

MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
JANUARY 21, 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
Robert Clark, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
John Bost, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Charlie Allen, Council Member, City of King
Leon Inman, Commissioner, Stokes County
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Dawn Morgan, Mayor, Town of Kernersville
Mike Horn, Council Member, Town of Lewisville
George Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Keith Snow, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Ralph Womble, NCDOT Board of Transportation

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

Andy Bailey, NCDOT
Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Cary Gentry, FCEAD
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Kevin Edwards, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT
Phillip Vereen, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT

OTHERS:

Tracy Shifflette, Town of Kernersville, Alternate
Scott Snow, Town of Walkertown

CITIZENS: A.C. Reynolds

1. Citizen Comments

AC Reynolds, 5402 Commerce Court, Winston-Salem, stated that he was associated with NOW and expressed his support for the Northern Beltway and added that the organization NOW is willing to help move the project forward in anyway it can.

Action Items

2. Welcome to New Members

Presented by Larry Williams.

- Chairman Williams welcomed Charlie Allen with the City of King, Denise Adams with the City of Winston-Salem and Tracy Shifflette with the Town of Kernersville and thanked them for their participation.

3. Election of Officers

Presented by Larry Williams.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved that Larry Williams be nominated as Chair.

SECOND: Dawn Morgan

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

MOTION: Dan Besse moved that Richard Linville be nominated as Vice Chair.

SECOND: Robert Clark

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of the November 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Presented by Larry Williams.

MOTION: Robert Clark moved the minutes be approved.

SECOND: Todd Snow

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

5. Discussion of the Process 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.

- 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 the I-85 Yadkin River Bridge Project.
- Initially, NCDOT and FHWA thought that processing the amendment for only the rural portion of Davidson County was sufficient, however, 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 is available for public review and comment for thirty days starting on January 6 and ending on February 8, 2010.
- All comments on the draft air quality report and staff's response to the comments will be provided to you when staff asks for your adoption of the attached resolution at the February 18, 2010 meeting.

6. Discussion of a Draft Resolution in Support of Modifying and Improving the Equity Formula Used to Distribute Federal and State Transportation Funds

Presented by Stan Polanis.

- High Point Mayor Smothers has sent a request for Winston-Salem to support the effort to review how North Carolina funds the transportation system starting with evaluating the Transportation Equity Formula.
- The North Carolina legislature implemented its Transportation Equity Formula as a result of the 1989 Highway Trust Fund Law.
- The NCDOT anticipates \$65 billion in unmet transportation needs through 2030.
- The formula uses three factors to divide up funding: the uncompleted portion of the intrastate highway system, population and an equal share.
- The NCDOT is developing a new objective multi-modal project prioritization process intended to maximize mobility, safety and infrastructure health and the Transportation Equity Formula does not consider any of these factors in distributing transportation funds.
- High Point did not indicate to whom the resolution would be sent, however, we would send such a resolution to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and to local legislature delegation.

7. MPO Staff Reports – Questions for Staff

a. NCDOT Transportation Projects Update

No questions.

b. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Air Quality Notes & Report

Cary Gentry responded to Dan Besse's question stating that the impact of the new Ozone standard will not be known until staff receives a final decision.

A discussion ensued regarding the new Ozone standard.

c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No questions.

d. TAC Administrative Issues

Presented by Margaret Bessette.

- Please be sure to update your phone and/or email information on the roster being circulated.
- Please notify when/if won't be attending meeting, also notify your alternative so he/she can attend.
- New handbook will be distributed with updated information.
- Also accepting any suggestions for additions to the handbook for improvement.

e. Federal Stimulus (ARRA) Projects Update

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- All projects have received NCDOT concurrence and met the December 31st deadline for contract execution.
- All project bids came in under their original estimate.
- The Division 9 office held an ARRA update meeting on January 7 to ensure that all the project managers are informed of the reporting requirement. It was stressed that the same process and regulations must be used to get construction authorization and be maintained on all Federally funded projects.
- Most pre-construction meetings have been held and notice to proceed dates have been set.
- Walkertown is the first project in the MPO that has broken ground. There is an estimated completion date of March 4th.
- Some reporting has begun and once the projects begin construction, there will be monthly reporting forms due.

8. Discussion on the Programming Options of Available Federal Surface Transportation Program – Direct Attributable (STP-DA) Funds

Presented by Greg Errett.

- There is currently \$13.4 million available in un-programmed STP-DA funds.
- Some of the categories included for those funds are the traffic signal system upgrades, WS streetcar planning study, enhancements and bus stop improvements.
- Funds will also be dispersed in supplemental planning, bicycle and pedestrian, intersection improvements and WSTA transit projects.
- Does not include the local 20% match.

Greg Errett responded to Mike Horn's question stating that the percentages for intersection improvements and bike and ped projects is not reflective of the need and added that those projects are grossly underfunded.

A discussion ensued regarding the enhancement and the streetcar planning study projects.

A discussion ensued regarding which project categories had exact numbers, i.e. the funding designated for the streetcar planning study.

After a lengthy discussion debating the best use of the STP-DA funds available for programming, it was stated that monies are available to transfer to another project/category.

9. Review of the Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Self Certification of the MPO's Transportation Planning Process

Presented by Greg Errett.

- 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.
- We are beginning to identify what transportation planning projects we need to complete during Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).
- We encourage you to participate in the development of next year's UPWP by identifying and describing (in detail) any transportation planning projects your community or agency would like to see completed next year.
- We will try to accommodate your requests as staff time and resources allow.
- You may send a hard copy, an e-mail or fax of your requests to us for consideration by Friday February 12, 2010.
- From your suggestions and requests, the draft Fiscal Year 2010-2011 UPWP will be presented to the TCC and the TAC at the February 18, 2010 meetings and then sent to the NCDOT and to federal agencies by Monday February 22, 2009 for their review and comment.
- Also, as part of the process in developing the annual UPWP, we are required to conduct an annual self-certification of the MPO's transportation planning process.
- We will complete the self-certification documentation and provide that to you at the February and March TCC/TAC meetings for your review and consideration.

10. Review of the 2010 MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- There will be a loop prioritization webinar on January 27, 2010 from 1 – 4 pm.
- Next TAC meeting will be February 18, 2010.

11. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting

ADJOURNMENT 5:25 p.m.