

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
APRIL 16, 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
Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Evelyn Terry, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Mike Horn, Council Member, Town of Lewisville
Gloria Wisehnunt, Commissioner, Forsyth County, Alternate
Dawn Morgan, Mayor, Town of Kernersville
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
Chris Anderson, Commissioner, Davie County

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
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Art Barnes, WSTA
Phillip Vereen, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

1. Citizen Comments

No citizens present.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the March 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Presented by Larry Williams.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of Items Related to Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), aka Stimulus Funds

Presented by Stan Polanis and Pat Ivey.

- a. Review and Approval of the March 26, 2009 Special TAC Meeting Minutes on the Proposed Use of 100% Federal STP-DA Stimulus Funds

MOTION: Evelyn Terry moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

- b. Review and Discussion of the Required Process for Implementation of Candidate Projects
 - c. Review and Approval of the Recommended List of Transportation Projects
- Stan distributed a Winston-Salem Urban Area Recommended List of Transportation Projects and Back-up Projects for Stimulus Funding and a STP-DA Stimulus Project Management Schedule.
 - At the Special Meeting in March, the TAC of the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO allocated \$6 million of its \$8.2 million in federal economic stimulus funds to NCDOT to enable NCDOT to undertake I-40 pavement rehabilitation. The MPO retains \$2.2 million in stimulus funds to be allocated to local projects under the call for projects due on March 27, 2009. The TAC recommends that any surplus funds realized by NCDOT from lower than expected bids on Division 9 resurfacing projects (estimated at \$1.2 million) be utilized for resurfacing work in Forsyth County, with first priority being SR 1965 Belews Creek Road and second priority, SR 1611 King-Tobaccoville Road.
 - 51 projects were received for the \$2.2 million in stimulus funding for local projects. Those projects totaled over \$14 million.
 - Projects were selected by reviewing and considering the need and whether or not the project was doable in the allotted time frame.
 - Right-of-way certification is of utmost importance, cost estimates do not include funds to purchase any needed right-of-way.

- Cost estimates are expected to be under, not over; however, any overage would need to be covered by the municipality.
- June 26, 2009 is the deadline for the right-of-way confirmation to MPO staff.
- Lakesha Dunbar will be the contact person for the projects.

A discussion ensued regarding possible additional funds if contracts come in under estimates.

A discussion ensued regarding the King project at Ingram Road.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval of the list of projects and back-up projects.

SECOND: John Bost

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

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

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- Information distributed in the agenda packet is null and void, new handbook is available.
- Workshop will be held on April 29, 2009 to discuss and review the handbook and discuss stimulus project timelines.
- Stimulus projects and back-up projects should both be moved forward.

Lakesha responded to Dan Besse's question stating the handbook will be made available online and will make that link available to all committee members.

A discussion ensued regarding the various pots of money.

Allen Joines requested a timeframe listing for allocations of all current funds.

Dan Besse requested a call for all Bike and Pedestrian projects as soon as possible.

5. Review of the North Carolina Metropolitan Mayors Coalition Report on a Modern Funding Formula

Presented by Stan Polanis.

- The document included in the package contains a good description and quick read of the equity formula's strengths and weaknesses.

6. The Process for Administering JARC and New Freedom Grant Funds

Presented by Phillip Vereen.

- The Federal Transit Administration has issued a call for projects for the JARC, FTA Section 5316 and New Freedom Funds, FTA Section 5317 for 2009.
- The Winston-Salem Urban Area is eligible for \$151,002 in JARC funding and \$90,487 in New Freedom funding.

- The 30-day process for applications began March 17.
- For the second year in a row, the GDOT will review and select winning proposals for us.
- The Winston-Salem MPO staff conducted a similar review of Greensboro is JARC and New Freedom applications last year and will again in May 2009.
- Winston-Salem MPO Staff will appear before the TAC/TCC on May 19, 2009 to announce the winning agencies and request an endorsement of a resolution that lists the winning agencies and recommended funding allocations from both JARC and New Freedom programs.

Phillip responded to Evelyn Terry's question stating that PART coordinates with other agencies, i.e Forsyth in Motion, which is a monthly meeting to connect community advocates with Social Services, PART and DOT to share ideas, thoughts and suggestions.

7. No MPO Staff Reports – Questions for Staff

- Pat Ivey distributed a NCDOT Transportation Update report.
- Per request, staff will not make reports to save time, unless members have questions/concerns about distributed material.

8. Report on the Status of the Requested CMAQ Projects

Presented by Greg Errett.

a. Future Recommendations for Project Funding

- Greg distributed a Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO CMAQ proposed 'fast-tracked' fully funded projects list and programmed projects in the MTIP list.
- In 2006, it was decided to spread out the available funds versus spending all at once.
- Projects have been approved on the NCDOT staff level; will move forward for Board of Transportation approval.
- The funds for traffic signal system upgrade were originally going to be paid from STP-DA funding but now will be funded with CMAQ funds.
- For implementation of all projects, a \$2.4 million loss is projected and will have to be discussed as how to handle i.e. advance funds versus 80/20 funds, etc.

9. Review of the MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Next meeting will be held May 21, 2009.
- A public meeting will be held on May 12, 2009 regarding the University Parkway at 20th Street Bridge replacement project.

10. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting

ADJOURNMENT 5:05 pm