

**MINUTES**  
**WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA**  
**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**  
**FEBRUARY 16, 2012**  
**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, Vice Chairman  
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem  
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem  
John Bost, Mayor, Village of Clemmons  
Bill Whiteheart, Commissioner, Forsyth County  
Tracey Shifflette, Alderman, Town of Kernersville, Alternate  
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg  
Norman Wilkes, Mayor, Town of Midway  
Billy McHone, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville  
Dan Pugh, Mayor, Town of Lewisville  
Kenneth Rethmeier, Mayor, Town of Bermuda Run  
Brent Rockett, Commissioner, Town of Bethania  
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown  
Leon Inman, Commissioner, Stokes County

**PRESIDING:** Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall, Chairman

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Cary Gentry, FCOEAD  
Pat Ivey, NCDOT  
Andy Bailey, NCDOT  
Greg Errett, WSDOT  
Fred Haith, WSDOT  
Wendy Miller, WSDOT  
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT  
Phillip Vereen, WSDOT  
Mark Davidson, Smith Reynolds Airport

**OTHERS:**

Lee Rollins, Manager, Village of Bermuda Run  
Keith Snow, Former Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville  
Scott Snow, Manager, Town of Walkertown  
Nick Nelson, Council Member, Village of Clemmons, TAC Alternate  
Kirk Stull, HDR Engineering, Inc.  
Karen Simon, Simon Resources

Larry Williams recognized former TAC committee member Keith Snow with the Village of Tobaccoville, thanked him for his service and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Greg Errett recognized Matthew Burczyk, MPO Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator, as City Employee of the Year in the Core Values Category. Greg further stated that Wendy Miller had won employee of the year last year, and Margaret Bessette won the year before that.

**1. Citizen Comments**

No one present.

**Action Items**

**2. Consideration of the January 19, 2012 TAC Meeting Minutes**

Presented by Larry Williams.

MOTION: Billy McHone moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**3. Consideration of the Draft Title VI Policy Statement for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)**

Presented by Phillip Vereen.

- The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) now requires large urbanized areas to adopt a Title VI Policy Statement.
- As a result, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has asked the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO to adopt a Title VI Policy Statement.
- This is a new requirement. NCDOT's Civil Rights Office has been charged with assisting MPOs across the state with this endeavor.
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination by government agencies that receive federal funds.
- Agencies found in violation, may lose federal funding.
- NCDOT's Civil Rights Office completed its six month audit of the Winston-Salem Urban Area in December.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval.

SECOND: John Bost

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

## **Information Items**

- 4. Review of Amended Projects in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**
  - a. History of Amended STP-DA and CMAQ Projects Approved by the TAC**
  - b. Status of Current Funded Intersection Improvement Projects**
  - c. Request for a Proposed Roundabout on US 158 in Bermuda Run**

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The TAC requested additional information when this item was brought before it in January.
- The following items have been submitted for review purposes: History of Amended STP-DA and CMAQ Projects Approved by the TAC; Status of Current Funded Intersection Improvement Projects; and Request for a Proposed Roundabout on US 158 in Bermuda Run.
- No other intersection improvement projects are waiting for funding.
- TCC is still in favor of transfer of funds for project.
- Staff will be putting out a call for new projects using STP-DA funds, not just intersection improvement projects, in a few months.

A discussion ensued regarding the project not eligible for STP-DA funds.

Kenneth Rethmeier reiterated the need for a resolution of the traffic issues at the soccer fields.

A discussion ensued regarding a temporary solution for the traffic issues at the soccer fields.

A discussion ensued regarding the transferring of funds from one project for another.

By consensus, the roundabout on US 158 in Bermuda Run will be brought back as an action item at the March committee meeting.

- 5. Review of an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012-2018 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Add an Intersection Improvement Project Using Powell Bill Funds for the Town of Lewisville**

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Staff received a request from the Town of Lewisville for an amendment to the MTIP to add an intersection improvement project to allow the Town of Lewisville to use their Powell Bills funds for the project on Lewisville-Vienna Road.
- The project is not eligible for STP-DA or federal funds.
- The Town of Lewisville maintains the road with an agreement with NCDOT, and per that agreement a turn lane needs to be added.
- Item will be brought back in March as an action item.

- 6. Presentation on the Peters Creek Parkway Corridor Improvement Plan**

Presented by Greg Errett.

Greg Errett distributed a Peters Creek Parkway “decision tree” handout and introduced Kirk Stull with HDR Engineering, Inc. and Karen Simon with Simon Resources.

- The Peters Creek Parkway Corridor Study purpose is to improve pedestrian environment and aesthetics, accommodate alternate modes of transportation and recommend land use controls for future consideration.
- The general objectives are to prepare a conceptual plan of proposed improvements, coordinate with Peters Creek Community Initiative (PCCI), affected property owners and NCDOT. Plan should be compatible with Creative Corridors guidelines.
- Key points from the first workshop include:
  - Boulevard concept (including traffic calming/medians/landscaping/bike lanes/pedestrian crossways.
  - Consider 4- and 6-lane designs.
  - Two views about traffic; slow it down or keep it moving.
  - High priority is pedestrian safety/ consider pedestrian overpass at Academy Street.
  - Ability to incorporate streetcar, if feasible.
  - Greenway along length of corridor.
  - Celebrate the interests of the neighborhoods, connect neighborhoods and address pedestrian safety to destinations.
  - Academy Street is critical connect Ardmore and West Salem.
  - Incorporate bike path and sidewalks; connect to greenway.
  - Consider roundabouts at Academy Street and Link Road.
- Important elements of the Southwest Area Plan:
  - Pedestrian safety.
  - Protect and preserve historic significance of area.
  - Facilitate walking, bicycling and use of public transportation.
  - Encourage mixed-use development.
  - Encourage neighborhood and community activity centers, i.e. Ardmore Village.
- Planning level traffic analysis:
  - Existing AADT (2009): 25,000 vpd.
  - Measured growth is 0%.
  - Designed for 1% growth.
  - 2035 AADT: 32,500 vpd.
  - Increase of 7,500 vpd.
- There are two major intersections: Peters Creek Parkway and Link Road and Peters Creek Parkway and Academy Street.
- Peters Creek Parkway may be a good project for the use of a superstreet which will stretch the capacity of a 4-lane roadway with greatly simplified signal phasing.
- Basics of superstreets are improved travel time with reduced wait time or delay and increased roadway capacity. There are nine existing locations and many proposed locations for superstreets in North Carolina.
- Decisions that need to be made for the Peters Creek Parkway Corridor Study include:
  - 4- or 6-lanes.
  - Mobility versus bicycles/pedestrians.
  - Conventional versus roundabout.
  - Bike lanes or greenways or both.

- Sidewalk or greenway or both.
- Wide medians or wide borders.
- Transit facilities.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of roundabouts on Peters Creek Parkway.

A discussion ensued regarding the location of an old pedestrian bridge.

**7. Review the Process of Updating the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO 2035 Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination**

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- The LRTP is our fiscally constrained, multi-modal transportation plan with a 20-year planning horizon.
- The LRTP is a subset of our unconstrained Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
- The LRTP is updated every four years to map out the MPOs transportation projects for the next 20 years in conjunction with the funding schedules and established time horizons.
- The Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO coordinates with our neighboring MPO partners and PART in this effort through the regional travel demand model and Air Quality Conformity process.
- The regional kickoff meeting for the update of the 2035 LRTP will be Wednesday, February 22, 2012.
- The Interagency Consultation which begins the formal Air Quality Conformity process for the LRTP will be held in April, 2012.
- The LRTP milestones include:
  - Development of the transportation network and evaluation of air quality conformity – spring and summer 2012.
  - Public involvement on the draft LRTP and AQCDR – summer and fall 2012.
  - Adoption of the updated 2035 LRTP and Air Quality Conformity Determination report by the MPO – winter 2013.
  - Federal approvals of the Triad MPOs 2035 LRTPs and AQCDR by March 6, 2013.

**8. MPO Staff Reports – Questions for Staff**

**a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update**

Pat Ivey responded to a question stating that PEF means Private Engineering Firm.

Pat Ivey responded to Dan Besse’s question stating the Salem Creek Connector would be let in September.

**b. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Update**

No one present.

**c. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update**

No questions for staff.

**d. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update**

Presented by Matthew Burczyk.

- The Ebert Road sidewalk work is not complete but will be in a few weeks.
- Staff will work in conjunction with PART for Bike to Work.
- The Triad Commuter Challenge Commuter Dash 5K will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Additional information is available at [www.triadcommutechallenge.com](http://www.triadcommutechallenge.com).

**9. Review of the 2012-2013 MPO Calendar of Activities**

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Handouts were distributed regarding “Smart Growth for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” “Strengthening Our Communities” and “Prioritization 2.0”.
- NCDOT Business 40 Community Impacts and Traffic Working Groups meetings at the 14<sup>th</sup> Street Community Center will be held on March 6 from 6 – 8 pm.
- Next TAC Meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- NCDOT Prioritization 2.0 Investment Strategy Summit will be held at Greensboro Coliseum on March 19 beginning at 9 am.

A discussion ensued regarding the Prioritization 2.0 meeting.

**10. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting**

ADJOURNMENT 5:36 pm.