

**MINUTES  
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
OCTOBER 18, 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  
Norman Wilkes, Mayor, Town of Midway  
Leon Inman, Commissioner, Stoke County  
Kenneth Rethmeier, Mayor, Town of Bermuda Run  
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg  
Bill Whiteheart, Commissioner, Forsyth County  
Tracey Shifflette, Alderman, Town of Kernersville, Alternate  
Billy McHone, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville  
Todd Yates, Commissioner, Davidson County  
Dan Pugh, Mayor, Town of Lewisville  
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Diane Hampton, NCDOT  
J. Andy Bailey, NCDOT  
Wayne Davis, NCDOT  
Art Barnes, WSTA  
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT  
Cary Gentry, FCOEAP  
Scott Rhine, PART  
Greg Errett, WSDOT  
Wendy Miller, WSDOT  
Kevin Edwards, WSDOT  
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

**OTHERS:** Russell DuBois, Creative corridors Coalition

## **1. Citizen Comments**

No one present.

## **Action Items**

### **2. Consideration of the September 20, 2012 TAC Meeting Minutes**

Presented by Chairman Larry Williams.

MOTION: Allen Todd moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Dan Pugh

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

### **3. Consideration of a Proposed Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2012-2018 MTIP**

Presented by Art Barnes

- As announced in the Federal Register, SAFETEA-LU will combine available standard Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 capital funds with FTA Section 5340 "Growing States and High Density States Formula Program" funds for WSTA's use in FY 2012-2013.
- Combined together, \$176,129.00 is available, with \$170,867.76 designated for capital expenses, and another \$5,261.24 designated for preventive maintenance.
- Separate formulas are used to apportion Section 5307 and Section 5340 funds to urbanized areas.
- Under the 5340 formula, half of the funds are made available under the "Growing States" factors and are apportioned based on State population forecasts for 15 years beyond the most recent Census.
- Amounts apportioned for each State are then allocated to urbanized and rural areas based on the State's urban/rural population ratio.
- The High Density States factors distribute the other half of the funds to States with population densities greater than 370 people per square mile. These funds are apportioned only to urbanized areas within those States.
- The SAFETEA-LU Conference Report instructs FTA to merge the urbanized area amounts for the 5307 and 5340 formulas into a single apportionment when it publishes program apportionments.
- The distribution of FTA Sections 5307 and 5340 funds within an urbanized area is a local responsibility through the MPO.

A discussion ensued regarding capital expenses.

A discussion ensued regarding the population increase with regarding to the elderly and/or disabled.

Art Barnes responded to a question stating that a Trans Aid bus costs approximately \$150,000.

A discussion ensued regarding Trans Aid's efficiency.

Denise Adams requested information on surveys Trans Aid has generated specifically regarding citizens opinions of the service.

A discussion ensued regarding PART.

MOTION: Denise Adams moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

### **Information Items**

#### **4. Presentation on the MPO's Draft 2035 Transportation Plan Update**

Presented by Fred Haith and Wendy Miller.

- a. Back to Basics - Plan Requirements**
- b. TAC Completed Components**
- c. Policy and Action Recommendations**
- d. Air Quality Conformity Determination Process**
- e. Update Process and Schedule**

- Wendy distributed the 2035 LRTP draft policies and recommendations.
- The review of the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) process includes: LRTP requirements, LRTP components, air quality conformity determination process, and a schedule for public involvement and adoption.
- The LRTP federal requirements are: policies, strategies and projects for the future; short and long range actions; multimodal for efficient movement of people and goods; 20 year planning horizon; regional land use, housing, employment goals and plans; fiscally constrained; costs and resources for operation, maintenance and capital investments; preservation of existing roads and facilities; and four-year updates in air quality maintenance and nonattainment areas.
- Completed components of the LRTP include: street and highway project lists by horizon years adopted by the TAC on May 17, 2012, public participation policy adopted by the TAC on July 19, 2012, review of exempt project lists for all other TIP projects completed by federal and state agencies on September 28, 2012 and transportation modeling and emissions analysis completed by PART, NCDOT and Division of Air Quality.
- The overall LRTP goal is to provide a balanced and sustainable multimodal transportation system that links highways, transit, greenways, bikeways and sidewalks into a seamless network that provides choices for people's travel needs. Specific objectives include:

- Regional land use and development: create a strong multimodal regional transportation system that provides regional mobility, encourages economic development, promotes sustainable growth patterns and preserves the natural and built environments of the region.
- Local land use and development: promote integrated development patterns and transportation networks that work together to support mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly communities and active modes of transportation. Land use and transportation decisions should be consistent and mutually reinforce each other.
- Street and highway network: design streets and highways that are safe and efficient for motor vehicle drivers while accommodating transit users, pedestrians and bicyclists and limiting negative environmental impacts.
- Regional Travel Demand Model: develop and use a regional travel demand model that not only serves to meet state/federal requirements, but also provides useful information for land use and transportation planning in the urban area.
- Congestion management, safety and travel demand reduction: establish policies and programs to improve the efficiency of the roadway network, reduce congestion and pollutant emissions, increase safety and reduce vehicle miles traveled and single-occupancy vehicle use.
- Public transportation: enhance and expand public transportation into a system of buses, vanpools, car pools and special population transit services that is efficient, convenient, safe and cost-effective.
- Commuter rail: support policies and development patterns to make establishment of a regional commuter rail system feasible in the future.
- Bicycles and pedestrians: create a safe and effective bikeway/sidewalk and greenway network that is an integral part of the transportation system by linking together resources and destinations, providing an alternative to automobile travel, increasing recreational opportunities and advancing healthy lifestyles and quality of life.
- Human and natural environment: develop a transportation system that respects and enhances the human and natural environment and should include the Environmental Consultation and Mitigation Plan, Title VI/Environmental Justice Plan and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report.
- Transportation funding: ensure adequate long-term funding for maintenance and construction of all modes of transportation facilities.
- Additional components of the LRTP include performance measures, regional cooperation and public involvement.
- The LRTP and Air Quality Conformity Determination document will be released on November 15, 2012.
- There will be a public review and comment period from November 15 to December 21.
- There will be 10 drop-in meetings and additional presentations at events and venues throughout the MPO during the public review period.
- The LRTP and Air Quality Conformity Determination adoption will be on January 17, 2013.
- Federal approval will be on March 6, 2013.

## **5. Review of the Draft Fiscal Year 2014-2020 MTIP for the Winston-Salem Urban Area**

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- Wendy distributed copies of the Draft 2014 – 2020 MTIP.
- Document includes the street and highway, bridge, safety, bike and pedestrian, statewide, and public transportation programs. There were no aviation projects in our MPO.
- The Draft STIP was released September 4. We received the Public Transportation section on Tuesday, so we haven't done a comparison or review beyond what was presented at the last TAC meeting.
- The draft is for preliminary review. To prevent confusion with the current 2012-2018 MTIP and LRTP update, we are asking the NCDOT Program Development Branch to wait until January to hold our consultation and information meeting on the draft. We will keep you posted on future meeting dates.
- The draft MTIP we prepare will go out for public review this spring. There do not appear to be any horizon year changes to regionally significant projects, so a full blown Air Quality Conformity Determination will likely not be required as long as the MTIP remains a subset of the LRTP and STIP.

## **6. Presentation on the Federal Certification Review Process/Schedule**

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Greg distributed a Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO certification review status of recommendations and a Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO certification review draft schedule of activities handout.
- The Federal certification review process involves hundreds of questions to ensure the MPO is following Federal guidelines.
- The last review was completed in the fall of 2008.
- The last review included recommendations which staff has worked to implement.
- There will be a public hearing held at the November 15 TAC meeting.
- Between December and January, the FHWA will develop a draft report.
- Around January 17, the FHWA will present its findings.
- The completion of the Federal certification review process should be completed sometime in February or March.

A discussion ensued regarding the scope of the review.

## **7. MPO Staff Reports**

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

Presented by Diane Hampton.

- The completion date for project U-2826A has been revised from November 1, 2012 to May 17, 2013.
- The completion date for project U-2923 has been revised from June 14, 2013 to May 14, 2014.
- Project B-4510 bridge replacement, the bridge is scheduled to be completed October 26, 2012 and the entire project by the end of October.

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

Presented by Scott Rhine.

- Scott distributed a Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO programs update handout.
- The PART office has moved to 107 Arrow Road in Greensboro.
- The Piedmont Triad Sustainable Communities Planning Project is holding a Summit on October 25, 2012 at the Old Salem Visitors Center from 7:30 am – noon.
- Brent McKinney will be retiring the end of November 2012.

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

No questions for staff.

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

Presented by Matthew Burczyk.

- The Greenway Walk and Talk meeting has been rescheduled for November 3 at Salem Lake.
- NCDOT is accepting applications for bicycle and pedestrian planning projects. The applications are due to NCDOT by December 5, 2012.

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

Presented by Greg Errett.

- There will be a Transforming Transit Conference in Raleigh October 22 – 24.
- The next TAC meeting will be November 15, 2012.

**9. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting**

Adjournment 5:07 p.m.