

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
MAY 30, 2013
4:15 P.M.
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Bessette, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary
Brent Rockett, Commissioner, Town of Bethania
Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Vice Chairman
Derwin Montgomery, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
John Bost, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Tracey Shiflette, Alderman, Town of Kernersville
Myron Marion, Council Member, Village of Tobaccoville, Alternate
Dan Pugh, Mayor, Town of Lewisville
Terry Renegar, Commissioner, Davie County
Steve Jarvis, Commissioner, Davidson County, Alternate

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Wayne Davis, NCDOT
Andy Bailey, NCDOT
Scott Rhine, PART
Art Barnes, WSTA
Cary Gentry, FCOEAP
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Kaori Jujisawa, WSDOT
Kevin Edwards, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS: Ralph Womble, for NC Board of Transportation Member

Chairman Larry Williams read the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder.

Chairman Larry Williams Presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Ralph Womble, NCDOT Division 9 Board of Transportation Member for his Service on the TAC.

1. Greg Errett introduced Ms. Kaori Fujisawa, MPO's New Transportation Project Planner for Transit.

2. Citizen Comments

No one present.

Action Items

3. Consideration of the March 21, 2013 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Larry Williams.

MOTION: Allen Todd moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Randy Mendenhall

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of Proposed Amendments and Modifications to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Fiscal Year 2012-2018 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- On a regular basis, the NCDOT revises the STIP to add new projects or amend and modify existing projects.
- Additions or amendments to the STIP require the MPO to take action to keep the MTIP a matching funding document.
- Additions or amendments to the MTIP also require public review and comment prior to approval as per the MPO Public Participation Policy.
- In an effort to use our advertising dollars wisely, we are generally holding amendments and modifications to consolidate our public review efforts to a bi-yearly effort.
- On March 21st, we took out for public review the 5 amendments and 7 modifications you have before you today.
- The public comment period ended last Friday, May 24th. We received one comment in support of the Lewisville project to undertake preliminary engineering and design of the Great Wagon Road.
- We are asking for your approval of the MTIP amendments and modifications.

MOTION: Dan Pugh moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

By consensus, additional information items 5 c and d were added to the agenda.

5. Review of Proposed Amendments and Modifications to the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO Fiscal Year 2012-2018 MTIP

a. Review to Add Surface Transportation Program – Direct Attributable (STP-DA) Funds for the Completed Sidewalk on Bethania-Rural Hall Road (NC 65) to Pay for Additional Authorized Construction and Construction Administration Costs for the Town of Rural Hall

Presented by Matthew Burczyk.

- The TAC approved the NC 65 sidewalk project in Rural Hall on January 17th.
- The project would add 2000 linear feet of sidewalk.
- Two unforeseen issues developed: the need for additional planning funds and additional drainage structures.
- The town is requesting an additional \$132,436.96 in funding to complete the project.
- The U-4741 fund for Bike and Ped projects was created for such issues.
- A supplemental agreement can be created using U-4741 funds to finish the sidewalk project.

b. Review to Add Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 and 5340 Funds for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) for Operating and Capital Assistance

Presented by Art Barnes.

- Art Barnes distributed a Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO TAC action request.
- Transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use FTA Section 5307 and 5340 funds for operating and capital assistance.
- The FTA has announced that the Winston-Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a total of \$4,085,792 in Section 5307 and 5340 funding for operating and capital assistance in FY 2012-2013 for transit services.
- At the February 2013 meeting, the TAC approved \$3,935,030 in Section 5307 and 5340 funds to be allocated to WSTA and JARC agencies with \$55,000 in funding for JARC eligible agencies and \$3,880,030 to WSTA.
- In order to continue to provide the financial support to WSTA and JARC agencies, staff recommends that the additional Section 5307 and 5340 funds be distributed to WSTA in the total amount of \$4,030,792 and \$55,000 to JARC agencies.

Additional Item 5 c and d: Review of a resolution approving the AQCDR for the Winston-Salem Urban Area FY 2012-2018 MTIP amendment to delay right-of-way and incorporate the Peters Creek Parkway (NC 150) interchange into the regionally significant US 421/Business 40 Design Build project (U-2827B) and Review of a resolution approving amendments and modifications to the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO FY 2012-2018 MTIP to match the STIP.

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- Wendy distributed draft action requests for items 5 c and d.
- Last month the NCBOT took action to combine the US 421/Business 40 pavement rehabilitation project (U-2827BB) and the Peters Creek Parkway interchange project (U-2827 BA) to a Design-Build project.
- As a part of this action, the STIP was amended and modified to coordinate funding schedules for both projects. A result of this action was that the ROW for the U-2827 BA project was delayed from FY 2015 to FY 2016.
- This delay caused the project to cross a FHWA funding schedule period that locks in the first 4 years of the STIP and thus triggered the need for not only an amendment but an Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQCDR).
- We are working with the Greensboro MPO to coordinate the AQCDR by tagging along with a process that is already underway.
- This amendment and modification, and any others that we can coordinate with NCDOT Program Development Branch, will go out for public review with the AQCDR on June 12th.
- We will be bringing this item back for your approval at the July meeting.

A discussion ensued regarding the Peters Creek Parkway.

6. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

Presented by Diane Hampton.

- Diane Hampton distributed a handout regarding the NCDOT closing I-40 West at Harper Road in Forsyth County for bridge preservation work.
- Projects under construction include several bridge rehabs and the landscaping at Tanglewood.
- There will be a public meeting next week regarding the Macy Grove Road interchange with US 421.
- Division administered projects under development include several bridge projects, bike rack installations, bike lane and curb modifications and a couple of roundabout projects.

- TIP projects under development include replace bridge #201 on Hastings Hill Road over tributary of Salem Creek, Winston-Salem's upgrade of computerized traffic signal system and the NC 109 project.

b. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

Presented by Scott Rhine.

- Since 2004 PART has participated in an Amtrak connector service between Winston-Salem State University and the High Point train station.
- The funds for this connector service came from the Rail Division.
- Due to budget constraints, the Rail Division will no longer be funding this connector service.
- The connector service has been a successful service and grown in ridership so staff will look for federal funding sources to enable PART to continue the service.

Dan Besse is now the Winston-Salem representative on the PART Board.

c. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

No questions for staff.

d. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

Presented by Matthew Burczyk.

- Project U-4741OC is currently underway and is expected to be completed by June 17th.
- Project U-4741OD has been re-advertised with the new bids coming back within budget so that project is now moving forward.

Dan Besse requested the expected start date for the Little Creek project.

7. Discussion of Potential Amendments to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and TCC/TAC By-Laws

Presented by Margaret Bessette.

- Potential amendments include:
 - Update weighted voting apportionments based on 2010 Census.
 - Add WSTA as a voting member of the TAC.
 - Change membership status of some TCC members.
 - Update of position/agency terminology.

A discussion ensued regarding voting changes.

8. Reminder on State Ethics Act Requirements for TCC/TAC Members and Alternates: Economic Interest Disclosure and Education Requirement

Presented by Margaret Bessette.

- Statement of Economic Interest should have been completed by April 15th.
- Educational Session should be completed by June 30, 2013.

9. Review of the 2013 North Carolina Association of MPOs (NCAMPO) Conference

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- The 2013 NCAMPO Conference hosted by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO was a success.
- Over 300 transportation professionals attended the 3-day conference that included over 75 presentations and mobile workshops, including tours of Wake Forest Innovation Quarter, FedEx Distribution hub, Wake Forest Institute of Regenerative Medicine, Old Salem, downtown and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
- An additional 50 public health officials participated in the keynote luncheon sponsored by the Forsyth County Health Department and the Appalachian District Community Health Transformation Grant.
- Mark Fenton was the keynote speaker on integrating active transportation into community design and development.

10. Review of the 2013 MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Next TAC meeting will be July 18th.

11. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting

ADJOURNMENT 4:51 pm