

MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
FEBRUARY 18, 2010
4:15 P.M.
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Bessette, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary
Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Walter Marshall, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Harold Fearrington, Commissioner, Town of Bethania, Alternate
John Bost, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Tracey Shifflette, Alderman, Town of Kernersville, Alternate
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Mike Horn, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Lewisville
George Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Keith Snow, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

Andy Bailey, NCDOT
Michelle McCullough, City-County Planning Board
Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Kevin Edwards, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT
Phillip Vereen, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Art Barnes, WSTA

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

Allen Joines made a motion to add two additional items on to the agenda. The motion was duly seconded by Denise Adams and unanimously carried.

1. Citizen Comments

No citizens present.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the January 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Presented by Larry Williams.

MOTION: Keith Snow moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous.

AGAINST: None.

3. Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the Triad Area PM 2.5 Conformity Determination to Add State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project I-2304 (Interstate 85 Additional Lanes and Bridge Replacement over the Yadkin River in Davidson County)

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- On January 29, 2009, the TAC adopted the Winston-Salem Urban Area 2035 Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Air Quality Conformity Analysis and Determination Report.
- The NCDOT, the NCDENR, the FHWA, and the EPA have completed an amendment to the air quality conformity analysis and determination for PM 2.5 in anticipation of federal funds becoming available for STIP Project I-2304 (Interstate 85 Additional Lanes and Bridge Replacement over the Yadkin River in Davidson County).
- EPA requires that all four MPOs take action on the conformity determination by their February meetings.
- As required by our Public Participation Policy, the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Report Amendment has been available for public review and comment for thirty days starting on January 6 and ending on February 8, 2010.

In response to Dan Besse's question, Andy Bailey stated that NCDOT used a rural conformity spread sheet for conformity analysis.

MOTION: Walter Marshall moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous.

AGAINST: None.

4. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting Reevaluating and Revising the North Carolina Transportation Equity Formula Used to Distribute Federal and State Transportation Funds

Presented by Stan Polanis.

- Since 1989, the NCDOT has used the transportation equity formula to distribute transportation funds across the state.
- The formula divides Highway Fund and Highway Trust Fund dollars among NCDOT's fourteen operations Divisions based on three primary elements: the uncompleted portion of the intrastate highway system; equal share; and population.
- The North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition has asked local governments and MPOs to adopt resolutions supporting study of the way the State distributes transportation funding across North Carolina.
- High Point Mayor and TAC Chairman Rebecca "Becky" Smothers sent letters to the City of Winston-Salem and other municipalities in the Triad asking that they adopt such resolutions.
- The High Point MPO TAC and the cities of High Point, Thomasville, Lexington, and Raleigh, among others, have adopted resolutions supporting reevaluation and revision of the transportation equity formula to better meet the needs of North Carolina citizens, businesses, and travelers.
- If adopted by the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO, the attached resolution will be sent to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and to member of the local legislative delegation.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous.

AGAINST: None.

5. Consideration on the Recommended Programming of Available Federal Surface Transportation Program – Direct Attributable (STP-DA) Funds

Presented by Greg Errett.

- In 2009, an additional \$13.404 million in STP-DA funds became available to the MPO to program in the MTIP.
- The \$1.0 million in Supplemental Planning for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 includes approximately \$670 thousand to complete an environmental assessment for the proposed Winston-Salem Streetcar system.
- Two new project categories are being recommended - \$1.0 million for "Streetscape Improvements", and \$1.340 million for the WSTA's "Bus Stop Improvements" project.
- As requested, there were some minor changes in the percentages of funds provided for the categories – for example, the Greenway, Bicycle and Sidewalk project increased 5% for a 25% share of the total STP-DA funds.
- Enough funds have been provided in the "Intersection Improvements" category to fund all of the recently adopted prioritized projects for Fiscal Years 2010 and 2011.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Joines.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous.

AGAINST: None.

6. Consideration of Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2009-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for Project U-4742, Intersection Improvements to Modify Current Project Cost Estimates in Fiscal Years 2008-2009 through 2010-2011

Presented by Greg Errett.

- In August 2008, the TAC approved the allocation of additional STP-DA funds for Project U-4742 (Intersection Improvements) for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and increased it to \$1.5 million. With these additional funds programmed in the Fiscal Year 2009-2015 MTIP, the TAC approved of a list of eight Intersection Improvement projects at its November 20, 2008 meeting.
- The cost of these projects was approximately \$803,000 in STP-DA funds for design, right-of-way and construction. However, no funds were provided for the engineering, right-of-way, and contract administration costs.
- In 2009, an additional \$13.404 million in STP-DA funds became available to the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO to program in the MTIP.
- At the November 19, 2009 meeting, the TAC approved the list of Intersection Improvement projects that were ranked in priority order for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.
- The cost of these projects was \$2.439 million in STP-DA funds, however, only \$1.476 million had been previously programmed for Fiscal Years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011.
- Since the costs of engineering and contract administration are now eligible to be reimbursed, staff is requesting that the new costs estimates be approved and included in the Fiscal Year 2009-2015 MTIP for the Intersection Improvement projects in Fiscal Year 2008-2009, 2009-2010, and 2010-2011.

MOTION: Mike Horn moved approval.

SECOND: Keith Snow.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous.

AGAINST: None.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the additional items.

Additional Item: Consideration for Amending the Fiscal Year 2009 – 2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to Provide Additional Funding for the Approved Shallowford Road at Williams Road roundabout Intersection Improvement Project in the Town of Lewisville.

Presented by Greg Errett.

- On November 30, 2006 the TAC approved \$232,000 (80% of the \$290,000 estimate) in funding for the construction of the Shallowford Road at Williams Road roundabout for Fiscal Year 2008, utilizing the STP-DA funds from TIP #U-4742 Intersection Improvements at Various Locations.
- On October 8, 2008 the TAC approved to switch the project's funding cycle years by moving the Concord Church Road at Williams Road roundabout to FY 2008 and moving the Shallowford Road at Williams Road roundabout to FY 2009 with the project estimate amounts remaining the same \$150,000 and \$290,000 respectively.
- In March 2009, the Shallowford Road at Williams Road roundabout project was submitted to receive 100 % ARRA/Stimulus funds with a new cost estimate of \$550,000.

- The project was not selected to receive these funds; therefore, the Town of Lewisville is requesting to add an additional \$208,000 (80% of \$260,000) of STP-DA Intersection Improvement Funds to the original \$232,000 for the construction of the Shallowford Road at Williams Road roundabout, making the total STP-DA allocation request \$440,000.

MOTION: Randy Mendenhall moved approval.

SECOND: Keith Snow.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous.

AGAINST: None.

Additional Item: The WSTA seeks to amend the MTIP to update the funding status for WSTA's plan to purchase eight small buses in FY 2010-2011.

Presented by Phillip Vereen.

- On February 12, 2010, FTA notified WSTA that it will receive a \$1.2 million FTA 5307 Grant.
- WSTA wants to use a portion of this funding grant to cover the costs associated with purchasing 8 small buses.
- In 2008, the MTIP was amended by the Winston-Salem Urban TAC to allow WSTA to purchase 8 small buses in FY 2010-2011, but the funding sources was listed as unfunded.
- The federal grant will pay 80% of cost of the either buses.
- The remaining 20% will be split evenly between the NCDOT and the City of Winston-Salem.
- The NCDOT requests an MTIP amendment to update the funding status to reflect Federal, State and Local funding sources.

Art Barnes responded to Denise Adams' question stating that the small buses will be used for Trans-Aid riders.

MOTION: Keith Snow moved approval.

SECOND: Harold Fearington.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous.

AGAINST: None.

Information Items

7. Review of the Draft Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Greg Errett distributed a draft copy of the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2010-2011.
- Each year the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO is required to develop and approve a UPWP.
- The UPWP identifies what transportation planning projects and work tasks will be completed during the fiscal year and the amount of federal and State highway and transit planning funds that will be used to complete the work, plus the required State and local matches.
- Depending on the specific funding source, tasks funding through the UPWP are eligible for reimbursement of 80-90% of their cost from the FHWA and the FTA through the NCDOT.
- The Winston-Salem Urban Area UPWP identifies four separate federal funding sources for conducting transportation planning.

- The local match requirements will be shared by all members of the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO as defined in the updated MOU.

8. Review of the Self Certification of the Transportation Planning Process for the Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The State and the MPO shall annually certify to the FHWA and the FTA that the planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements.

9. Presentation on the City-County Planning Board (CCPB) Comprehensive Forsyth County Architectural Survey

Presented by Michelle McCullough.

- A comprehensive Forsyth County Architecture Survey was completed in 1981.
- Currently, the survey is being updated by a partnership between Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission, North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office, the City of Winston- Salem, Forsyth County and the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
- Resources for the survey have come from Certified Local Government Match Grant Funds, City of Winston-Salem and STP-DA funds.
- The consultant for the survey is Heather Fearnbach with Fearnbach History Services, Inc.
- During Phase I and II of the survey update, 1268 principal resources were updated and 142 new properties were intensively surveyed.
- During Phase I and II it was discovered that 450 principal resources have been demolished, removed from their original site or deteriorated significantly and 33 previously surveyed and newly identified properties, including two districts, were placed on the North Carolina Study List.
- Not included in Phases I and II was reviewing or resurveying properties within an existing National Register District and inputting any data from the 1981 survey into the database regarding the demolished properties.
- The goals of Phase III were to delineate Winston-Salem's overall growth patterns from the 1930s through the 1960s and to survey representative and the most significant examples of domestic, religious, commercial and industrial buildings and subdivisions from the era.
- As a result of Phase III, 69 Winston-Salem subdivisions were surveyed, 105 individual modernist properties were surveyed and 30 newly identified properties, including 13 districts, placed on the North Carolina Study List.
- Phase IV includes cleaning up the database, inputting information from the demolished structures from Phase I and II, continued examination of resources from the 1930s through the 1960s and begin Agricultural Context for Forsyth County.
- Benefits of the Architectural Survey include assisting in making sound preservation decisions, evaluation of properties for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, facilitating decision-making about the potential impact of government funded or licensed projects on historic properties, facilitating protection of local districts and properties by local preservation commissions and boosting private investment in renovation and preservation of historic buildings for new uses.

- Local uses for the survey include preservation planning, area/neighborhood planning, zoning reviews, transportation projects review and environmental review.

Michelle McCullough responded to Dan Besse's question stating that a survey/history had not been completed on any streets, roads, etc. Mr. Besse commented that such a survey would be useful, interesting and should be considered in the future.

10. MPO Staff Reports – Questions for Staff

- a. NCDOT Transportation Projects Update
- b. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Air Quality Notes & Report
- c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update
- d. Administrative Issues
- e. WSTA/PART Ridership Comparisons

Mike Horn requested PART complete a ridership report that includes the number of available seats versus actual riders per vehicle.

11. Review of the 2010 MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- March 3 – FHWA Workshop.
- March 8 – Get Guilford Moving Conference.
- March 18 – Next TAC meeting.

12. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- There are rumors that more stimulus funds may come available, however, rumor is that we'll have even less time to prepare/implement for this round of stimulus funding.
- Please prepare possible projects for when/if more stimulus funds become available.

ADJOURNMENT 5:30 p.m.