

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
NOVEMBER 15, 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
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Norman Wilkes, Mayor, Town of Midway
Walter Marshall, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Nick Nelson, Council Member, Village of Clemmons, Alternate
Dawn Morgan, Mayor, Town of Kernersville
Billy McHone, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Dan Pugh, Mayor, Town of Lewisville
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Todd Yates, Commissioner, Davidson County

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Marty Myers, Town of Lewisville
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Andy Bailey, NCDOT
Wayne Davis, NCDOT
Myra Immings, FTA
Bill Marley, FHWA
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT
Cary Gentry, FCOEAP
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Kevin Edwards, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS: Russ DuBois, Creative Corridors Coalition
Brenda Penney, Citizen
PJ Lenihan, Citizen

1. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certification Review of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

2. Review of Responses to Questions from the Federal Certification Review

Presented by Bill Marley.

- The Federal government is required to review and certify the planning practice of MPOs to determine how well they are following federal laws and regulations.
- No less than once every 4 years FTA and FHWA jointly review the metropolitan transportation planning process for those areas over 200,000 population.
- Part of this review includes seeking the public's input.
- The comments are taken into consideration while evaluating the transportation planning process for the area.
- The comments received will be summarized in a report.
- The planning process is a process by which transportation decisions are made and projects are planned, selected and prioritized for implementation within the region.
- The process for MPOs in the country will decide how \$286 billion nationwide is spent.
- Because of limited funding, the MPO must prioritize needs to achieve the best and most economical solution to complex transportation problems.
- The process lays the framework for the future transportation system.
- Products of the process are the Unified Planning Work Program, Congestion Management Process, Long-Range Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program.

3. Public Hearing on the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Planning Process, Plans, Programs and Services

Russ, DuBois, Executive Director, Creative Corridors Coalition stated that he has been working with the City and State and has developed a great working relationship with both. He further stated that the Salem Creek Connector will be the first joint project.

4. Post Public Hearing Summary Comments and Remaining Steps

- Preliminary findings will be presented in January 2013.
- Final presentation will be presented in February 2013 for adoption.
- Winston-Salem will be recertified.

5. Other Citizen Comments

No one present.

Action Items

6. Consideration of the October 18, 2012 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Larry Williams.

MOTION: Denise Adams moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Billy McHone

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

7. Consideration of a Resolution Endorsing the Town of Lewisville’s Application for a North Carolina Department of Transportation’s (NCDOT) Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant

Presented by Matthew Burczyk.

- The NCDOT has made available funding to assist municipalities with bicycle and pedestrian planning efforts.
- The grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, so all communities interested in being considered must submit an application by December 5, 2012.
- The grants can be used for either a bicycle plan or a pedestrian plan.
- Depending on the size of the community, grants range in size from \$25,000 to \$95,000 and local participation ranges from 20% to 50%.
- All local participation funding would be paid by the Town of Lewisville.
- The Town of Lewisville has expressed an interest in pursuing a grant to prepare a bicycle facilities plan to complement its recently completed greenway and pedestrian plan.
- Lewisville has become the most popular destination for recreational road cyclists to meet and ride in the MPO and the Town would benefit greatly from a plan to identify key roadway improvements to increase the safety and comfort for cyclists and motorists.
- While there is no financial commitment expected from the MPO, NCDOT requires an endorsement from the MPO for all communities interested in submitting an application.

Lewisville Mayor, Dan Pugh stated that the Town of Lewisville has recently completed its Greenway and Pedestrian Connections Plan.

MOTION: Dawn Morgan moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

By consensus, an additional information item was added to the agenda (see Winston-Salem MPO Functional Classification below).

Information Items

8. Presentation on the MPO’s Draft 2035 Transportation Plan Update

Presented by Fred Haith.

- a. Air Quality Conformity Determination Process**
- b. Public Review Schedule**

- Fred distributed the draft 2035 Transportation Plan Update handbooks.
- Fred also distributed the newsletter “*Moving Times*”.

- New additions to the handbooks were chapter summaries and an appendix at the end of each chapter.
- The maps have been set up for easier comparison with High Point and Greensboro maps.
- The first chapter is the introduction to the 2035 Transportation Plan Update.
- The second chapter is an overview of the Piedmont Triad.
- The third chapter is the street and highway element.
- The fourth chapter is the public and private transportation element.
- The fifth chapter is the bicycle and pedestrian element.
- The sixth chapter is the freight element.
- The seventh chapter is the human and natural environment.
- The eighth chapter is the conformity analysis and determination report.
- The ninth chapter is the financial plan.
- The tenth chapter is the 2035 Transportation Plan Update appendix.

A discussion ensued regarding PART eventually running WSTA.

A discussion ensued regarding Spanish translated plans being available at meetings, along with transportation being provided at some of the public meetings.

A discussion ensued regarding Chapter 5 and 3 maps (existing facilities) being hard to read.

A discussion ensued regarding communicating information to the public.

Denise Adams requested simplified information be distributed at the public meetings and also requested that the information distributed be specific to the meeting's locale.

Dawn Morgan requested an additional hard copy of the 2035 Transportation Plan for the Kernersville alternate.

Additional Item: Winston-Salem MPO Function Classification

Presented by Andy Bailey.

- The NCDOT is proposing to revise the Functional Classification System within the Winston-Salem MPO area.
- The Transportation Planning Branch is responsible for the revision and would like to advise the committee of the change that is being proposed.
- Functional Classification revision and mileage for I-74 (US 311) in Winston-Salem: I-74 (US 311), from I-40 to I-74 (US 311)/SR 2775 in Forsyth County, is being changed from Freeway/Expressway to an Interstate (11 miles).
- Functional classification is the process by which streets and highways are grouped into classes, or systems, according to the character of service they are intended to provide.
- Functional classification is used primarily for assessing the extent, conditions and performance of the highway system; as a planning tool for planning activities including Section 134 planning requirements; for appropriation of funds; and to establish jurisdictional responsibility and design criteria.

- It has been confirmed by the FHWA Division Office of North Carolina that the I-74 (US 311) road segment has been completed to Interstate standards and meets a statutory requirement by connecting to existing I-40 in Forsyth County and ultimately to I-74 (US 220) in Randolph County.
- An item will be included on the January agenda for adoption of this proposed change.
- The City of High Point will also be adopting this proposed change.

9. Update on State Ethics Act Requirements for TAC and TCC Voting Members/Alternates: Economic Interest Disclosure and Education Requirement

Presented by Margaret Bessette.

- Ethics Commission's website now includes a special page for MPOs.
- The Statement of Economic Interest cannot be filled out before January 1, 2013 and must be completed by April 15, 2013.
- The Educational Requirements can be completed immediately, but must be completed by June 30, 2013.
- Local government ethics education does not satisfy the ethics act education requirement.
- However, if you have already completed the State Ethics Education for another role, you are probably covered (see Margaret or consult with Commission staff).
- There are two ways to complete the Ethics Act: on-line or live presentation.
- A live presentation will be shown via weblink on November 30, 2012 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm at WSSU and UNC-G.
- There are also live presentation classes held monthly in Raleigh.

Denise Adams requested additional reminders.

10. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- Southbound 52 bridge work should be completed this week, and reopened to two lanes this weekend with construction planned to be fully completed in the spring.

b. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Update

No one present.

c. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

Presented by Cary Gentry.

- This month's report is a history of air quality.

A discussion ensued regarding the days in 2012 that the ozone numbers were above the standard.

d. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No questions for staff.

11. Review of the 2012-2013 MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The next TAC meeting will be held on January 17, 2013.
- There will be another bridge workshop held December 6, 2012 at Old Salem.
- MPO Conference will be in May 2013.

12. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting

Brenda Penney, 517 Jersey Avenue, Winston-Salem, 27101 stated that she read about the meeting and attended due to interest in trams and/or trains. She also expressed concern regarding an increase in the ozone standards.

A discussion ensued regarding the ozone standard.

Adjournment 5:42