

# MINUTES

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

NC Research Campus  
Kannapolis City Hall  
401 Laureate Way  
Kannapolis, NC 28081

### Members

JC McKenzie	City of Concord
Steve Morris	Cabarrus County
Tamara Sheffield	City of Salisbury
Steve Miller	Town of Spencer
Greg Edds	Rowan County
Brittany Barnhardt	Town of Granite Quarry
Dillon Brewer	Town of Rockwell
Ryan Dayvault	City of Kannapolis
Deloris High	Town of East Spencer
Ron Smith	Town of Harrisburg
Justin Simpson	Town of Mt. Pleasant

### Others

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Scott Miller	NCDOT Division 10
Pat Ivey	NCDOT Division 9
Connie Cunningham	CRMPO Staff
Phillip Craver	NCDOT Division 9
Terry Crawford	City of Kannapolis
Wilmer Melton	City of Kannapolis
Sean Epperson	NCDOT Division 10
Albert Smith	Town of East Spencer
Rich Luhrs	Town of Granite Quarry
Loretta Barren	FHWA

### Call to Order

The June 26, 2024 meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TAC was called to order by Chairman Brittany Barnhardt after a meal provided by the City of Kannapolis. Chairman Barnhardt welcomed those in attendance and asked all present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to a flag displayed. After the pledge CRMPO Director Phil Conrad recognized the City of Kannapolis for providing the meal. TAC Chairman Barnhardt went on to call the roll of eligible voting TAC members and determined that a quorum had been met. Chairman Barnhardt then requested that all those in attention introduce themselves to the group.

Chairman Barnhardt read the NC State Ethics Commission Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest requirement and stated that should a conflict arise during any part of the meeting; members should recuse themselves from that portion of the meeting.

CRMPO TAC Chairman Barnhardt proceeded on with the meeting and asked for any Chamber of Commerce updates. There were no staff from the Cabarrus Chamber nor the Rowan Chamber present to provide updates. TAC Chairman Barnhardt asked if there were any speakers from the floor. With none being heard she moved on to the next order of business.

TAC Chairman Barnhardt asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda including the Consent Agenda. With none heard, Mr. Dillon Brewer made a motion to approve the agenda including the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

All items on the consent agenda are considered routine and may be enacted by one motion. If a TAC member requests discussion on an item, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. The following items were presented for TAC consideration on the Consent Agenda:

### **CTP Amendment**

The City of Concord has added some multi-use path designations to the CRMPO's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Index. The City has already incorporated this information into their own locally adopted plans. The Town of Spencer also added some CTP links to the highway map, which are now proposed as part of the CTP Index.

These amendments were released for public comment in March, which are included as attachment 2.

### **2055 MTP Draft Goals and Objectives**

The CRMPO has begun working on the update to the 2055 MTP including the ongoing socioeconomic TAZ forecasts for population, employment, and school enrollment.

Every 4 years, the CRMPO reviews the draft Goals and Objectives to be included in the next MTP, which was included as Attachment 3.

## **THIS CONCLUDES THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Approval of May 22, 2024 Minutes**

TAC Chairman Barnhardt called members' attention to the minutes from the May 22, 2024 TAC meeting. Chairman Barnhardt asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With none being heard, Mr. Dillon Brewer made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the TAC members followed with a unanimous vote to approve.

### **FY 2024-2033 MTIP Modification #5**

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad highlighted for the members' the 2024-2033 MTIP Modification #5 included in their packets. He explained that CRMPO staff regularly brings amendments or modifications from recent NCDOT Board of Transportation agendas to the TCC/TAC for consideration.

Director Conrad continued by stating that the first project modification is the delay of construction to FY 27 for the Hickory Ridge sidewalk project (BL-0086). The second project modification is to delay construction to FY 25 for the Elm Avenue NW sidewalk project (BL-0087). The third project is to delay preliminary engineering to FY 24 for the Third Street Greenway (EB-5861). The fourth project is to delay construction to FY 25 for the NC 152 widening and roundabout (HE-0009). The sixth and final project is to delay construction to FY 27 for the NC 3/US 29 intersection project (U-5761). Attachment 5 is a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. After reviewing the projects with the members, Director Conrad stated that the new STIP was effective October 1, 2023. Director Conrad closed by praising the staff from each jurisdiction for their hard work.

With no questions or comments, Mr. J.C. McKenzie made a motion to endorse modification #5 to the FY 2024-2033 MTIP. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded that motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **TIP Priority Project STI Results**

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad reported to the TAC members that NCDOT has applied their methodology to rank transportation projects across the state and reported what funds are available for the next STIP. Director Conrad went on to state that the quantitative scores were recently released for all P7.0 projects in NC and are shown on Attachment 6A. NCDOT will incorporate the quantitative scores with the CRMPO input points and Division Engineer rankings/points to initiate the development of the FY 2026- 2035 TIP. At that time Mr. Pat Ivey, Division Engineer for Division 9, presented the TAC members with a power point presentation regarding the P7.0 Funding Availability. The presentation provided information on how the funds available are calculated and how they are allocated between each NCDOT Division.

Director Conrad then called members' attention to Attachment 6B which were the results for the top highway, aviation, rail, and sidewalk/greenway projects in the CRMPO area. He went on to say that CRMPO staff has applied the local methodology and provided options for allocating points to projects in the regional and division tiers. Director Conrad provided a power point presentation on the P7.0 scores and local point assignments.

After the presentations were finished, Director Conrad reviewed the projects one by one shown on Attachment 6B for the members. With no questions or comments, Mr. J.C. McKenzie made a motion to release the regional and division tier portion of the TIP Priority Project List for public comment. Mr. Ryan Dayvault seconded the motion and the TAC members voted unanimously to approve.

### **Reports/CRMPO Business**

1. Local Reports - NCDOT Division 9 & 10 – Mr. Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division 9 reported to the TAC members that Division 9 updates were included in their meeting packet. He called attention to the I-85 Bridge projects and reported that the work is complete.

Mr. Sean Epperson, NCDOT Division 10 also highlighted a spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates. He reported that there were no major changes to the spreadsheet.

2. Special Study Update – Director Conrad reported that the Highway 152 study being done by the Town of China Grove is moving along with steering committee meetings.
3. Planning Study Funds – Director Conrad reported that Bike and Ped planning funds are available as well as some special studies funds.
4. CMAQ Priority Submittal and Update – Director Conrad reported that seven CMAQ projects were submitted by the CRMPO and that so far one was awarded in March 2024 and two more have been awarded since March 2024. He called members' attention to a letter from NCDOT Office of Strategic Initiatives and Program Support which provided this information regarding the submittals.

### **Informational Items**

- RIDER Transit and Salisbury Transit Ridership Information - Phil referred to the ridership information included in their packets.
- Forecasting Housing, Employment and Student Enrollment information was included in the TAC packets as information.
- NCDOT Public Meeting Dates, Contacts, Location and Times were included in the TAC meeting packets.
- Information was in the TAC packets concerning public transit ridership.

Next Meeting : August 28, 2024

### **Adjournment**

With no other business to bring before the TAC, Mr. Greg Edds made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Justin Simpson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.