

MINUTES

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

VIRTUAL MEETING

Members:

Phillip Graham	City of Concord
Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Ed Muire	Rowan County & Town of Cleveland
Theo Ghitea	NCDOT Div. 10
Fred Haith	NCDOT Div. 9
Teresa Barringer	Town of China Grove
Wendy Brindle	City of Salisbury
Craig Thomas	Town of Midland
Erin Burris	Town of Mt. Pleasant
Richard Smith	City of Kannapolis
Jason Hord	Town of Granite Quarry

Others:

Phil Conrad	CRMPO Director
Connie Cunningham	MPO Staff
Sean Epperson	NCDOT Div 10
Scott Miller	NCDOT Div10
Emily Stupka	NCDOT TPD
Andrew Babb	Bolton & Menk
Andy Christy	RIDER Transit
John Rhyne	NCDOT Div 9
Blake Bush	HDR
Christian Snelgrove	WSP
Alex Rotenberry	NCDOT IMD

TCC Chairman Ed Muire called the June 19, 2024 virtual meeting of the Cabarrus Rowan MPO TCC to order at approximately 10:00 am. TCC Chair Muire called the roll of eligible TCC members and it was determined that a quorum had been met. TCC Chair Muire then asked if there were any adjustments to the meeting agenda. By consensus the members approved the agenda with no adjustments. TCC Chair Muire moved on to the next order of business.

TCC Chair Muire continued by asking if there were any speakers from the floor. With no speakers being heard, TCC Chair Muire moved to the next item of business. CRMPO Director Phil Conrad welcomed the members in attendance and thanked them for attending.

Approval of Minutes

TCC Chair Muire called the members' attention to the minutes of the May 15, 2024 TCC meeting included in their packets. Chairman Muire asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. With no corrections or additions heard, Mrs Susie Morris made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mrs. Wendy Brindle seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously 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 MPO 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 3 is a resolution modifying the MTIP for these projects. After reviewing the projects with the members, Director Conrad closed by stating that the new STIP was effective October 1, 2023.

Chairman Muire asked Director Conrad if project number EB-5861 was still considered the most time sensitive project on the amendment list and Director Conrad confirmed that it was.

With no further questions or comments, TCC Chair Muire made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider endorsing modification #5 to the FY 2024-2033 MTIP. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve

TIP Priority Project STI Results

CRMPO Director reported to the TCC 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. 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.

Director Conrad called members' attention to Attachment 4B 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 then introduced Mr. Sean Epperson with NCDOT Division 10 who provided a power point presentation to the TCC members 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.

After the presentation was finished, Director Conrad reviewed the projects one by one shown on Attachment 4B for the members. After the review, TCC Chairman Muire asked when NCDOT staff would apply their points to the CRMPO projects. Mr. Theo Ghitea from Division 10 and Mr. John Rhyne with Division 9 both reported that their respective Divisions would apply their points after their public input sessions were held.

With no further questions and no comments heard, Mrs. Wendy Brindle made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider releasing the regional and division tier portion of the TIP Priority Project List for public comment. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded the motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

2055 MTP Draft Goals and Objectives

CRMPO Director Phil Conrad explained to the members that with the adoption of the 2024-2033 TIP, the CRMPO has begun working on the update to the 2055 MTP. Director Conrad continued by stating that part of this update is the ongoing socioeconomic TAZ forecasts for population, employment, and school enrollment.

Phil reminded the TCC members that the last MTP was adopted in March 2022 and is required to be updated every 4-years. The next draft TIP he reported, will be released in the spring of 2025 and the adopted TIP will primarily be the basis for the 2055 MTP in terms of project schedule horizon years and estimated costs. Phil went on to state that every 4 years the CRMPO reviews the draft Goals and Objectives to be included in the next MTP. He then called members attention to Attachment 5 which was the draft and he reviewed it with the members.

After the review and with no questions or comments, Mrs. Susie Morris made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC endorse the 2055 MTP Goals and Objectives. Mrs. Teresa Barringer seconded that motion and the TCC members voted unanimously to approve.

CTP Amendment

Director Conrad reported to the members that the City of Concord has added some multi-use path designations to the CRMPO's Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Index. He continued by stating that the City has already incorporated this information into their own locally adopted plans. Director Conrad reminded the TCC members that at the January 2024 meetings, the Town of Spencer recently added some CTP links to the highway map. Those segments are now proposed as part of the CTP Index.

Director Conrad highlighted Attachment 6B which was a summary of the Index changes. He reminded members that the amendments were released for public comment in March and no comments were received. Phil then referred to Attachment 6A which was a draft resolution amending the CTP.

With no questions or comments heard, Mr. Phillip Graham made a motion to recommend that the CRMPO TAC consider adopting the CTP index amendments as presented. Mrs. Susie Morris seconded that motion and the TCC members followed with an unanimous vote of approval.

Reports/CRMPO Business

1. Local Reports – MPO/NCDOT Division 9 and 10/PTD- Mr. John Rhyne, NCDOT Division 9 representative reported to members that the updated spreadsheet was included in today's meeting packet. He reviewed some of the updates with the TCC members and that any changes are highlighted on the spreadsheet.

Mr. Theo Ghitea , NCDOT Division 10 representative reviewed the spreadsheet of Division 10 project updates and noted some of the ongoing projects in Division 10.

Ms. Emily Stupka, NCDOT TPD referenced the NCDOT newsletter in the TCC packets.

2. SS4A Planning Study – Director Phil Conrad reported that Mr. Brian Murphy was to make this presentation but he was not in attendance. Director Conrad requested that this item be tabled until Mr. Murphy could attend at a later date.

3. 2055 TAZ Level Forecasts and Mapping - Director Conrad introduced Mr. Christian Snelgrove with WSP who provided the members with a power point presentation on the 2055 TAZ level forecasts and mapping. Director Conrad summarized the maps in the packet with the members.

4. Julian Road CTP Amendment Update - Director Conrad reviewed an email from Mr. Andy Bailey with NCDOT TPD regarding the need for an amendment and noted that a previous map included Julian Road as a major thoroughfare.

5. CMAQ Priority Submittal and Update - Director Conrad reported to the TCC members that CRMPO staff is working on programming these projects and NCDOT is working on award letters.

6. Special Studies Update Town of China Grove - Director Conrad reminded the TCC members that this project is for the Highway 152 Corridor Study. Mrs. Teresa Barringer reported to the members that the study is actively moving along.

7. FY25 Special Studies – Director Conrad reminded members it is now time to submit new projects eligible for Special Studies funding.

8. FY25 Bike and Ped Demonstration Planning Studies – Director Conrad reported that the CRMPO has three currently funded projects and all three are now complete. New projects can now be submitted for consideration. Mr. Alex Rotenberry from NCDOT IMD added that bicycle and pedestrian planning awardees will be notified by IMD this week.

Informational Items

Director Conrad highlighted the following informational items included in the TCC packets:

RIDER Transit, Salisbury Transit and MTC Ridership
CRAFT Meeting Minutes

At this time TCC Chairman Ed Muire addressed the members regarding the possibility of returning to in person meetings versus the virtual meetings. Chairman Muire asked if it would be possible to return to in person meetings beginning August 21, 2021. There was some discussion amongst the members as to if all were receptive to this idea. After much discussion, it was decided by consensus to conduct a survey of all members to see what the majority of TCC members preferred to do moving forward.

Next scheduled meeting: August 21, 2024

With no further business to discuss, TCC Chair Muire made a motion to adjourn the meeting and by consensus the meeting was adjourned.