

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 26, 2009
4:15 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR, CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM,
WINSTON-SALEM CITY HALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Bessette, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Dawn Morgan, Mayor, Town of Kernersville
Mike Horn, Council Member, Town of Lewisville
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Evelyn Terry, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Keith Snow, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Richard Linville, Commissioner, Forsyth County
George Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Thomas McKim, Forsyth County Airport Commission
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall

STAFF PRESENT:

Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Connie Curtis, WSDOT
Greg Turner, City of Winston-Salem
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT
Tim Shields, Town of Kernersville

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS:

Robin Dean

1. Citizen Comments.

Robin Dean, 3523 Lawrence Street, Clemmons, stated that \$8 million in Stimulus funds is not a lot of money for transportation projects. Please consider using funds for one significant project versus several small projects.

Action Items

2. Consideration of Items Related to Funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, aka Stimulus Funds.

Chairman Williams stated a letter from NCDOT had been received regarding the Stimulus funds. The letter was distributed to TAC members via email prior to the meeting and provided to members today with the meeting agenda.

Dan Besse stated he was pleased with the letter and was as good of a guarantee as the committee would receive.

Chairman Williams submitted an additional scenario regarding the stimulus funding for consideration and stated that his scenario is similar to Scenario A.

Stan Polanis stated that Pat Ivey had additional information for the committee.

- Pat Ivey distributed Stimulus Recommendations Options 1 and 2 and a resurfacing map.
- Pat Ivey told the TAC that the MPO would receive the \$11.15 million in non-stimulus STP-DA funding (previously allocated to project R-2201) to be allocated at the discretion of the TAC to projects in the Winston-Salem Urban Area, regardless of the TAC's decision on the use of \$8.2 million in Stimulus funds.
- US 52 bridge project had only been listed as example in materials distributed at the March 19 TAC meeting.
- Nancy Dunn was consulted regarding projects and their ranking.
- Resurfacing funds are going to be non-existent for the next few years with current NCDOT resources. Resurfacing is important and a good way to spread Stimulus funds throughout the Division.

Stan Polanis responded to Dawn Morgan's question stating that the call for projects will depend on how the TAC votes to distribute the Stimulus funds.

A discussion ensued regarding the call for projects.

A discussion ensued regarding selecting resurfacing or various projects to for use of the Stimulus funding.

Pat Ivey responded to Chairman Williams' questions stating that if Stimulus funds aren't used for resurfacing, there is no schedule of when funds will be available for resurfacing.

Pat Ivey responded to Allen Joines' question stating that Option 1 over programming of \$1.2 million is not an issue due to the bids currently coming in are under estimates and should cover the overage.

A discussion ensued regarding secondary road resurfacing and other funds available for resurfacing projects.

Dan Besse stated that he is not ready to choose resurfacing over intersection improvements.

Dawn Morgan made a motion to approve Option 1. The motion was duly seconded by George Byrum.

Mike Horn stated that he would like to see Forsyth County share costs for resurfacing projects.

A discussion ensued regarding using partial Stimulus funds for resurfacing and partial funds for other projects.

MOTION: Allen Joines made a substitute motion that Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) of the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO allocates \$6 million of its \$8.2 million in federal economic stimulus funds to NCDOT to enable NCDOT to undertake I-40 pavement rehabilitation. The MPO retains \$2.2 million in stimulus funds to be allocated to local projects under the call for projects due on March 27, 2009. The TAC recommends that any surplus funds realized by NCDOT from lower than expected bids on Division 9 resurfacing projects (estimated at \$1.2 million) be utilized for resurfacing work in Forsyth County, with first priority being SR 1965 Belews Creek Road (project #8 on the map handout) and second priority, SR 1611 King-Tobaccoville Road (project #9 on the map handout).

SECOND: Evelyn Terry

VOTE:

FOR: Allen Joines, Dan Besse, Mike Horn, Allen Todd, Evelyn Terry, and Larry Williams.

AGAINST: Dawn Morgan, Keith Snow, George Byrum, Randy Mendenhall, and Richard Linville

ADJOURNMENT 5:30 pm