

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY
TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
JANUARY 16, 2003
2:00 P.M.
CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL SOUTH**

TCC MEMBERS PRESENT

Art Barnes, Winston-Salem Transit Authority
Dan Corder, Manager of Village of Tobaccoville
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Frank James, Manager of Town of Rural Hall
Chris Murphy, City-County Planning Board
Pat Reagan, Forsyth County Environmental Affairs
Scott Rhine, PART
Bill Roberts, Manager of Town of Walkertown
Tim Shields, Public Works Director of Town of Kernersville
Greg Turner, Assistant City Manager of Public Works for Winston-Salem
James Upchurch, NCDOT
George Hauser, Town of Lewisville

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Lakesha Dunbar, Wendy Miller, Stan Polanis, Greg Venable

OTHERS PRESENT: Beth Dirks (Town Manager of Bermuda Run), John Robertson (Northwest COG)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Shelly Stewart

ACTION ITEMS

Chairman Greg Turner opened the meeting. He stated that information had been recently received from the Town Manager of Bermuda Run indicating that Bermuda Run does have public streets. As a result, Mr. Turner requested that Item #3, Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Proposed Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Voting Structure Recommended by the TCC/TAC Task Force, be pulled from the agenda. The committee would like a chance to reconsider its recommendation based on this new information.

MOTION: Frank James moved to continue Item #3, **Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Proposed Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Voting Structure Recommended by the TCC/TAC Task Force**, to the February 20, 2003 meeting.

SECOND: Dan Corder.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Greg Turner indicated that his presence was required at another meeting and he would return as soon as possible. He then turned the meeting over to Greg Errett before leaving.

1. **Consideration of Minutes from the November 21, 2002 Meeting**

MOTION: Scott Rhine moved to approve the minutes as written.

SECOND: Frank James

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

2. **Consideration of a New Urbanized Area Boundary (UZA) Map for Development of a New National Functional Classification System Plan**

Presented by James Upchurch.

With the expansion of the Urbanized Area Boundary (UZA) from the 2000 United States Census, NCDOT must develop a new Federal Functional Classification System Plan for our urban area. The plan will define which streets and highways will be classified on the system as well whether they will be urban or rural. A ■smoothing• process will take place to smooth out the rough edges of the UZA that will ensure that entire segments of roadway are consistently designated as either urban or rural.

MOTION: Frank James moved approval

SECOND: Pat Ivey

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. **Consideration of a Resolution to Approve the Proposed Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Voting Structure Recommended by the TCC/TAC Task Force**

As a result of the expansion to the Metropolitan Area Boundary (MAB) map and to our 2000 U.S. Census designated urbanized area, five (5) additional units of local government will be invited to join the Winston- Salem Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). In order to ensure participation by the new units of local government but maintain the relative strength of the current voting structure, the TAC created the TCC/TAC Task Force to develop an acceptable voting structure.

NOTE: This item was moved to the front of the agenda. Please see the beginning of the minutes for further information.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. Consideration of the MPO Consolidation Study Report

Presented by James Upchurch.

Under, Section 5, Article 16 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes (formerly North Carolina House Bill 1288) was amended so that the Governor and the Secretary of Transportation, in cooperation with MPOs, shall initiate an evaluation of the boundaries, structure, and governance of each MPO in the State. NCDOT will present the draft report for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Urban Area.

Wendy Miller, Greg Venable, and Lakesha Dunbar arrived.

- X Scott Rhine: I noted that Greensboro's report suggests different action than our report suggests for joint projects. James Upchurch: Thank you for catching that. We will check the consistency of the documents before they go forward.
- X Bill Roberts: I think everyone should have an equal vote within the organization. I don't think it is right for some entities to have more weight than others.

5. Review of the Draft Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Presented by Greg Errett.

Each year the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to develop and approve a Planning Work Program (PWP). Since our urban area has become a designated Transportation Management Area (TMA) this year, the PWP is required to be called as a ■Unified• PWP (UPWP). The UPWP identifies what transportation planning projects and work tasks will be completed during the fiscal year and the amount of federal and State highway and transit planning funds that will be used to complete the work. The draft Fiscal Year 2003-2004 PWP will be sent to the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) by Friday January 17, 2003 for their review and comment. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 UPWP will be considered for approval at the Thursday, February 20th meetings. The UPWP must be approved by the TAC by March 1, 2002.

- X Bill Roberts: Does all the City's transportation planning come through DOT? Greg Errett explained that the City DOT has transportation planners, like himself, who work in his section. In addition, the Planning staff, Forsyth County Environmental Affairs, NCDOT, WSTA, and other departments provide additional planning services so it is a cooperative effort.
- X The UPWP will be taken to the TAC next month as an action item.

6. **Review of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Draft Policy Guidelines for the Programming of Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Direct Attributable (DA) Funding**

Presented by Greg Errett.

Since our urban area has become a designated Transportation Management Area (TMA) this year, our urban area is now eligible to program Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Direct Attributable (DA) Funds. DA funds are administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and can be used on STP eligible projects such as new roads, road widenings and intersection improvement projects, public transportation operations, greenway and sidewalk construction, landscaping, and transportation planning.

NCDOT has indicated that our urban area has available approximately \$3 million of funds to be used at the discretion of the MPO. These funds are not new funds but are funds that come from projects already programmed in the State TIP. Our MPO has the authority to fund our high priority projects but an existing TIP project must be delayed or possibly deleted for this to occur.

To guide the use of these funds, NCDOT has developed a draft set of policy guidelines for both independent and incidental projects.

- X James Upchurch: Guidelines are in the process of being updated? Greg Errett: Yes.
- X Tim Shields asked for verification that funds cannot be utilized until 2004.
- X Frank James: These funds are designated for projects that are already existing.
- X Tim Shields: This includes non construction? Greg Errett: That's right. The subcommittee can look at many projects in the City, County, or other jurisdictions.
- X Bill Roberts: Do any of these cover Walkertown? Greg Errett: There are projects specified for Walkertown and they are in Needs Report. If you need copies for your council, we have plenty and will be glad to get some for you.
- X Greg Errett: NCDOT discourages us from messing with the first two years of the projects because plans are already in the works for a lot of those projects. One of the provisions of these funds is that we can use them for brand new TIP projects in the last years, or we can use them sooner, but we will have to delay or delete an existing TIP project.

7. **Review of the Draft Fiscal Year 2004-2010 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**

Presented by Wendy Miller.

In June, NCDOT released the draft Fiscal Year 2004-2010 STIP to begin the public review process and for MPOs to develop their Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (MTIP). Enclosed is the draft Fiscal Year 2004-2010 MTIP and a schedule of the proposed process to develop and approve the MTIP. The 2004-2010 MTIP is out for public review and comment from January 16, 2003 to February 17, 2003.

- X Bill Roberts: Will there be information sent out on comments received? Wendy Miller: Yes. A copy of all the comments received in their entirety (minus profanity or inappropriate language) becomes part of the record and is available for public review.

8. **NCDOT Division 9 Report**

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- X U2926 (Waughtown roundabout project) This is the first multilane roundabout in the State, so we've had an expert come in and he made some suggestions of things that had been overlooked. Letting has been delayed until April.
- X Business 40 - MLK, Jr. Dr. to US 158 has been pushed back to July 2003 due to right-of-way issues. We also added additional work such as the rehabilitation of bridges over the creek and Lowry Street. That adds some time, but will allow us to coordinate much better with Salem Creek project.
- X Wendy Miller: Have you heard anything about enhancements? Pat Ivey: They were actually approved by the Board the last time. I don't have a list with me, but there were two or three in Winston-Salem, one in Kernersville, and one in Bethania.

9. **Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Report**

Presented by Scott Rhine.

A. **Passenger Rail Transportation Studies**

- X The document is out for public review now. We're still planning on going to the Board of Transportation at their February meeting, but there is still some work to be done before then.

B. **Regional Bus Transportation Service**

- X We are averaging 6,000 passenger trips a month. A passenger trip is measured in the standard way, passenger boardings: each time a person enters and exits a vehicle is considered one trip. The definite date of opening of that facility, per the contractor, is February 7.

C. **Piedmont Triad Airport Area Transportation Plan**

- X We put four alternative alignments out for public review and are now down to three alignments. The next meeting is January 28.
- X Tim Shields: Which alternative was taken off? Scott Rhine: Alternative #1 was taken off. We've also received some comments about the need to consider some alignments that have a higher degree of local access in that area.
- X Tim Shields: From a construction and feasibility aspect, how much thought has been given to peeling off the new leg from the I-40 split? Scott Rhine: I would certainly never discredit the marvels of good engineering, so anything is possible. That particular interchange is one of the most complicated in terms of constructability. The rest of the segments themselves don't have that degree of difficulty from a constructability standard. It has the greatest potential and benefit.
- X Greg Errett: Will this body have to take any action? Scott Rhine: It is primarily a Greensboro action. I think the thing that will be most beneficial would be for this group and any other group to endorse the alignments they prefer.
- X Tim Shields: My question to you? Do we put together a resolution for our TAC to adopt? Scott Rhine: That would be a good thing to do. There is a lot of pressure on the group from businesses and residents, so it would be good to let them know your opinion.

Pat Ivey and Tim Shields left the meeting.

Greg Turner returned to the meeting.

10. **Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Air Quality Report**

Presented by Pat Reagan.

A. **Early Action Compact (EAC)**

- X EAP received the EAC and signed it on December 30; that leaves us with a list of things to do by June 16th including compiling a list of the control strategies we will use to implement the plan. John Robertson said his understanding is that those are strategies we are considering but that each strategy does not have to be implemented. Pat Reagan will check on that.
- X Our department will host a brainstorming session tomorrow morning in our board room for anyone who has comments about regulatory or voluntary control measures at 10am.
- X There will be a meeting in Charlotte on February 4th at 10 a.m. State representatives as well as the Council of Governments will be there. It will be a chance to get some ideas and compare our program to similar programs that are already in place. It will be a reality check for our plans.
- X Bill Roberts: Are the basic global control measures we are going to use basically more of the same that we are using now to meet the one-hour standards? Do we need to come up with some radical procedures? Pat Reagan: The ones I know of for sure that we're planning to incorporate include the incorporation of low sulfur gases by 2006, reformulated diesel fuels the same year, the NOX-SIT call, and the reduction in Belews Creek Power Plant as well as alternatively fueled buses and fleets for State operated fleets. That's starting in the 2005-2006 time frame. Those are the biggest ones that stand out right now. They are part of State laws and bills that have already been passed. There are also other ones that are smaller in nature and we're obviously open to other suggestions that can be made.
- X Duke Power's two new units will come on line during 2005-2006.

11. **Calendar of Activities**

Presented by Greg Errett.

- X The next TCC and TAC meetings will be February 20th and March 20th.
- X Stan Polanis: Winston-Salem will be hosting Southern District ITE conference which includes nine states. The dates are April 13-16th.