

**MINUTES  
MAY 20, 2004  
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
4:15 P.M.  
PUBLIC MEETING ROOM, CITY HALL SOUTH**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem  
Ed Brewer, Mayor, Village of Clemmons  
Larry Brown, Mayor, Town of Kernersville  
“Doc” Davis, Mayor, Town of Walkertown  
Mike Horn, Mayor, Town of Lewisville  
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem  
Billy Joe Kepley, Commissioner, Davidson County  
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County  
Walter Marshall, Commissioner, Forsyth County  
Chris Murphy, Secretary to TAC, City-County Planning Board  
Keith Snow, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville  
Ken White, Commissioner, Davie County  
Larry Williams, Mayor, Town of Rural Hall  
Charlie Wolff, Commissioner, Town of Bethania

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT  
Greg Errett, WSDOT  
Pat Ivey, NCDOT  
Brent McKinney, PART  
Wendy Miller, WSDOT  
Paul Norby, CCPB  
Stan Polanis, NCDOT  
Pat Reagan, FCEAD  
Van Sullivan, FCEAD  
Greg Turner, Assistant City Manager, City of Winston-Salem  
James Upchurch, Transportation Planning Branch, NCDOT  
Greg Venable, WSDOT

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robin Dean; Eddie Dancausse, NCDOT; Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT

**PRESIDING:** Larry Williams, Chairman

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Shelly Stewart, City-County Planning Board (absent from meeting, minutes prepared from tape recording)

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. Certificate of Appreciation for a Former TAC Member

Chairman Larry Williams read a certificate of appreciation for Terry Shore. Mr. Shore was unable to attend the meeting but the TAC expressed its appreciation for his years of service on the TAC as a representative from the Village of Tobaccoville. Mayor Snow accepted the certificate and will deliver it to Mr. Shore.

2. Consideration of Minutes from the March 18, 2004 Meeting

MOTION: Walter Marshall moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Allen Joines

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2004-2010 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

a. Add US 52 (Interstate I-285), from Interstate 40 in Winston-Salem to Interstate 85 in Davidson County – Upgrade existing freeway to Interstate standards - \$2.0 million

b. Add Vargrave Street Bridge over Salem Creek, Replace bridge - \$500,000

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- Mr. Ivey noted that Vargrave Street is a heavily traveled road and the bridge is closed because of the safety concerns due to the bridge deck's deteriorated condition (holes/crumbling deck) so this project has some urgency to it.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval of the amendments.

SECOND: Walter Marshall

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of Enhancement Projects for the North Carolina Department of Transportation

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- Wendy Miller distributed a list of enhancement projects submitted to WSDOT. A copy of the list is on file.
- Projects were only received from the City of Winston-Salem, probably due to NCDOT's accelerated schedule and relatively short notice.
- Staff will examine ways to prepare in advance for this opportunity in 2006 so other jurisdictions have adequate time to submit requests.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval of the Enhancement Projects.

SECOND: Charlie Wolff

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**Information Items**

5. Review of the Process for the 2030 Multi-Modal Long Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Winston-Salem Urban Area

Presented by Wendy Miller, Behshad Norowzi, and Eddie Dancausse.

- We've had our pre-interagency consultation and we've had a kickoff with both our MPO staff and the three new areas that we brought into our MPO just to update them as to what a long range plan is and as well as looking at our Thoroughfare Plan which we are in the process of updating.
- Today we had our interagency consultation with the Federal agencies as well as the State. We've made some agreements and moved on from that.
- Also, today we started our public participation process for the long-range plan as well as the Thoroughfare Plan.
- We had an ad in the paper this morning and there will be another one on Sunday.
- We have a 30 day comment period. We're also having several public meetings.
- On the internal part of Volume Two of our Newsletter, you have both the Long Range Plan Update and the Thoroughfare Plan.
- There are seven meetings, three in the outlying areas, one in King, one in Bermuda Run, and one in Northern Davidson County.
- We tried to spread out the Forsyth County meetings to make them convenient both east/west and centrally. Mostly they're in the evening, but we do have one partial day meeting here at City Hall on Wednesday, June 2nd.
- We encourage you to attend any of those.
- We'll have our materials, both our current long-range plan as well as public comments we've received in the past and things that have changed and also our Thoroughfare Plan update which is probably going to be of most interest at that as well.
- Once we've finished our public review, we'll take comments on the draft of the Thoroughfare Plan and then we'll come back to you in July for adoption of the Thoroughfare Plan as well as the socio-economic data that you'll hear a little bit about as well.
- Then we'll really begin in earnest our updated Long Range Plan. It's a pretty long process, but we'll be working on our street and highway network that's fiscally constrained.
- We'll be bringing you that in September to review before we send that on to the State.
- What you'll hear later is the real crux of the model and the air quality emission conformity review that goes on with that.
- Then we'll get our plan together and the conformity report will go out for interagency review in the fall, late fall, and we'll get all our comments back, make our final plan which will go out for public review in January
- We're looking for an adoption date by the MPO on February 17, 2005.
- At that point we should have all our comments in a final package and then it goes on for its final review with the agencies as well.
- We should get our letter and then we'll be in conformity.
- We hope to have good turnout with our upcoming meetings.
- Copies of the presentations of Mr. Norowzi and Mr. Dancausse are on file.
- Larry Williams: How does the EAC fit into this? Mr. Dancausse stated that the EAC relieves the MPO of having to meet these criteria for the eight-hour standard.

6. Discussion of the Draft 2030 Population, Housing and Employment Projections for the Winston-Salem Urban Area

Presented by Chris Murphy.

- This is part of the LRTP which was just discussed in item 4.
- Before NCDOT and FHWA can begin their air quality work, we have to update our socio-economic data.
- The current air quality conformity determination was made off the social-economic projections that were made in the mid-90s. They have probably been updated since then but the horizon year at that point was 2025.
- In order for us to update the LRTP and have the correct horizon year for the plan, we have to actually take the 2025 socio-economic data and project that out to the year 2030.
- WSDOT and CCPB staff will be working on analyzing the 2025 data, comparing it to some of the changes that may have occurred in areas that we weren't anticipating, seeing how we need to tweak those numbers for 2025 and then looking at projecting those numbers out to 2030.

- That information will come back before this group in July for your consideration and adoption. It's a tight time frame. It will be a lot of information, but it's something that we need to have adopted at that point in order to keep on the schedule so we can have something approved before the May 28, 2005 lapse date.
- Not to further confuse things too much more, but some of you may be aware that we are also working on a new travel demand model with PART with the horizon year of 2035 so we're going to be doing these things simultaneously.
- We're doing the same thing, but they're not related.
- We have to do the 2030 numbers for this update and then for subsequent updates we'll have the 2035 numbers that will then be plugged into the Long Range Transportation Plan.

7. Review of Amendments to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan Map and Technical Report

Presented by Greg Venable.

- Add a Portion of Davidson County to the MPO
  - Add a Portion of Davie County and the entire Town of Bermuda Run to the MPO
  - Add a Portion of Stokes County and the entire City of King to the MPO
  - Realign and Extend the Proposed Patterson Avenue Extension, from E. Third Street to the Proposed Salem Creek Connector
  - Add the Proposed Linden Street Extension, from E. Third Street to the Proposed Patterson Avenue Extension
  - Relocate the Proposed Bunker Hill Road/Sandy Ridge Road Extension in Kernersville
- Greg Venable presented a map of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan, a list of additions and changes to the Thoroughfare Plan by county, and Street and Highway Inventory lists for Davie County, Davidson County, and Stokes County. A copy of each is on file.
  - Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. is the only north/south connector east of US 52. Its vital function for that part of the community should be kept in mind throughout the planning process.
  - Ken White: Is there a timetable for these projects? Greg Venable answered that projects on the Thoroughfare Plan will vary regarding estimated date of implementation. Other projects not yet on the Thoroughfare Plan are long-range goals.
  - Dan Besse: Idols Road extension into Davie County would probably require a new bridge over the Yadkin River.
  - Mike Horn: When changes occur within a local municipality, what is the involvement of Winston-Salem? Greg Venable: We present it to the TCC and they present it to the municipalities. Mr. Horn noted that it is the TCC representative's responsibility to report back to their elected officials.
  - Larry Williams: When this was developed the City of Winston-Salem worked with the municipalities. Citizens are given an opportunity for input during the public hearing process.

8. Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Planning Report

Presented by Greg Venable.

- WSDOT recently hired a graduate from UNC-G who is collecting data on our sidewalk system. She will be gathering information on width, condition, obstructions, handicapped accessibility, etc. and working from the outer edges of the county in toward Winston-Salem.
- At the TCC meeting, representatives of the smaller municipalities asked that she notify them when she would be in their area as they may have valuable information to share with her.

9. Bicycle and Greenway Planning Report

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- Lakesha Dunbar updated the committee on numerous issues, including on-going greenway issues, the bicycle advisory commission, and the bicycle plan. She also reported that Winston-Salem was not selected as A Bicycle Friendly Community this year. The comments from reviewers were encouraging and let us know what we need to work on. A copy of the letter is on file.
- Walter Marshall asked to be included with the group of people to meet with the Railroad company to discuss the easement for the tunnel underneath the rail line for the Brushy Fork Trail.

10. NCDOT Division 9 Report

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- An update for each major project in the area is on file.
- A list of future projects is also included.
- At this point, no additional information on the Northern Beltway is available.

11. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Report

Presented by James Upchurch.

- The Transportation Planning Branch has been looking at standards for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) which will eventually replace the Thoroughfare Plan. Details will be available later this year.

12. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Report

Brent McKinney had to leave the meeting so there was no report from PART.

13. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report

Presented by Pat Reagan.

a. Update on Early Action Compact (EAC) for Ozone Reduction

- All submittals were submitted by the appropriate deadline.
- The Final Ozone Action Plan, which was due March 31, 2004, was approved by the EPA so we are officially an EAC area. A handout is on file.
- As expected, the Triad area was listed as a non-attainment area, but the deferral date was extended.
- Chairman Williams thanked Dan Besse for his service on the EAC committee.

b. Particle Pollution (PM 2.5) Designations

- There is no new information on Particle Pollution Designations.

c. Air Quality Report

- Air Quality data (YTD) is on file.

14. Discussion of MPO Handbooks with Transportation Planning Information for TCC and TAC Members

Presented by Chris Murphy.

- The handbooks are ready to be proofed and should be available at the July meetings.

Billy Joe Kepley left the meeting.

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

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The actual dates for the Certification Review will be August 3-5, 2004.
- A public meeting will be held on August 3rd to allow members of the public to submit comments about the planning process.
- Material related to the review was mailed to members prior to the meeting and is on file.

- Larry Williams: Where is this going to happen? Greg Errett: The three day review will be in our offices, but the public meeting will be here in this fifth floor room.
- Doc Davis asked for verification of the dates. It will be August 3-5, 2004.

16. Review of Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

MOTION: Charlie Wolff moved to adjourn.

SECOND: Richard Linville

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None