

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
JANUARY 20, 2005
4:15 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, CITY HALL SOUTH**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Fred Terry, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Willa Lash, Mayor Pro-Tem, Town of Bethania
Mike Horn, Mayor, Town of Lewisville
Larry Williams, Mayor, Town of Rural Hall
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Ken Davis, Mayor, Town of Walkertown
Ed Brewer, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Chris Murphy, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary
Curtis Swisher, Mayor Pro-Tem, Town of Kernersville

PRESIDING: Larry Williams, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT: Greg Errett, Stan Polanis, Greg Turner

OTHERS PRESENT: Greg Venable, Wendy Miller, Pat Ivey, Lakesha Dunbar, Pat Reagan, James Upchurch, Scott Rhine, Cary Gentry

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

Due to the lack of a quorum, the Committee heard reports on items not requiring action. The meeting was then continued to January 27, 2005 at 4:15 PM in the Public Meeting Room, City Hall South for the purpose of hearing and considering action items at that time.

Information Items

7. NCDOT Division 9 Report

Presented by Pat Ivey.

a. Northern Beltway EIS

- Winston-Salem Northern Beltway – public hearings are complete. Anticipate selection of preferred alternative for eastern extension in February 2005. ROD expected in October 2005.

b. Status of Other Major TIP Projects.

- The Business 40 Project from US 158 to Linville Road, is moving along. Anticipate completion of this phase in August and completion of the entire project in July of 2006.
- The Business 40 Project from MLK to US 158, is ahead of schedule and completion is due September 15, 2005.
- The Old Salem roundabout project is now open with completion expected early this Spring.
- Cole Road bridge replacement project is scheduled to start mid-February with a completion scheduled for 210 days after starting the project. Cole Road will be closed during this timeframe.
- Harper Road Interchange at I-40 project was let in October and bids were rejected. Project was re-let in December and bids were rejected. Project will be re-let in February 2005.
- Pavement rehabilitation on I-40 from NC 801 to Pinebrook School Road in Davie County project to be let in December and bids were rejected. Project will be re-let in February.
- Bridge on NC 801 over I-40 and bridge on US 158 over Yadkin River – these projects have been combined into one design-build project to be let in June 2005 at a cost of \$13.8 million.
- Idols Road Extension – Right of Way: February 2005 and Construction: November 2006 at a cost of \$8.6 million
- Main Street at US 52 in King – Right of Way: In progress and Construction: May 2006 at a cost of \$24 million.
- Lewisville-Clemmons Road from Forest Oak Drive to Peace Haven Road – Right of Way: In progress and Construction: October 2006 at a cost of \$6.8 million.
- US 52 short term improvements and bridge over Liberty Street – projects have been combined into one design-build project to be let in January 2006 at a cost of \$28 million.
- Additionally, Hanes Mall Boulevard project is going to contract March 2005.

Larry Williams

- Are the maps from the Northern Beltway public hearing available on the website?

Pat Ivey

- Not yet, but will check when it will be available online.

8. Draft Fiscal Year 2006 – 2012 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination Progress Report.

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- The draft TIP is due to be released in February, possibly March, staff is awaiting receipt of the draft to be able to distribute for public review.

9. 2030 Multi-Modal Long Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Progress Report.

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- Still waiting on TIP.
- The analysis with the model has been completed and that information has been sent to the Division of Air Quality.
- Working toward long range plans and a public involvement process for 30 days sometime in February.

Dan Besse

- The anticipated truck traffic from the Dell project, will that be significant enough, in air quality terms, to be noted as a modification?

Wendy Miller

- The models have been modified for the air quality as far as the widening of Union Cross Road, but as far as the truck traffic, I'm relying on the State to incorporate into their reviews.

Dan Besse

- Requested numbers from the State regarding the truck traffic.

10. Discussion of Adding the Town of Wallburg to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization and Amending Various MPO Planning Documents.

- a. TAC By-Laws
 - b. Prospectus for Transportation Planning
 - c. Thoroughfare Plan Map and Technical Report.
- Wallburg's jurisdiction is split almost in half, part in Winston-Salem's MPO and part in High Point's MPO.
 - TAC has given approval for extending Wallburg an invitation for membership.
 - The set-up of current By-Laws would necessitate amending the Memorandum of Understanding and have all 21 members sign again.
 - Amendments to the By-Laws.

11. Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Planning Report.

Presented by Greg Venable.

- Still continuing with data collection.

12. Bicycle and Greenway Planning Report.

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- The bicycle surveys were mailed to 6,000 citizens and 1,100 5th grade students from 16 elementary schools. As an incentive for the 5th graders to return the survey, each child

that returns a survey will be entered into a drawing for a new bicycle and each of the 16 schools will have one bike to give away.

- Jennifer Toole with Toole Design Group and Marc deBree with Greenways, Inc. gave a slideshow presentation.

Dan Besse

- Asked how the 6,000 citizens that received the survey were chosen?

Lakesha Dunbar

- Staff utilized the GIS System using zip codes in the urban area including Davie, Davidson and Stokes Counties.

Ken Davis

- The 937 miles in the survey, are those from the 1991 and 1992 surveys?

Jennifer Toole

- We did not want to study a subset of routes so, the entire collector and arterial roadway network was used.

Ken Davis

- Did the traffic volume affect whether special lanes or such should be used?

Jennifer Toole

- Traffic volume, as well as speed, were taken into consideration.

13. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report.

Presented by Cary Gentry.

a. Update on Early Action Compact

b. Air Quality Report

- The US EPA designated Davidson and Guilford counties as non-attainment for PM_{2.5}.
- Forsyth County never had any year above the annual standard.
- SIP, conformity analysis, and new source review required for non-attainment counties.
- Rough estimate of 2004's PM_{2.5} for Forsyth County reveals values less than the annual standard.

Dan Besse

- Why were the forecasted numbers overestimated on Friday and underestimated on the weekends?

Cary Gentry

- The differences on the forecasted vs. actual are not a significant amount.

Dan Besse

- I would be interested in any other patterns that are detected.

14. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Report.

Presented by Scott Rhine.

- The PART Board adopted the 2005 work plan at its January meeting, copies will be provided.
- A Piedmont Triad Safety Council will be established to review ways to educate citizens and reduce traffic fatalities. The Council will include the various Transportation Departments as well as Police and Fire.
- A goal was set to increase PART's ridership by 25%.
- Continue to develop regional Park 'n Ride lots.
- Continue analysis of rail study.

Fred Terry

- Requested the number of traffic fatalities on North Carolina roadways.

Scott Rhine

- Will get those numbers to the Committee, do not remember exact number, but it is significant.

Dan Besse

- Triad has been ranked bad nationally for pedestrian safety, will the Council also review pedestrian safety.

Scott Rhine

- Absolutely, and there is interest in this Council within the community.

15. Review Draft Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 Unified Planning Work Program.

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Incomplete draft, need to update Transit Planning Funds, will come back in February with additional information.
- SPR funds the same as in 2004 – 2005.
- Amounts for Section 104 (f) (PL Funds) remain the same.
- STP-DA funds were decreased a little bit for this year.
- Analyze accident data for 2005 Transportation Needs Report.
- Review new aerial photographs, mapping from CCPB contract.
- Develop Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) with NCDOT.
- Develop bicycle and pedestrian projects for MTIP funding.
- Refine process and develop 2005 Transportation Needs Report.
- Develop Fiscal Year 2007 – 2013 MTIP and air quality conformity.
- Plan/implement use of CMAQ/STP-DA funds for projects.

- Develop small area plans; conduct the Northern Beltway Interchange Studies and Create Official Corridor Maps.
- Complete STP-DA funded special studies and projects.

16. Review of Calendar of Activities.

Present by Greg Errett.

- Calendar information has been covered.

17. Other Business/Next meeting.

- Special Meeting called for January 27, 2005 at 4:15 p.m. to vote on action items.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.