

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
JANUARY 21, 2010
2:00 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Bessette, CCPB
Lee Rollins, Town of Bermuda Run
Cary Gentry, FCEAD
Brian Ulrich, Town of Kernersville, Alternate
Lakesha Dunbar, Forsyth County, Alternate
Robert Prestwood, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Frank James, Town of Rural Hall
Scott Leonard, Davidson County, Alternate
Cecil Wood, Town of Lewisville
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Phillip Vereen, WSTA, Alternate
Gary Looper, Village of Clemmons
Amy Litz, Davie County, Alternate
Dan Corder, Village of Tobaccoville
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Andy Bailey, NCDOT

PRESIDING: Stan Polanis, Chairman, WSDOT

STAFF PRESENT:

Kevin Edwards, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

1. Citizen Comments

No citizens present.

Stan Polanis congratulated Margaret Bessette for being recognized by the City of Winston-Salem as a top employee.

Action Items

2. Welcome to New Members

No new members present.

3. Election of Officers

Presented by Chairman Stan Polanis.

MOTION: Frank James moved that Stan Polanis be nominated as Chair and that Greg Errett be nominated as Vice Chair.

SECOND: Pat Ivey

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of the November 19, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Presented by Stan Polanis.

MOTION: Margaret Bessette moved approval.

SECOND: Greg Errett

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

5. Discussion of the Planning Process to Amend the Triad Area PM 2.5 Conformity Determination to Add State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Project I-2304 (Interstate 85 Bridges Replacement over the Yadkin River in Davidson County)

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- The NCDOT, the NCDENR, the FHWA and the EPA have completed an amendment to the air quality conformity analysis and determination for PM 2.5 in anticipation of federal funds becoming available for the I-85 Yadkin River Bridge Project.
- Initially, NCDOT and FHWA thought that processing the amendment for only the rural portion of Davidson County was sufficient, however, EPA requires that all four MPOs

- take action on the conformity determination by their February meetings.
- As required by our Public Participation Policy, the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination Report Amendment is available for public review and comment for thirty days starting on January 6 and ending on February 8, 2010.
- All comments on the draft air quality report and staff's response to the comments will be provided to you when staff asks for your adoption of the attached resolution at the February 18, 2010 meeting.

6. Discussion of a Draft Resolution in Support of Modifying and Improving the Equity Formula Used to Distribute Federal and State Transportation Funds

Presented by Chairman Stan Polanis.

- High Point Mayor Smothers has sent a request for Winston-Salem to support the effort to review how North Carolina funds the transportation system starting with evaluating the Transportation Equity Formula.
- The North Carolina legislature implemented its Transportation Equity Formula as a result of the 1989 Highway Trust Fund Law.
- The NCDOT anticipates \$65 billion in unmet transportation needs through 2030.
- The formula uses three factors to divide up funding: the uncompleted portion of the intrastate highway system, population and an equal share.
- The NCDOT is developing a new objective multi-modal project prioritization process intended to maximize mobility, safety and infrastructure health and the Transportation Equity Formula does not consider any of these factors in distributing transportation funds.
- High Point did not indicate to whom the resolution would be sent, however, we would send such a resolution to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and to the local legislature delegation.

7. MPO Staff Reports – Questions for Staff

- a. **NCDOT Transportation Projects Update**
- b. **Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Air Quality Notes & Report**
- c. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update**
- d. **TAC Administrative Issues**

Presented by Margaret Bessette.

- Please be sure to update your phone and/or email information on the roster being circulated.
 - Please notify Shelly Steward when you will not attend a meeting, also notify your alternate so he/she can attend.
 - New handbook will be distributed with updated information.
 - Also accepting any suggestions for additions to the handbook for improvement.
- e. **Federal Stimulus (ARRA) Projects Update**

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- All projects have received NCDOT concurrence and met the December 31st deadline for contract execution.

- All project bids came in under their original estimate.
- The Division 9 office held an ARRA update meeting on January 7 to ensure that all the project managers are informed of the reporting requirement. It was stressed that the same process and regulations must be used to get construction authorization and be maintained on all Federally funded projects.
- Most pre-construction meetings have been held and notice to proceed dates have been set.
- Walkertown is the first project in the MPO that has broken ground. There is an estimated completion date of March 4th.
- Some reporting has begun and once the projects begin construction, there will be monthly reporting forms due.

8. Discussion on the Programming Options of Available Federal Surface Transportation Program – Direct Attributable (STP-DA) Funds

Presented by Greg Errett.

- There is currently \$13.4 million available in un-programmed STP-DA funds.
- Some of the new categories included for those funds are the traffic signal system upgrades, WS streetcar planning study, enhancements and bus stop improvements.
- Funds will also be dispersed in supplemental planning, bicycle and pedestrian, intersection improvements and WSTA transit projects.
- Does not include the local 20% match.
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9. Review of the Schedule for the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Self Certification of the MPO's Transportation Planning Process

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Each year the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO is required to develop and approve a 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, plus the required local matches.
- We are beginning to identify what transportation planning projects we need to complete during Fiscal Year 2010-2011 (July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011).
- We encourage you to participate in the development of next year's UPWP by identifying and describing (in detail) any transportation planning projects your community or agency would like to see completed next year.
- We will try to accommodate your requests as staff time and resources allow.
- You may send a hard copy, an e-mail or fax of your requests to us for consideration by Friday February 12, 2010.
- From your suggestions and requests, the draft Fiscal Year 2010-2011 UPWP will be presented to the TCC and the TAC at the February 18, 2010 meetings and then sent to the NCDOT and to federal agencies by Monday February 22, 2009 for their review and comment.
- Also, as part of the process in developing the annual UPWP, we are required to conduct an annual self-certification of the MPO's transportation planning process.
- We will complete the self-certification documentation and provide that to you at the February and March TCC/TAC meetings for your review and consideration.

10. Review of the 2010 MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- There will be a loop prioritization webinar on January 27, 2010 from 1 – 4 pm.
- Next TCC meeting will be February 18, 2010.

11. Other Business/Adjourn Meeting

ADJOURNMENT 2:50 p.m.