

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 29, 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
Derwin Montgomery, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
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
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Ralph Womble, Member, NCDOT Board of Transportation

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT

1. Citizen Comments

No one present.

Action Items

2. Review and approval of the proposed programming of available Federal Surface Transportation Program - Direct Attributable (STP-DA) funds for streetscape improvements to the proposed Salem Creek Connector (U-2925) in Winston-Salem

Presented by Greg Errett

- Greg distributed a Salem Creek Connector Pedestrian and Streetscape Enhancements cost estimate handout.
- In 2002, the Winston-Salem Urban Area was designated by the U. S. Census Bureau as a Transportation Management Area (TMA).
- All TMAs may program federal STP-DA funds for high priority projects within their urban areas. As a TMA, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO has the authority to program available STP-DA funds for transportation planning, bicycle lanes, greenway, sidewalks, street and highway improvements, new transit vehicles or service and other types of projects in the urban area.
- The NCDOT has estimated that the MPO has about \$25.046 million in available STP-DA funds that can be programmed in Fiscal Years 2013-2020 in the MTIP.
- With the required 20% local match for these funds, a total of \$31.308 million is available for programming. NCDOT has given the MPO their approval to program these STP-DA funds.
- The only proposed project recommended at this time is to provide funds for streetscape improvements to the proposed Salem Creek Connector (U-2925), from Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive through the City of Winston-Salem's City Yard to Rams Drive (formerly Stadium Drive).
- The proposed streetscape improvements includes new sidewalks on both sides of the connector, street trees and other landscaping, enhanced lighting, decorative fencing, improved crosswalks at major intersections, connections to the Salem Creek Greenway, etc.
- This proposed project is estimated to cost \$3.18 million with \$2.544 million coming from available STP-DA funds and \$636,000 in local match split evenly between the City of Winston-Salem and the Creative Corridors Coalition (C3) organization.
- The proposed project would be listed in the MTIP under Project EL-5108, Streetscape Improvements in Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014.
- This project was accelerated and is under a very tight timeframe to be completed. Thus, the approval by the TAC to program available STP-DA funds for the streetscape improvements is needed by NCDOT before the project is released for the design-build process in early May.

A discussion ensued regarding LED lighting.

Dan Besse urged staff to use LED lighting.

A discussion ensued regarding crosswalk improvements.

MOTION: Denise Adams moved approval.

SECOND: Ralph Womble

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ADJOURNMENT 4:25 p.m.