

MINUTES
FEBRUARY 9, 2004
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
FEBRUARY 19, 2004; 4:15 P.M.
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, CITY HALL SOUTH

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Mayor Ed Brewer, Village of Clemmons
Mayor Larry Brown, Town of Kernersville
Mayor Ken Davis, Town of Walkertown
Mayor Mike Horn, Town of Lewisville
Mayor Allen Joines, City of Winston-Salem
Billy Joe Kepley, Commissioner, Davidson County
Willa Lash, Mayor Pro-Tem, Town of Bethania
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Fred Terry, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Nancy Marshall, Town of Bermuda Run
Walter Marshall, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Murphy, CCPB
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Greg Venable, WSDOT
Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT
Pat Ivey, Division 9 Engineer, NCDOT
Scott Rhine, PART
Pat Reagan, FCEAD
Van Sullivan, FCEAD

OTHERS PRESENT: Robin Dean, Judi Wallace

RECORDING SECRETARY: Shelly Stewart, CCPB

Mayor Williams noted that Mayor Allen Joines would be a few minutes late due to a ceremony he had to attend.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Minutes from the January 15, 2004 Meeting

MOTION: Willa Lash moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Billy Joe Kepley

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

2. Consideration of a Resolution in Support of a Statewide Initiative for Legislative and Funding Support for Enhanced and Improved Passenger Rail Service for the State of North Carolina

Presented by Stan Polanis.

- The Western Carolina Rail Corridor Committee has requested TACs and local governments to sign and support this resolution.

- The resolution simply expresses support for the message that intercity passenger rail in the State of North Carolina is a good idea.
- It is hoped that the legislature will begin to consider intercity passenger rail if they receive enough of these statements of support.
- Mayor Williams noted that the last “be it further resolved” specifies that Winston-Salem be included in the plan.
- Mike Horn: By this resolution, we are not supporting any specific plan, but in general principal we are supporting the concept.

MOTION: Walter Marshall moved approval of the resolution.

SECOND: Fred Terry

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Designation of Projects to Be Funded by the Surface Transportation Program – Direct Appropriation (STP-DA) Funds

Presented by Greg Errett.

Mayor Allen Joines arrived during the presentation.

a. Recommended Expenditures in the Following Categories:

1. Transportation Planning
2. Street and Highway Projects
3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

- With the designation of being a "Transportation Management Area" (TMA) comes a lot of new responsibilities for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). However, one of the benefits that comes with the designation is the authority to direct how STP-DA (Surface Transportation Program - Direct Attributable) funds are to be programmed.
- In the upcoming FY 2006-2012 STIP, minor schedule adjustments to existing funded TIP projects in the STIP will allow the advance funding of additional transportation planning, greenway, sidewalk, and street and highway projects.
- The Committee examined this new privilege in great detail as it learned the intricacies of this new privilege.
- A chart explaining how the funds would be designated is on file in the City of Winston-Salem Department of Transportation offices.

MOTION: Walter Marshall moved approval of the resolution.

SECOND: Dan Besse

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

b. NCDOT/Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO Meeting on March 4, 2004

- Greg Errett reminded the Committee that a group will be traveling to Raleigh on March 4th for the annual NCDOT/Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO meeting. Members of the committee are welcome to attend and should notify Mr. Errett if they plan to travel with the group.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Review of the Draft 2004-2005 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Greg Errett introduced the Draft 2004-2005 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and explained changes that are suggested.
- Several tables are on file explaining how funds would be designated under this draft plan.

5. Presentation of the proposed Pedestrian Safety Roadshow in Winston-Salem

Presented by Greg Venable and Judi Wallace

- The Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation (DBPT) began a special program in 1998 to train facilitators who could help communities identify and solve problems that affect pedestrian safety and walkability.
- As a trained facilitator, Ms. Wallace presented a brief overview of this program, known as the Pedestrian Safety Roadshow, and asked the TAC to consider participating in the full program in late March or early April.
- The Committee was receptive to the idea.
- Walter Marshall asked that the presentation be shown to the City-County Planning Board and staff.

6. Public Notice of an Annual Listing of Transportation Projects for which Federal Funds Have Been Obligated in the Preceding Year

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- The TIP programming branch of the NCDOT sent staff this listing and asked us to put it out for public review.
- Staff made it a little more user-friendly and put it out for public review today.

7. NCDOT Division 9 Report (Pat Ivey)

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- a. Update on the Northern Beltway
- b. Project Construction Updates

- Pat Ivey briefed the Committee on the schedules for the Northern Beltway and updated the Committee on various projects around the MPO.
- Copies of the schedule and the updates are on file.

8. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Report

Presented by Scott Rhine.

- a. Review Draft Memorandum of Understanding for the Provision of Regional Transportation Planning Services

- Scott Rhine explained that this Draft MOU formalizes the work which PART has been doing for MPOs and DOTs in the Triad Region.
- Mayor Larry Williams noted that another reason for this MOU is to have on paper what we've been doing. The written record would be beneficial to someone who was just beginning to work with transportation issues in the community.

- In response to questions from the Committee, Mr. Rhine clarified a couple of points in the MOU, a copy of which is on file.

9. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report

Presented by Pat Reagan.

a. Update on Early Action Compact for Ozone Reduction

- The stakeholders met and finalized the final control strategies list which was submitted to EPA.
- It was discovered that no one had quantified the emissions and rerun the model so the FCEAD did the quantifying of the control strategies.
- We anticipate showing compliance once that data is rerun
- We anticipate meeting the March 31 deadline for the second model.

b. Particle Pollution (PM 2.5) Designations

- The State designated Davidson County and much of Catawba County as PM fine nonattainment.
- Those are the only two areas which will be designated, according to the governor, as nonattainment.
- EPA has until the end of this year to approve or modify those recommendations.

c. Air Quality Report

- Mr. Reagan reviewed the air quality results from 2003.
- He noted that it was an unusual year with an unusually low number of bad air quality days.

10. Review of Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Pat Ivey noted an additional date at the TCC meeting this afternoon. On April 22 at 10 am, there will be a dedication of the new NCDOT office at 375 Silas Creek Parkway; everyone is invited to attend.
- Greg Errett noted that there will be a rather full agenda for March 18, 2004.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm

MOTION: Dan Besse moved adjournment of the meeting

SECOND: Richard Linville

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None