

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
NOVEMBER 19, 2003
2:00 P.M.
CITY HALL SOUTH, SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Scott Barrow, City of King
Rosemary Deemer, City County Planning Board
Lakesha Dunbar, Winston-Salem Department of Transportation
Greg Errett, Winston-Salem Department of Transportation
Bob Greback, Town of Lewisville
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Scott Leonard, Davidson County Planning
Bill Marley, Federal Highway Administration
Wendy Miller, Winston-Salem Department of Transportation
Chris Murphy, City County Planning Board
Stan Polanis, Winston-Salem Department of Transportation
Pat Reagan, Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department
Van Sullivan, Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department
Greg Turner, City of Winston-Salem
James Upchurch, Statewide Planning, NCDOT
Greg Venable, Winston-Salem Department of Transportation

PRESIDING: Stan Polanis, Chair

RECORDING SECRETARY: Shelly Stewart, City County Planning Board

Action Items

1. Consideration of Minutes from the September 18, 2003 Meeting

MOTION: Greg Errett moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Greg Turner

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

2. Consideration of the 2004 TCC and TAC Schedule of Meetings, and Review of Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett

- Mr. Errett reviewed the 2004 TCC and TAC Schedule of Meetings, and Review of Calendar of Activities.

MOTION: Chris Murphy moved approval of the Schedule of Meetings for 2004 and the Calendar of Activities.

SECOND: Pat Ivey

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

3. Endorsement of Prioritized Funded, Partially Funded and Unfunded Street and Highway Projects in the 2004-2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the 2003 Transportation Needs Report

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- This item will be considered in January 2004.

4. Review of the 2003 Transportation Needs Report Projects

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- Distributed list of highway projects submitted by the communities for the 2003 Transportation Needs Report.
- The safety scores are not yet finished, but will be mailed prior to the January 2004 meeting, when this item will be considered.

5. Review of the Vehicle Occupancy Count (VOC) Study

Presented by Greg Venable.

- The rider-occupancy rate per vehicle dropped between the 1999 study and the 2003 study. A contributing reason for the decline may be the relatively low cost of petroleum products and the convenience of automobiles.

6. Review of the Prospectus for Transportation Planning

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Mr. Errett distributed copies of the draft Prospectus for Transportation Planning
- This item will be on the January 2004 agenda for your consideration.

7. Review of Proposed "SAFETEA" Federal Transportation Bill

Presented by Bill Marley, Transportation Planning, Federal Highway Administration, and coordinator for the Winston-Salem MPO.

- Reviewed proposed provisions of SAFETEA (Safe Accountable Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act) bill of 2003.
- There is a web-site with further information. That address is www.fhwa.dot.gov
- As of the date of this meeting, the SAFETEA bill has not been adopted.

8. NCDOT Division 9 Report (Pat Ivey)

Presented by Pat Ivey.

a. General Report

- US 421/Bus. 40 between US 158 and Linville Road: The weather has set us back from June 2005 to late 2005 or spring/summer of 2006.
- Section of Bus. 40 from MLK to US 158 is going much better. Anticipate all lanes open prior to Christmas since things are a little bit ahead of schedule. Phase two (continuing toward US 158) will probably begin in the spring. We still have a couple of years of one-lane traffic in this area of Bus. 40.
- The Old Salem Roundabout on Main Street is finally going much better.
- Lewisville-Clemmons Road is ahead of schedule. The completion date is June 2004. We've finished the majority of the work now. We will have some final surfacing and islands that will be installed in the spring, along with the pavement markings.
- Relocation of US 311 north of Walkertown has been delayed by rain. The contractor is doing the paving on the new section of roadway and it should be completed by spring 2004.
- There has been no change in the status of the Beltway. We anticipate public hearings on corridor selection for the eastern extension, probably next summer.

b. Possible Lane Restrictions for Trucks on US 52

- At the last TAC meeting, someone asked that we consider restricting trucks on US 52. The statistics for US 52 indicate only about 3% of the 1,200 accidents on US 52 over the last three years involved trucks. By State law, we typically don't restrict trucks unless there are at least three lanes of traffic in each direction. We feel restricting trucks to one lane may actually increase the accident rate where trucks are involved. We see no real benefit to anyone by doing that, so we would not recommend doing so at this time.

9. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Report

No one from PART was present to report.

10. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Air Quality Report

Presented by Pat Reagan

a. Review of Early Action Compact Ozone Reduction Strategies and Control Measures

- Hoy Boyhanon had a presentation to DAQ regarding the EAC and the modeling of projections out to 2007. Addressed how the NOX emissions from industry were looked at in 2007 and beyond. His contention is that the decrease of industries in Forsyth County would result in lower NOX emissions and therefore the projections were too high. While the presentation was accurate in predicting the NOX emission reduction from closing industries, both DAQ and our office felt that taking credit for those emissions reductions and projecting no growth for industry/industrial emissions over the next several years was not likely or smart. Forsyth County is still attempting to attract industry and we would rather err on the side of conservatism and not end up being designated as nonattainment.
- Greg Turner noted that any decline in air pollution from industry could be balanced by the increase in air pollution from reduced ridership and more miles traveled in vehicles.

b. Air Quality Report

- We had seven code orange and/or code red days which is down considerably from previous years. We definitely benefited from cooler temps and rains during the summer.

Greg Turner indicated that he would have the materials from the COG discussing the EAC strategies and adoption information sent to each jurisdiction.

MOTION: Pat Ivey moved that the meeting be adjourned.

SECOND: Greg Turner.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Meeting adjourned.