

MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
MAY 15, 2008
4:15 P.M.
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Bessette, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Keith Snow, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Mike Horn, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Lewisville
Nancy Dunn, Member, NCDOT Board of Transportation
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Leon Inman, Chairman, Board of Commissioners, Stokes County
Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
John Bost, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Evelyn Terry, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Terri Fowler, Council Member, City of King
Robert Clark, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Kevin Bugg, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Kernersville, Alternate

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Bill Marley, FHWA
Andy Bailey, NCDOT
Wayne Davis, NCDOT
Cary Gentry, FCEAD
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT
Kevin Edwards, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS:

Ed Brewer, Former TAC Member, Village of Clemmons
George Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
David Hauser, Director of the Logistics and Distribution Cluster Piedmont Triad Partnership
L. B. Clayton with Old Dominion Freight Line Inc., Mid-South Region Vice President.

Chairman Williams presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Ed Brewer, Mayor, Village of Clemmons for his service on the Transportation Advisory Committee.

Chairman Williams stated that staff had requested the addition of an item to the agenda.

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval of the addition of item 2A.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Action Items

1. Consideration of the March 20, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Larry Williams.

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval.

SECOND: John Bost

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

2. Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Include Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Grant Funding Amounts and Project Recommendations

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- The SAFETEA-LU established two FTA human service transportation programs to provide transportation for low-income individuals who may live in the city core and work in suburban locations; and to provide services and facility improvements to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities.
- The Winston-Salem urban Area competitive grant selection process for JARC and New Freedom projects began on March 21, 2008, with the issue of a request for projects and legal advertisements.
- Six projects were independently reviewed and evaluated by a special committee comprised of members of the Greensboro MPO staff.
- In order to allocate the FTA funds, the 2007-2013 MTIP must be amended to show the projects selected for the urban area and the funding amounts for the JARC and New Freedom programs.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Robert Clark

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Additional Item:

2a. **Consideration of Amending the Fiscal Year 2007-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to Include Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds for projects in the Winston-Salem Urban Area**

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- WSTA and PART are requesting that amendments be made to the FY 2007-2013 MTIP so that CMAQ funds can be “flexed” from FHWA to FTA to purchase buses and develop park and ride lots.
- The funds will be administered through the Section 5307 Urban Area Formula program.
- The NCDOT has allocated CMAQ funds for use by transit systems to purchase buses and provide other services.
- In order to access the FTA funds, the 2007-2013 MTIP must be amended for Federal FY 2008 to show the projects with CMAQ funding “flexed” to FTA to purchase replacement buses for WSTA, to purchase six expansion buses and develop park and ride lots for PART.

Robert Clark requested information on the life of the WSTA buses and a cost savings analysis.

Keith Snow stated that he sat on the WSTA Board and the cost of the hybrid replacement buses was questionable at one time, however, now with air quality issues and the rising cost of gas, the hybrid buses are now more feasible.

Stan Polanis stated that he would have Art Barnes present a report on the replacement buses.

Nancy Dunn requested the report include environmental benefits, if possible.

A discussion ensued regarding PART bus capacity.

Nancy Dunn requested Brent McKinney present a report to the committee.

Stan Polanis responded to Evelyn Terry’s question stating that current WSTA maintenance staff is able to maintain the replacement buses.

MOTION: Leon Inman moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

3. **Update of the 2035 Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination Planning Process**

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- Staff is working on the final revisions to the 2035 LRTP and adjusting the financial plan information based on the release of the 2009-2015 TIP.
- The set of documents including the LRTP, AQDR, 2009-2015 MTIP and CTP conversion maps are scheduled to go out for public review on June 2nd.
- There is still potential for the schedule to shift into mid-June based on the release of the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report. We should know more about the status of the report next week.

- If the plan remains on schedule, we have five public involvement meetings in the month of June.
- Wendy distributed a handout with a list of the planned meeting dates and locations.
- Advertisements will be placed in all the local papers, on the website and TV 13 – airing spots right now – and distributed through an e-mail notice and newsletter mailing.
- The public comment period will end on July 7th. We will seek approval and endorsement from the City-County Planning Board on July 10th and bring the documents with comments to the TAC for your approval at the July 17th meeting.

4. **Review of STP-DA Funded Intersection and Traffic Signal System Improvements**

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- Lakesha distributed the list of projects submitted for funding.
- Seven projects were received prior to the March 20, 2008 deadline.
- The deadline was extended until April 14, 2008, and an additional five projects were received.
- Five projects were not approved, mostly due to traffic and/or engineering issues.
- The Task force met yesterday to review projects, and included staff from NCDOT and WSDOT.
- The municipalities have been contacted regarding the approved or not approved status of their projects.
- Additional information and updated-detailed cost estimates need to be provided prior to TAC approval.
- There may be an ample amount of funding available based on the previous recommendation that was brought to the TAC in March to fund all the approved projects.
- Once the updated estimates are received, if the total amount is not available, staff may request the previously recommend amounts be increased fro the FY 09 and FY 10 years.
- Plan to bring approved projects back to the TAC in July for approval.

Lakesha Dunbar responded to John Bost’s concerns stating that a median installed on Lewisville-Clemmons Road would not solve the safety issues at the Ramada Drive intersection and further stated that NCDOT is working on a feasibility study of Lewisville-Clemmons Road because the entire road needs a comprehensive review and not just that intersection.

A discussion ensued regarding NCDOT.

Lakesha Dunbar responded to Chairman Williams’ concerns stating that University Parkway and Hanes Mill Road area needs a comprehensive review for eliminating safety concerns/issues in that area.

A discussion ensued regarding funds available for the approved projects.

5. **Review of the Draft Fiscal Year 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination Process**

Presented by Fred Haith.

- WSDOT staff is in the process of reviewing the updated STIP.
- There are no conflicts between the STIP and the LRTP.
- The NCDOT will adopt the Final STIP in June, 2008.
- The MTIP will be brought back to the TAC/TCC for adoption in July 2008.
- The STIP/MTIP will be available during the LRTP public review period which will be June 3, 4, 5, 9, and 17, 2008.
- U-2800 Macy Grove Road is still on schedule and did not receive any cost increase.
- U-2925 Salem Creek Connector is still on schedule and received a cost increase of \$33,365,000.

- U-2579 Winston-Salem Northern Beltway (Eastern Section) initial construction is still on schedule for 2013 and received an overall cost increase of \$24,965,000.
- Fred distributed a list of candidate categories for Un-programmed STP-DA Funds
 - Currently, transit is slated to receive 20% of the available funding; Winston-Salem MPO Planning 5%; various greenways and sidewalk projects within the MPO area 35%; and, the remaining 40% would go to intersection improvements at various locations within the MPO area.
 - The allocation of the STP-DA funds will be adopted during the July 17th TAC meeting

6. **Presentation from the Piedmont Triad Roundtable for Logistics & Distribution**

Presented by Fred Haith.

- Representatives from the Piedmont Triad Regional Roundtable for Logistics and Distribution are present to report on Logistics and Distribution in the Piedmont Triad.
- Mr. C. David Hauser, Director of the Logistics and Distribution Cluster Piedmont Triad Partnership and Mr. L. B. Clayton with Old Dominion Freight Line Inc., Mid-South Region Vice President.
- The Piedmont Triad Regional Roundtable for Logistics and Distribution has been appointed by the Piedmont Triad Partnership (PTP) to determine the Piedmont Triad Regions strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in regards to logistics and distribution, while promoting the Partnership's workforce development initiative.
- The PTP is one of seven regional partnerships in North Carolina tasked with marketing and client development within our twelve county areas.
- The PTP is the lead organization for the U.S. Department of Labor-funded Workforce Innovations in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) initiative, which supports the development of an integrated regional economic development and workforce development strategy for the Piedmont Triad.

7. **NCDOT Division 9 Report**

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- A project update list was distributed.
- I-40 pavement rehab from NC 801 to Pinebrook School Road is on-schedule and completion is scheduled for September, 2008 at a cost of \$13,300,000.
- Harper Road/I-40 bridge replacement and widening add ramps is 8% ahead of schedule and completion is schedule for July, 2008 at a cost of \$7,983,000.
- Bridge replacement on Mizpah Church Road over Muddy Creek will begin construction in June 2008 with completion scheduled for the Fall of 2008 at a cost of \$598,671.
- Upgrade to US 52 to I-285 from I-40 to I-85 right-of-way acquisition to begin in FY 2009, project cost is \$8,225,000.
- Widen Clemmons Road from Old Salisbury Road to Main Street project to begin in FY 2009, project cost is \$9,940,000.

8. **NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Report**

Presented by Andy Bailey.

- Air quality analysis for LRTP is on going.
- Public meetings are scheduled for June.

- If any committee members have questions for Raleigh, please call.

9. **Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report**

Presented by Cary Gentry.

- Air Quality Notes handout was distributed
- EPA-Region 4 has taken direct and final action of the revised Triad 1-Hour Ozone Maintenance Plan.
- Revision allocated slightly more of the safety margin to the MVEB's in the Triad.
- EAC final rulemaking was April 15, 2008.
- One year after the effective date of this rulemaking, transportation conformity for the 1-hour ozone standard will no longer apply for the Triad area.
- All travel demand modeling is complete for the Triad area LRTP.
- Emission factor work is underway for the Triad area LRTP.
- Draft CDR complete and agency/public comment review period will begin in June of 2008.
- There have been 3 code orange days so far this season.
- There is new environmental information available at www.enviroflash.info/.

10. **Review of the Draft Comprehensive Transportation Plan Maps**

Presented by Kevin Edwards.

- The street and highway element of the CTP map has been presented to NCDOT for the first and second round of reviews.
- There will be one more final round of review for the street and highway element portion of the CTP map.
- There are four maps ready for review. There will be a total of five maps reviewed.
- The sidewalk map does not exist as of yet. The parameters have not been finalized by the state.
- The first map is the base map, the second map is the street and highway element, the third map is the commuter rail element and the fourth map is the bicycle element.
- The plan is for the CTP map to accompany the LRTP and TIP for public review.

11. **Bicycle and Greenway Subcommittee Planning Report**

Presented by Greg Errett.

Greenway Updates:

- Muddy Creek (Phase I remainder) – Municipal Agreement signed; must be completed by September 30, 2008. Access could not be built at Country Club Road without additional right-of-way, NCDOT allowed construction to stop at the end of Jamison Park.
- Muddy Creek (Phase I & II) – Necessary right-of-way was not acquired until January, 2008. An additional delay occurred due to a misunderstanding on the termination point of this phase, necessitating additional design work. Designs are now almost complete and bidding should be complete by May, 2008.
- Muddy Creek (Phase III to Philips Bridge) - Nothing new to report
- Brushy Fork – HDR has now been hired to go through the process of flood map revisions upstream of the railroad. Alan Hine with City Recreation and Parks has been handling this process. To date the project has been shortened to Old Greensboro Road south to Lowery Street. Preliminary surveying has been completed. The right-of-way requests along Brushy Fork Creek are being developed by the City's Real Estate Office.
- Salem Creek Extension – Nothing new to report.

12. **Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Subcommittee Planning Report**

Presented by Greg Errett.

Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities:

- CMAQ/STP-DA funds - The three municipalities with CMAQ funds: Clemmons, Rural Hall and Winston Salem, have received a one-year extension on their projects.
- Keith Simpson is working on the site plans for bike racks. Plans need to be sent to Brett Abernethy for NCDOT approval.
- Kimberly Park teachers, parents and City/County staff are working on a “walk to school” day. Sheila Bogan with the Forsyth County Health Department is coordinating this effort.

13. **Review of Calendar of Activities**

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The next TAC meeting will be July 17, 2008.

14. **Other Business/Next Meeting**

ADJOURNMENT 5:58 p.m.