

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
SEPTEMBER 17, 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
Robert Clark, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Dawn Morgan, Mayor, Town of Kernersville
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Keith Snow, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
George Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Chris Anderson, Commissioner, Davie County
Ralph Womble, NCDOT Board

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Cary Gentry, FCEAD
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Phillip Vereen, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS: Lee Rollins, Manager, Town of Bermuda Run
Nancy Dunn, NCDOT
Robin Dean

Chair Williams introduced Ralph Womble who replaced Nancy Dunn.

Chair Williams presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Nancy Dunn, Former TAC and North Carolina Board of Transportation Member.

1. Citizen Comments

Robin Dean, 3523 Rollins Street, Clemmons, stated his concerns with the litigation involving the Northern Beltway and expressed further concern with the 7 promised loops in 1989 that now after 20 years are not even discussed anymore.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the July 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Williams.

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of a Resolution Amending the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Maps

Presented by Kevin Edwards.

- The CTP maps went to public review on August 10 – September 11, 2009.
- The need to readopt the CTP maps and Street and Highway Table arose primarily from boundary condition concerns raised in the April 9, 2009, meeting with GUAMPO, HPMPO and NCDOT.
- The first issue was Reidsville Road (US 158) east of the Northern Beltway and Thomasville Road (NC 109) were lowered from Expressways to Boulevards to match the State's SHC plan and the GUAMPO and HPMPO CTPs.
- Then segments were removed because there were duplicated in the HPMPO CTP. They are Squire Davis Road, Payne Road, Abbotts Creek Church Road, High Point Road and NC 66.
- A bicycle "Off-Road Needs Improvement" segment was added near Bethel Church Road to match the GUAMPO CTP.
- GUAMPO to add high-speed rail to K-line to match SEHSR spur and our CTP.

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the 2008 List of Authorizations for Federal and State Funded Projects

Presented by Kevin Edwards.

- Kevin distributed a Federal and State Funds obligated in Fiscal Year 2008 report.
- State and Federal funded projects went to public review from August 10 – September 11, 2009.

- For FY08 a total of \$57.46 million: Preliminary engineering = \$8.04 million, Right-of-way = \$30.92 million and Construction = \$18.50 million.
- \$43.87 million from Federal and \$13.59 million from State.

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Consideration of a Resolution Approving Prioritized Lists of Winston-Salem Urban Area 2009-2015 STIP Projects for the Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT)

Presented by Fred Haith.

- a. Highway Projects
 - b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects
 - c. Public Transportation Projects
- Fred distributed a revised prioritized list of WSUA 2009-15 STIP Highway Projects for the SPOT that reflects the TCC’s recommendation to move Project U-2800 up to Item 6 and adjust the remaining projects accordingly.
 - The SPOT has been tasked with the development and implementation of a new Strategic Project Prioritization Process and Project Submittal Tool.
 - The Prioritization Project Submittal Tool is intended to improve the way NCDOT gathers, stores, analyzes and ranks candidate priority projects for funding consideration.
 - The Tool along with NCDOT’s new strategic prioritization process represent the first tangible steps towards fulfilling the Governor's Executive Orders 2 and 3, which emphasize improved decision making, accountability and transparency.
 - Over time, this new Tool will establish a more uniform approach for capturing project information and determining how well candidate projects meet the NCDOT’s mission and goals of enhanced mobility, safety and infrastructure health.
 - The process will focus on ranking projects in the existing 2009-2015 STIP because needs far outweigh expected revenues.
 - New projects will be evaluated if the project “showcases” an exceptional benefit to a serious transportation system deficiency.
 - Highway (Interstate, Rural, and Urban Projects) – these projects will be scored quantitatively and qualitatively. Each MPO, RPO, and Division will be able to enter as many NEW projects as they wish, but can only apply a rank to the top 25 projects (the other projects will still receive a quantitative score).
 - Bicycle and Pedestrian – these projects will be forwarded to the Program Development Branch and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Division.
 - Public Transportation – these projects will be forwarded to the Public Transportation Division.
 - CMAQ – these projects will be forwarded to the Transportation Planning Branch.
 - Rail – these projects will be forwarded to the Rail Division.
 - Ferry – these projects will be forwarded to the Ferry Division.
 - Aviation – these projects will be forwarded to the Aviation Division.
 - Non-Bicycle and Pedestrian Enhancement – these projects will be forwarded to the Program Development Branch.

A discussion ensued regarding the differences in the lists.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved for approval with the addition that horizon year data be added to exempt projects.

SECOND: Robert Clark

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

6. Consideration of Resolutions Approving Amendments to the 2009-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to:

Presented by Phillip Vereen.

a. Revise the Original “Stimulus” List of Projects to Include Operating Assistance for Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA)

- In May 2009, the Winston-Salem Urban Area TAC approved a resolution for the recommended list of public transportation projects for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO to receive “Stimulus” funding under the ARRA Act of 2009.
- In August, the FTA announced that 10% of transit Stimulus allocations for Urban Areas can be used for operating assistance.
- The FTA and NCDOT will allow urban areas to amend previously submitted transit Stimulus projects to accommodate operating assistance requests.
- WSTA wants to reduce the number of small bus (Trans-Aid) replacements from 5 down to 2 large in order to accommodate operating funding up to 10% of the total Stimulus appropriation.
- The revised list of projects:
 - Preventative Maintenance - \$2,116,840
 - Fareboxes/Mobile Equipment - \$1,045,500
 - Two (2) Supervisor Vans - \$16,000
 - Enhancements - \$38,102; Capital Maintenance - \$30,265
 - 2 Replacement Small (Trans-Aid) Buses - \$182,479 (Reduced from 5 to 2)
 - Operating Assistance - \$381,021 (Reduction in Small Buses)

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Presented by Phillip Vereen.

b. Accept FTA Section 5307 Funds for Operating Assistance for WSTA

- Transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use FTA Section 5307 Funds for Operating Assistance.
- The FTA has announced that the WSTA is eligible to receive \$905,707 in 5307 funding for operating assistance in FY 2009-2010.
- Historically, MTIP amendments have not been required to accept this money. Because MTIP amendments were completed for previous CMAQ and Federal Stimulus projects from Urban Areas across the state including Winston-Salem, the NCDOT and FTA are now requiring MTIP amendments from Urbanized Areas to accept this FTA Section 5307 funding.
- In order for WSTA to receive and allocate the FTA Section 5307 funds, the 2009-2015 MTIP must be amended to include operating assistance for WSTA funded from the FTA Section 5307 funds totaling \$905,707.

MOTION: Chris Anderson moved approval.

SECOND: Robert Clark

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Presented by Matthew Burczyk.

c. Move Funding from the Muddy Creek Greenway to the Brushy Fork Creek Greenway Funding for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

- On March 29th, 2007 the TAC approved of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2006-2012 MTIP regarding STP-DA Funds for the Muddy Creek Greenway project (U-4741A).
- The amendment switched funding from Phase 3, from Country Club Road to Phillips Bridge Road, to Phase 1, from Meadowlark School to Robinhood Road to complete that section.
- Due to actual construction costs coming in under construction cost estimates and the availability of 2/3 bonds, Muddy Creek Greenway Phase 1 has funds left over in the amount of \$242,000, including the local match.
- The City of Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department has requested that the remaining funding be moved from the Muddy Creek project to complete Phase 3 of the Brushy Fork Greenway, from Old Greensboro Road to Lowery Street.
- The total amount of funding to be transferred will be \$242,000 including the City's local match of \$48,400. The City's Recreation and Parks Department has appropriated funding for the local match.
- Also, as part of this amendment, the project will be reprogrammed from Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to the current Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Robert Clark

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Presented by Margaret Bessette.

d. Add a New Project for the Upgrade of Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) in Forsyth County

- Due to resurfacing project bids coming in under estimates, NCDOT has the opportunity to use Stimulus funds to upgrade the 16 Dynamic Message Signs along major highways in Forsyth County. These signs are part of the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) operated by NCDOT.
- Most of the existing signs were installed in 1994. Unfortunately some are not currently working. Some of the signs operate differently and cannot "talk" with others in the system.
- The upgrade would allow us to standardize all of the signs with current technology. Fortunately, the upgrades are primarily a replacement of the internal workings and the basic hardware of signs will remain in place.
- The total cost of the project is approximately \$1.3 million, with an estimated cost of \$80,000 per sign.

- The signs are located on Business and Interstate 40, US 421 and US 52. A list of the sign locations was distributed to members.
- To use the Stimulus funds for the upgrade of the DMS, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO must amend the FY 2009-2015 MTIP to include this Stimulus project to match the STIP. The resolution to be considered by the TAC approves the amendment.

MOTION: Dawn Morgan moved approval.

SECOND: Robert Clark

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

7. MPO Staff Reports – Questions for Staff

- a. NCDOT Transportation Update
- b. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Air Quality Notes & Report
- c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Update

No questions for staff.

Pat Ivey stated that bridge projects were added to his report along with update schedules. The Northern Beltway law suit is now in the judge's hand and there is no timeframe for his decision.

Cary Gentry stated that the current ozone standard is on hold.

8. Review of a Prioritized List of Candidate STP-DA Funded Intersection Improvement Projects for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Greg distributed a Submitted Projects Listed in Order by Jurisdiction handout.
- The taskforce met on August 24 and September 14 to review and rank the submitted projects.
- The taskforce is made up of WSDOT and NCDOT staff and two TCC members from municipalities that did not submit projects.
- Ten projects were submitted by four municipalities.
- Allocating \$1.5 million for the 2010 and 2011 fiscal year.
- The taskforce is using a criteria matrix to rank the projects. The criteria include safety, meets objective, right-of-way, constructability, supplemental funding source and cost.
- The projects have not been completely ranked. We are still in need of additional information for one of the projects.
- Hope to have projects ranked by October 12, will mail ranking to TCC/TAC by October 16, address any comments by October 30 and mail out final ranking with TAC packet.
- Approval of taskforce recommendations at the November 19 meeting.

9. Review of Transportation Planning Staff Project Responsibilities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Greg distributed Winston-Salem UPWP staff assignments for major transportation planning projects/responsibilities for FY 2009-2010.

10. Review of the MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Next TAC meeting will be November 19, 2009.
- A registration form for the 2009 NCAMPO meeting was included in the agenda information.

11. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting

Dawn Morgan noted that it was Constitution Day.

ADJOURNMENT 5:25 pm