

MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
MARCH 31, 2005
4:15 P.M.
FIFTH FLOOR PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
CITY HALL SOUTH

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Willa Lash, Mayor Pro Tempore, Town of Bethania
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Frederick Terry, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Robert Griffin, Council Member, Town of Bermuda Run
Mike Horn, Mayor, Town of Lewisville
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Margaret Bessette, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary
Ken Davis, Mayor, Town of Walkertown
Keith Snow, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Walter Marshall, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Dawn Morgan, Council Member, Town of Kernersville (Alternate for Curtis Swisher)

PRESIDING: Larry Williams, Chairman; Mayor, Town of Rural Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Greg Turner, ACM Public Works
Pat Reagan, FCEAD
Cary Gentry, FCEAD
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Scott Rhine, PART
Monica Kerr, NCDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Greg Venable, WSDOT
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT
Suzanne Tellechea, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

GUESTS/AUDIENCE:

Sally Jones
M. O. Hartley
Horace Warner

Action Items

1. Consideration of the February 17, 2005 Meeting Minutes.

Dawn Morgan asked that Item 3 of the minutes note the importance of improved local access to the Beltway and referred to letters submitted by the Towns of Kernersville and Walkertown.

Dan Besse stated that Item 8 needed to be corrected so that bullet 7 stated, “Waughtown area connector is being surveyed for best route” not bus route.

Larry Williams stated that Fred Sink is listed as a “guest” and should be listed as a member.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval of the minutes including the corrections.

SECOND: Dan Besse

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

2. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Only minor changes made to the final version.
- Refined Transit numbers.

MOTION: Walter Marshall moved approval.

SECOND: Fred Terry

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of a Resolution Certifying the Winston-Salem Urban Area Transportation Planning Process.

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century requires NCDOT and all MPOs to annually certify to the FHWA and FTA that the transportation planning process is addressing the major issues of the urban area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of federal law.
- To guide this self certification process, NCDOT has provided a checklist, which staff has reviewed and believes it is in compliance with all federal laws.
- In 2004, FHWA and FTA conducted a formal review and found out that the planning process is being carried out in substantial compliance with federal laws. Recommendations were also made at that time.

Dan Besse asked what efforts were the MPO making to address ADA and DBE planning provisions as listed in the resolution. Greg Errett responded by giving a couple of examples.

MOTION: Fred Terry moved approval.

SECOND: Dawn Morgan

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of the Air Quality Conformity Analysis Report and Conformity Determination for the Winston-Salem Urban Area 2030 Transportation Plan.

Presented by Monica Kerr.

- NCDOT, in cooperation with NCDENR, FCEAD and WSDOT, has completed a new air quality conformity analysis and determination. The report demonstrates that the 2030 fiscally-constrained LRTP for the urban area eliminates or reduces violations of the NAAQS and accomplishes the intent of the North Carolina SIP.
- Based on the regional emissions budget test documented in the report and compliance with other requirements for conformity, the Winston-Salem Urban Area 2030 LRTP conforms to the purpose of the North Carolina SIP.

MOTION: Fred Terry moved approval.

SECOND: Walter Marshall

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Consideration of the Winston-Salem Urban Area 2030 Transportation Plan.

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century requires that all urbanized areas develop a LRTP and update their plans on a regular basis.
- The LRTP must have at least a twenty year planning horizon, include both long-range and short-range strategies/actions that lead to the development of an integrated transportation system that facilitates the efficient movement of people and goods.
- The plan shall be reviewed and updated at least every three years to confirm its validity and its consistency with current and forecasted transportation and land use conditions and trends.
- A thorough public review and analysis of the 2025 LRTP was completed prior to beginning the 2030 LRTP.
- The 2030 LRTP serves as an update to the previous LRTP with major revisions to include a new horizon year, updated socio-economic data and the inclusion of the Town of Bermuda Run, the City of King and Davidson, Davie and Stokes Counties in the MPO urban area.
- Each chapter of the 2030 LRTP has been updated.
- The document also includes several new elements with the addition of an Environmental Justice section, an expanded Congestion Management System Plan, a Collector Street Inventory and a list of Exempt Projects that would receive federal funding in the event of a conformity lapse.
- A public review of the 2030 LRTP was provided from February 24 through March 28, 2005.
- Comments received from the public have been summarized and distributed to the TAC for review and consideration.

Dan Besse stated that the both the Pedestrian and Greenway plans be included under the pedestrian section.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Fred Terry

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

6. Consideration of an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2004-2010 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Project: E-4948, Landscaping of Silas Creek Parkway, from South Main Street to Konnoak View Drive.

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- An amendment needs to be made to the FY 2004 – 2010 MTIP so that Enhancement funds awarded to the City of Winston-Salem for Transportation Improvement Program project E-4948 – Landscape improvements to Silas Creek Parkway from South Main Street to Konnoak View Drive including the intersection of Interstate 40 and Silas Creek Parkway will be available in the current MTIP.
- This amendment is required to allow these projects to receive authorization to proceed.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Dawn Morgan

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

7. State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Planning.
 - a. FY 2006-2012 STIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination
 - b. 2005 Transportation Needs Report
 - c. FY 2007-2013 STIP and Air Quality Conformity Determination

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- The draft TIP will go the Transportation Board in April.
- Approval of the TIP is expected April 7th.
- The TIP will be posted online immediately with the public involvement process to also begin immediately after adoption of the TIP.
- Division meetings have not been scheduled yet, but should be scheduled for sometime in May.
- Looking to have the 2006 - 2012 TIP adopted and approved by July.

Pat Ivey stated that the TIP is suppose to be addressed by the Board of Transportation next week and approved on April 7th. Upon approval, it will be immediately released to the public.

8. NCDOT Division 9 Report.

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- US 421/Business 40 from US 158 to Linville Road – contractor is currently in Phase III (reconstruction of westbound lanes). Estimated completion date is June of 2006.
- US 421/Business 40 from MLK to US 158 – contractor is currently in the last phase of the project. The project will be completed by August 1, 2005.
- Old Salem roundabout on Main Street – intersection of Salem Avenue and South Main Street is open with roundabout operating in a single lane pattern at this time. The project should be completed by late spring.
- Cole Road Bridge Replacement – construction began on February 14 with the closure of Cole Road. The completion date for this project is 210 days from the start of construction.
- Yadkinville Road Bridge Replacement – this project is scheduled to start April 11, 2005 and completion date is 495 days from start of construction.
- Northern Beltway – Alternative N2S1 was chosen as the preferred alternative for the eastern section of the beltway.

A discussion ensued regarding the original cost of the beltway versus the cost today after the delays and Pat Ivey responded that he would get those numbers to the committee.

Willa Lash expressed concern with stopping the western section of the beltway to proceed with the eastern section, which was not the original plan.

Pat Ivey stated that Nancy Dunn had received word that hardship cases will be able to be addressed now and not have to wait indefinitely.

A further discussion ensued regarding projects that may be affected due to the change of focus from the Western section of the Beltway to the Eastern Section.

9. Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Planning Report

Presented by Greg Venable.

- Still in the process of data collection.
- All data for outlying areas has been collected.
- The committee will meet next week to discuss various sidewalk priority lists.

10. Bicycle and Greenway Planning Report

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- No new information regarding the greenway plan.
- The draft bicycle plan is available for review.
- There will be a presentation for officials in the City Council Chambers on April 14, 2005 at 9 a.m.
- Also, on April 14th, there will be a meeting held at Hanes Mall for public review and comment.

Dan Besse stated that the City of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County and the local Chamber of Commerce went in on a cooperative advocacy plan for potential earmarked items from the

Federal Government, and further stated that he is specifically interested in the \$1.64 million earmarked for greenway plans.

11. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report

Presented by Cary Gentry.

- For conformity to the 2030 LRTP, staff developed emission factors concurrent with NCDENR, analyzed DAQ's results and ran additional analyses as requested.
- MESA-AIR study involvement for AQ monitoring includes new EPA funded study in New York, Baltimore, Chicago, St. Paul, Los Angeles and Winston-Salem. Will study health effects related to air quality and FCEAD will provide technical assistance to local monitoring staff.
- New PM2.5/Ozone monitoring site covering the southwest portion of the county.
- Governor established a Clean Air Week for April 25 – 29 and the FCEAD is planning air awareness events during that week.

Dan Besse stated that he is working with FCEAD for a local air awareness week in case other municipalities would be interested in doing the same. He further stated that all local managers should have received an electronic copy of the Early Action Compact which local governments are being asked to update periodically.

12. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Report

Presented by Scott Rhine.

- There will be a field trip to Charlotte on April 15th to review the south end of the light rail system.

13. Review of Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Next meeting is May 19th.

14. Other Business/Next Meeting

ADJOURNMENT 5:42 p.m.