

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
FEBRUARY 19, 2009
4:15 P.M.
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Bessette, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary
Harold Fearrington, Council Member, Town of Bethania
Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Evelyn Terry, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Leon Inman, Commissioner, Stokes County
Dawn Morgan, Mayor, Town of Kernersville
Mike Horn, Council Member, Town of Lewisville
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Keith Snow, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
John Bost, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
George Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Thomas McKim, Forsyth County Airport Commission

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Cary Gentry, FCEAD
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Kevin Edwards, WSDOT
Phillip Vereen, WSDOT
Mark Kirstner, PART

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS:

Robin Dean

Chairman Williams introduced Tom McKim, the new Chairman of the Forsyth County Airport Commission.

1. Citizen Comments

Robin Dean, 3523 Lawrence Street, stated that he has concerns over an article he read in the Winston-Salem Journal about regarding Winston-Salem's infrastructure. He stated that the Department of Transportation needs to reconsider its needs list. He also request that when stimulus funds are received to review all shovel ready projects. Mr. Dean provided a copy of his comments for the record.

Action Items

Presented by Chairman Williams.

2. Consideration of the January 29, 2009 Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Keith Snow moved approval.

SECOND: Harold Fearington

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of Accepting the Completion of the PART Seamless Mobility Study

Presented by Phillip Vereen.

- In August 2008, the fixed bus, paratransit and community transportation systems completed the Piedmont Triad Seamless Mobility Study.
- The Piedmont Triad Seamless Mobility Study includes a series of recommendations for improving communication, coordination and consolidation of services and functions among participating public transportation agencies in the Piedmont Triad.
- The complete report is available at: <http://www.partnc.org/mobility.html>

A discussion ensued regarding the wording of the resolution.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval with the addition of, "bring any further changes and/or recommendations back to committee," to the last paragraph of the resolution.

SECOND: Harold Fearington

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

4. Review of the Draft 2009 Transportation Needs Report Lists of Projects and Prioritization of Existing Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Projects

Presented by Fred Haith.

- A total of 14 projects were reviewed.

- The evaluation process is now complete.
- New components to the evaluation process include Freight Development and Environmental Justice.
- Community Investment has a maximum score of 4 points.
- Incompatibility with Local Plans will receive negative points.
- Any comments on the list need to be submitted to staff by March 6th.

A discussion ensued regarding the Economic Development portion of the evaluation process.

Thomas McKim requested additional detailed information on the needs list.

Fred responded to Dawn Morgan's question stating that TAZ stands for traffic analysis zone.

Fred provided the additional detailed information on the Needs List.

5. Discussion of the Proposed Federal Stimulus Package for Transportation

Presented by Stan Polanis.

- Stan distributed an additional T&I Committee Infrastructure Investment Formula Funding Report and a Highway Spending in the Final Stimulus Conference Report.
- There is still not a lot of information out regarding the stimulus package and the amounts are not definite at this point.

6. NCDOT Reports

a. Division 9

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- NC 801/I-40 Bridge replacement and widening – 62% complete; 14% ahead of schedule.
- US 158 Replacement of Kathryn Crosby Bridge over Yadkin River – 31% complete; design build on schedule; upcoming daytime lane closures.
- Main Street/US 52 interchange in King – delayed due to budget shortfall.
- Lewisville-Clemmons Road from Peace Haven to August Drive – 18% behind schedule due to utility conflicts.
- Union Cross Road from Wallburg Road to Sedge Garden Road – right-of-way delayed due to budget shortfall.

b. Transportation Planning Branch

No presentation made.

7. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report

Presented by Cary Gentry.

- Cary distributed a Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department report.
- EAD has submitted the air quality rankings to WSDOT.
- Takes into account air quality impacts/improvements for each project.
- Accounts for 30% of the final score.
- The Triad (Guilford and Davidson) is expected to attain the annual PM 2.5 standard by the end of 2008.
- NCDAQ will start on the redesignation and maintenance plan in January 2009.

- Plan will be out for public comment in the spring.
- New ozone standard state designations are due to the EPA by March 2009.
- Ozone forecasting begins April 1st.
- Sulfate is the major component of PM 2.5 speciation.

8. Public Transportation Planning Reports

a. Regional/PART

Presented by Mark Kirstner.

- Mark distributed a Winston-Salem MPO Regional Program Updates Report.
- PART ridership increased 40% for the month of January from the previous year.
- Triad Air Quality Conformity documentation has been submitted to federal agencies for adoption. Concurrence letters expected by the end of February, 2009.
- On March 24th the third annual Triad Commute Challenge will hold a kick off event at the Mendenhall transportation terminal in High Point.
- Park and ride construction contract was awarded for the lot in western Yadkin County.
- CMAQ funds afforded to PART from the Winston-Salem MPO included the purchase of an expansion vehicle, park and ride development in King and leased parking spaces.
- Regional Technology – in partnership with WSTA, GTA and Hi-Tran the region is under development of a transit trip planner.
- The PART Board of Trustees at their February 2009 meeting extended the employment contract to Brent McKinney, PE; PART Executive Director through 2013.

b. Local/WSTA

Presented by Phillip Vereen.

- Phillip distributed a ridership report by route.
- There are 4 routes with over 200,000 riders.
- There was a 9% increase in ridership from 2007 to 2008.
- Route 30 is new and began operating in December 2008.

A discussion ensued regarding efficiency.

9. Discussion of a Proposed Process to Administer STP-DA Funded Projects

No presentation made.

10. Presentation of the Draft Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certification Review Report of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

No presentation made.

11. Review of the Draft Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and the Self Certification of the Transportation Planning Process

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Greg distributed the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO Draft Unified Planning Work Program for FY 2009 – 2010.

- 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 local matches.
- The Winston-Salem UPWP identifies four separate federal funding sources for conducting transportation planning and they are: Statewide Planning and Research Program Funds, FHWA Section 104(f) Funds, FHWA STP-DA Funds and FTA Section 5303 Funds.
- The draft Fiscal Year 2009-2010 UPWP will be sent to the NCDOT and to federal agencies by Monday February 23, 2009 for their review and comment.
- Approval of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 UPWP will be considered for approval at the Thursday March 19, 2009 meetings.
- Staff anticipates that the UPWP must be approved by the TAC by April 1, 2009.

12. Bicycle, Greenway, Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Planning Report

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator position is being posted on NCAPA, NCSITE and WSDOT websites.
- Hope to fill position in next 30 days.

13. Review of the MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Extension Feasibility Study Public Drop-in Meeting will be held on March 3 at the YWCA on Glade Street from 4 pm – 7 pm.
- The next TAC meeting will be March 19, 2009.

14. Other Business/Next Meeting

ADJOURNMENT 5:28 p.m.