Statesville), Ashley Landis (CDOT), Scott Miller (NCDOT), Dianne Thomas (Meck. Co. - Public Health)

**Guests:** Andy Grzymiski (Centralina Regional Council), Erin Musiol (RS&H), Tim Popellear (McAdams), Jason Wager (Centralina Regional Council), Terry Lansdell (BikeWalkNC)

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Liz Babson opened the meeting at 10:21 a.m. after a Audio/visual delay. 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:

Sherry Ashley made a motion to approve today’s agenda; Candice Rorie seconded the motion. 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 7, 2024 TCC Minutes
- 2024-2033 TIP Amendments
- Transfer of Planning Responsibilities Memorandum of Agreements
  - Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln Metropolitan Planning Organization (GCLMPO)
  - Cabarrus Rowan Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CRMPO)

Motion:

Aaron Tucker made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Ashley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **TCC INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **4.1 2055 Metropolitan Transportation 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 presented on the 2055 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) background, anticipated public engagement, and proposed schedule. The MTP outlines the programs and policies for the CRTPO over a 20 + year planning period. Every four years, the CRTPO and other MPOs in air quality maintenance areas are required to update their MTPs. The CRTPO adopted the current 2050 MTP in March 2022. An updated MTP must be adopted by the CRTPO Board by March 2026.

Next steps for the MTP include data collection, steering committee kickoff, advisory committee kickoff, creating the existing conditions report, and round one of public engagement. The TCC had general clarifying questions about the 2055 MTP process.

### **4.2 2026-2035 TIP Development Process (NCDOT Prioritization 7.0)**

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 provided an overview to the TCC on the critical role that local input points play in determining funding priorities within the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process for Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0). The CRTPO anticipates that the local input points assignment phase for Regional Impact and Division Needs projects will begin in June 2024. The process will conclude with the release of the draft 2026-2035 TIP in January of 2025. The CRTPO will allocate 2,500 total points for Regional Impact and Division Needs projects following CRTPO's adopted P7.0 methodology.

Local point allocation for Regional Impact and Division Needs projects will incorporate a 14-day public comment period for each local point assignment window. NCDOT accelerated the P7.0 local input points schedule in March to enable the release of the Draft 2026-2035 STIP in January. CRTPO staff adjusted the public comment periods to accommodate updates to the P7.0 local input points schedule. Public involvement for regional impact projects is scheduled for July 18 to August 1. Public involvement for division needs projects is scheduled for October 18 to November 1. The TCC had general questions about bicycle and pedestrian facilities on P7.0 highway projects.

### **4.3 CONNECT Beyond**

Presenter: Jason Wager, Centralina Regional Council

Summary:

Mr. Wager 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. Wager shared key updates on the CONNECT Beyond project with a focus on current implementation activities, including an update on the Advancing the Plan Committee and the Committee's 2024 goals and workplan.

The Advancing the Plan Committee is an official ad-hoc Centralina Regional Council advisory committee to advance the implementation of the CONNECT Beyond plan. Throughout 2023, the Committee met to develop a regional model for how our region can coordinate on mobility issues. They engaged on implementation activities, developed guiding principles for regional collaboration, and identified a preferred model for regional collaboration. In 2024, the Committee restarted its meetings to continue this work. Their goals for 2024 include refining the regional coordination model to strengthen broader support and incorporate local input; championing short-term wins for regional collaboration and support CONNECT Beyond implementation; and advocating and collaborating with local, state, federal, and business community partners to advance the next steps for regional coordination.

The presentation concluded with updates on Transportation Demand Management, seamless connections for transit, and the establishment of the Centralina Integrated Mobility Center. Mr. Wager introduced Andy Grzymiski to discuss his role with the Centralina Integrated Mobility Center and how they plan to move major regional priority projects forward to implementation.

#### **4.4 Beyond 77 Alternative Funding Report**

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 shared an overview of the Beyond 77 Alternative Funding Report which included an overview of funding alternatives, and next steps for the proposed regional coalition.

The Beyond 77 Alternative Funding Report provides clarity on funding sources identified in the Beyond 77 Study. Four of the original six proposed funding alternatives were recommended for further analysis in this report. Funding sources included sales tax, motor fuels sales tax, motor vehicle sales tax, and vehicle registration fees. Each funding alternative would require legislative action.

Next steps include the formation of a regional coalition comprised of elected officials; MPO and Regional Planning Members; and Municipal, County, and State representatives. The report will be presented to the CRTPO Board in April.

#### **4.5 CRTPO Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) Application**

Presenter: Brian Elgort and Will Snyder

Summary:

Mr. Elgort and Mr. Snyder 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. Elgort and Mr. Snyder provided an update on CRTPO's Safe Streets & Roads for All (SS4A) application. The CRTPO is preparing an application for an Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) 2024 SS4A grant.

This presentation reviewed the SS4A grants, why the CRTPO is applying, potential grant benefits to jurisdictions, and next steps. This SS4A application would develop a comprehensive Safety Action Plan for the entire CRTPO planning area. Communities with a Safety Action Plan qualify for access to capital funding under the SS4A grant program. The CRTPO is leading on the SS4A grant effort to align with goals set in the CRTPO's Strategic Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and the Unified Planning Work Program.

Next steps for the SS4A application include conducting a discussion of the application and local match requirements at the April 10 Transportation Staff meeting. Feedback from the discussion on April 10 will inform the May TCC presentation.

#### **4.5 Waxhaw Parkway Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Amendment**

Presenter: James Kelly, Waxhaw

##### Summary:

Mr. Kelly 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. Kelly provided an update on the proposed revised alignment for the Waxhaw Parkway based on a NCDOT feasibility study. His presentation included a summary of the Waxhaw Parkway, historical perspective, and a public comment summary.

Mr. Kelly shared that the Waxhaw Parkway would reduce congestion in their downtown historic district, increase safety, advance bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, encourage economic development, and provide a solution to address local and regional traffic demand.

The Parkway's alignment has changed multiple times since 1992. This corridor has been supported through local-level adoptions to support right-of-way dedications as a part of rezonings. The goals of these updates were to improve connectivity and to decrease overall property impacts.

Union County initiated a multi-jurisdictional public comment period about the revised alignment that began on July 20, 2023, and concluded on August 20, 2023. Most of the resident input received during the comment period supported the revised alignment and to build the Waxhaw Parkway.

The Waxhaw Parkway's revised alignment requires an amendment to the CRTPO's CTP highway map. The Town of Waxhaw will request the TCC to recommend that the CRTPO Board adopt the proposed CTP amendment for the northeast and southeast quadrants of the Waxhaw Parkway at the May 2 TCC meeting.

#### **OTHER REPORTS**

### **5.1. NCDOT Report**

No verbal reports were provided from NCDOT Division 10 or Division 12. Written project updates were included in the TCC Agenda Packet prior to the meeting.

Warren Cooksey (NCTA) announced that NC Quick Pass customers with sticker transponders can now use those transponders to pay tolls in states north of North Carolina, now working across 16 E-ZPass states.

### **5.2. Project Oversight Committee Update**

Jennifer Stafford reminded the TCC that the Spring shortfall call for projects has opened. Mandatory pre-submittal meetings must be scheduled by April 24 and applications are due on April 30.

### **5.3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report**

Curtis Bridges stated that the April 4 Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group meeting has been canceled. He also announced the following funding opportunities and deadlines.

- [SS4A Implementation Grant](#) deadline is May 16,
- [SS4A Planning and Demonstration Activities grant](#) deadline is August 29, and
- [Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program \(ATIIP\)](#) deadline is June 17. A webinar for the ATIIP grant will be held April 9.

### **5.4 Upcoming Issues**

None.

### **6.0 Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.