

**MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2003  
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2003; 4:15 P.M.  
THE WINSTON ROOM  
AT THE LAWRENCE JOEL VETERANS MEMORIAL COLISEUM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem  
Ed Brewer, Mayor, Village of Clemmons  
Carolyn Byerly, Mayor Pro Temp, City of King  
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, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary  
Keith Snow, Councilman, Village of Tobaccoville  
Bob Stebbins, Mayor, Town of Lewisville  
Chuck Whitman, Councilman, Town of Bermuda Run  
Larry Williams, Mayor, Town of Rural Hall  
Charlie Wolfe, Commissioner, Town of Bethania

**STAFF PRESENT:** Greg Errett, Stan Polanis, Greg Turner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Lakesha Dunbar (WSDOT), Roger Henderson (Kimley-Horn), Pat Ivey (NCDOT), Wendy Miller (WSDOT), Pat Reagan (FCEAD), Scott Rhine (PART), Suzanne Tellechea (WSTA), Greg Venable (WSDOT)

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Shelly Stewart, City-County Planning Board

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR NC ASSEMBLYMAN AND FORMER MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF CLEMMONS BILL MCGEE**
  - Mr. McGee was unable to attend today's meeting. The certificate will be mailed to Mr. McGee.
2. **WELCOME OF NEW TAC MEMBERS**
  - Chairman Larry Williams welcomed the new members and invited them to introduce themselves.

- Keith Snow, Councilman in Tobaccoville; Billy Joe Kepley, Davidson County Commissioner; Carolyn Byerly, Mayor Pro-Tem, City of King; and Chuck Whitman, Council member, Town of Bermuda Run were present. After their introductions, the other members introduced themselves.
- Larry Williams noted that the Town of Lewisville will hold elections before the next TAC meeting. Due to the Town's term limitations, Mayor Stebbins is not eligible to run again. Hence this will be his last meeting as a representative of the Town of Lewisville. Mayor Williams expressed the Committee's appreciation to Mayor Stebbins.

### **3. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 17, 2003 MEETING**

MOTION: Bob Stebbins moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Walter Marshall

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

### **4. CONSIDERATION OF THE 2003 TRANSPORTATION NEEDS REPORT PLANNING PROCESS AND CRITERIA**

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- Wendy Miller briefly reviewed the 2003 Transportation Needs Planning Process and Ranking Criteria, indicating the changes made to the existing resolution.
- Factors which are considered in ranking projects include: Air Quality; Safety; Congestion; Community Transportation Benefits; Community Investment; and Compatibility With Local Plans

MOTION: Ed Brewer moved adoption of the procedures and approval of the resolution.

SECOND: Bob Stebbins

- Dan Besse: Under procedures, it states that each submitting body shall submit one project per TAC member for evaluation process. There are different categories such as bicycle and pedestrian projects and surface transportation projects. Could we make it clear that jurisdictions don't have to choose between pedestrian projects and surface transportation projects? I am very interested in pedestrian access, but it wouldn't be fair to my jurisdiction to put those projects up against surface transportation projects.
- Larry Williams: Let's clarify that in the document.
- Dan Besse: Please explain what a "Have-to" project is.
- Wendy Miller: Anything State and Federal Governments see as a must-do project falls into this category. Those projects usually go outside this process as far as prioritization.
- Larry Williams: If a jurisdiction has a project on the "Have-to" list, that will not count against the jurisdiction's submittal to the rankings list.

- Dan Besse: If plans are compatible with local plans they are given positive points. If the plans are against adopted land use plans, do they have points taken away?
- Wendy Miller: No, sir. They would get no points which would put them at a strong disadvantage.
- Chuck Whitman: Regional projects do not impact a jurisdiction's submittal allowance.
- Larry Williams: Is there any way we can get the information which staff uses to rank the projects? That would be helpful if we have several projects to submit. We can determine which of our projects would be most likely to be ranked the highest. That would impact our decision regarding which project to submit.
- Wendy Miller: We are going to rely on FCEAD for air quality, while most of the remaining criteria will be dealt with in-house. We can certainly help you with that.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

- There is a public input meeting for Division 9 on October 29th at the Davie County Public Library in Mocksville. The meeting is scheduled from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM.

**5. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2004-2010 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP)**

Presented by Suzanne Tellechea.

- We had not received the final money allocations when this report was presented to you at the last meeting. We have now received those allocations and need your vote to formally adopt the MTIP.

MOTION: Bob Stebbins moved to accept and adopt the MTIP.

SECOND: Ed Brewer

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Allen Joines left the meeting.

**Information Items**

**6. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT US 52 INTERIM IMPROVEMENTS STUDY**

Presented by Greg Errett and Roger Henderson, Kimley-Horn Associates.

- Study is being done because safety and congestion are such problems on US 52.
- The accident rate on US 52 is about double that of the State-wide average.

- Comments already heard have opposing points of view. All comments will be considered and weighed carefully.
- Distributed a handout listing the citizens information meetings that are currently planned.
- \$15 million is available for work on US 52.
- 12 miles of US 52 were examined (from I-40 Bypass to NC 65).
- Toll-free hotline for questions is 1-866-275-4636.
- Walter Marshall: It seems you propose to close a lot of access ramps where black communities are located. That comes across as saying that local people are not as important as those traveling through the area. That will not be satisfactory. I have a lot of opposition to some of these proposals unless they are done in a way that will benefit the communities which will be impacted
- Roger Henderson: That's a valid concern. I failed to address the mitigation type measures we are considering as part of the exchanges. Those measures would help tie the community together. For an example, consider the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Streets bridges. Part of that proposal is to connect Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive to the downtown area across the interstate. I will add those slides and cover that concern in future presentations. I appreciate your comment.
- Dan Besse: Have you spoken yet to the entities involved in Liberty Street redevelopment efforts?
- Roger Henderson: Yes. We had a one-on-one interview two years ago with the head of Pangaea and have another scheduled soon.
- Dan Besse: Be sure you've gotten input from projects that might have need of access to the freeway for commercial measures.
- Dan Besse: Have you talked with Winston-Salem State University about Stadium Drive?
- Roger Henderson: Yes. In addition, one open-house will be at the Anderson Center. We also will meet with campus leaders in the next six weeks to address issues specific to them. We will do the same with Salem College.
- Roger Henderson: A different project is underway to replace the bridges. The people involved in that project will be involved at the open houses also since the projects address the same areas.
- Billy Joe Kepley: I've had a lot of experience in trying to use those ramps. I would caution against closing shoulders, especially if you're going to close some ramps. This area is notorious for ice storms. If you are between ramps and have a collision or two and have a fire, there's no way to get a fire truck to the scene. That would be a concern of mine.
- Roger Henderson: The ideas don't have to all be done together; we want to hear what the public likes and doesn't like; that will say a lot to the State when it considers which ideas to implement.
- Keith Snow: Has it been considered for transport trucks to use only the right-hand lane from Business 40 north because of the hill at Stadium Drive?
- Roger Henderson: I will take that back as a consideration.

**7. REVIEW OF PROPOSED “SAFETEA” FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION BILL**

- Mr. Marley was unable to be here due to the Hurricane.
- Stan Polanis: SAFETEA is the new legislation which will replace TEA-21. Since SAFETEA is not completed, we will continue using the current funding structure until it is ready.

**8. NCDOT DIVISION 9 REPORT**

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- Distributed and reviewed updates on various road projects. A copy is on file.

NC Moving Ahead Program

- Distributed copies of the NC Moving Ahead information for Forsyth County and will supply information to other counties which are interested. Out of \$40M in Division 9, Forsyth County will receive \$9.5M. This project is basically for safety improvements on existing roads.

**9. PIEDMONT AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (PART) REPORT**

Scott Rhine did not have a report, but was available for questions.

**10. FORSYTH COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AIR QUALITY REPORT**

- A Review Early Action Compact (EAC) Ozone Reduction Strategies & Control Measures
- B Air Quality Report

Presented by Pat Reagan.

- There will be a meeting regarding the EAC on October 22nd in City Hall South at 7:00 PM.
- Dan Besse: This meeting is the scheduled public comment opportunity for this part of the Triad. The stakeholders committee hopes to have its preliminary thoughts ready by October 22 and get public comment on where we see the most promising strategies. We also expect to know by then what the State considers will be necessary.

## 11. CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The TAC meeting in November conflicts with the North Carolina Institute of Transportation Engineers meeting in Raleigh which several staff members need to attend. Staff is suggesting a tentative alternate date of Wednesday, November 19th. Please check your calendars and let Greg Errett know if this works for your schedule.
- The TAC may meet at the LJVM Coliseum again in November. It will depend on the state of readiness of the Fifth Floor Meeting Room in City Hall South.
- Larry Williams: If we meet here again, could we be seated in a “U” shape so we can see each other?

MOTION: Bob Stebbins moved to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Walter Marshall.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None.