

MINUTES
MAY 20, 2004
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
2:00 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL SOUTH

MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Button, NCDOT
Dan Corder, Village of Tobaccoville
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Bob Greback, Town of Lewisville
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Frank James, Town of Rural Hall
Toby Linville, Town of Walkertown
Gary Looper, Village of Clemmons
Brent McKinney, PART
Chris Murphy, CCPB
Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Pat Reagan, FCEAD
Van Sullivan, FCEAD
James Upchurch, NCDOT

PRESIDING: Stan Polanis, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Rosemary Deemer (CCPB), Lakesha Dunbar (WSDOT), Wendy Miller (WSDOT), Greg Venable (WSDOT)

OTHERS PRESENT: Eddie Dancausse (Air Quality Division, FHWA), Behshad Norowzi (Transportation Planning Branch, NCDOT)

RECORDING SECRETARY: Shelly Stewart (CCPB)

Chairman Stan Polanis called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM.

Action Items

1. Consideration of Minutes from the March 18, 2004 Meeting

MOTION: Frank James moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Dan Corder

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

2. Consideration of Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2004-2010 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)
 - a. Add US 52 (Interstate I-285), from Interstate 40 in Winston-Salem to Interstate 85 in Davidson County – Upgrade existing freeway to Interstate standards - \$2.0 million
 - b. Add Vargrave Street Bridge over Salem Creek, Replace bridge - \$500,000

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- Mr. Ivey noted that Vargrave Street is a heavily traveled road and the bridge is closed because of the safety concerns due to the bridge deck's deteriorated condition (holes/crumbling surface), so this project has some urgency to it.

MOTION: Greg Errett moved approval of the amendments.

SECOND: Bob Greback

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of Enhancement Projects for the North Carolina Department of Transportation

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- Wendy Miller distributed a list of enhancement projects submitted to WSDOT. A copy of the list is on file.
- Projects were only received from the City of Winston-Salem, probably due to NCDOT's accelerated schedule and relatively short notice.
- Staff will examine ways to prepare in advance for this opportunity in 2006 so other jurisdictions have adequate time to submit requests.

MOTION: Pat Ivey moved approval of the Enhancement Projects.

SECOND: Gary Looper

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items

4. Review of the Process for the 2030 Multi-Modal Long Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Winston-Salem Urban Area

Presented by Wendy Miller, Behshad Norowzi, and Eddie Dancausse.

- We've had our pre-interagency consultation and we've had a kickoff with both our MPO staff and the three new areas that we brought into our MPO just to update them as to what a long range plan is and as well as looking at our Thoroughfare Plan which we are in the process of updating.
- Today we had our interagency consultation with the Federal agencies as well as the State. We've made some agreements and moved on from that.
- Also, today we started our public participation process for the long-range plan as well as the Thoroughfare Plan.
- We had an ad in the paper this morning and there will be another one on Sunday.
- We have a 30 day comment period. We're also having several public meetings.
- On the internal part of Volume Two of our Newsletter, you have both the Long Range Plan Update and the Thoroughfare Plan.
- There are seven meetings, three in the outlying areas, one in King, one in Bermuda Run, and one in Northern Davidson County.
- We tried to spread out the Forsyth County meetings to make them convenient both east/west and centrally. Mostly they're in the evening, but we do have one partial day meeting here at City Hall on Wednesday, June 2nd.
- We encourage you to attend any of those.
- We'll have our materials, both our current long-range plan as well as public comments we've received in the past and things that have changed and also our Thoroughfare Plan update which is probably going to be of most interest at that as well.
- Once we've finished our public review, we'll take comments on the draft of the Thoroughfare Plan and then we'll come back to you in July for adoption of the Thoroughfare Plan as well as the socio-economic data that you'll hear a little bit about as well.
- Then we'll really begin in earnest our updated Long Range Plan. It's a pretty long process, but we'll be working on our street and highway network that's fiscally constrained.
- We'll be bringing you that in September to review before we send that on to the State.
- What you'll hear later is the real crux of the model and the air quality emission conformity review that goes on with that.
- Then we'll get our plan together and the conformity report will go out for interagency review in the fall, late fall, and we'll get all our comments back, make our final plan which will go out for public review in January

- We're looking for an adoption date by the MPO on February 17, 2005.
- At that point we should have all our comments in a final package and then it goes on for its final review with the agencies as well.
- We should get our letter and then we'll be in conformity.
- We hope to have good turnout with our upcoming meetings.
- Copies of the presentations of Mr. Norowzi and Mr. Dancausse are on file.

5. Discussion of the Draft 2030 Population, Housing and Employment Projections for the Winston-Salem Urban Area

Presented by Chris Murphy.

- This is part of the LRTP which was just discussed in item 4.
- Before NCDOT and FHWA can begin their air quality work, we have to update our socio-economic data.
- The current air quality conformity determination was made off the social-economic projections that were made in the mid-90s. They have probably been updated since then but the horizon year at that point was 2025.
- In order for us to update the LRTP and have the correct horizon year for the plan, we have to actually take the 2025 socio-economic data and project that out to the year 2030.
- WSDOT and CCPB staff will be working on analyzing the 2025 data, comparing it to some of the changes that may have occurred in areas that we weren't anticipating, seeing how we need to tweek those numbers for the 2025 and then looking at projecting those numbers out to 2030.
- That information will come back before this group in July for your consideration and adoption. It's a tight time frame. It will be a lot of information, but it's something that we need to have adopted at that point in order to keep on the schedule so we can have something approved before the May 28, 2005 lapse date.
- Not to further confuse things too much more, but some of you may be aware that we are also working on a new travel demand model with PART with the horizon year of 2035 so we're going to be doing these things simultaneously.
- We're doing the same thing, but they're not related.
- We have to do the 2030 numbers for this update and then for subsequent updates we'll have the 2035 numbers that will then be plugged into the Long Range Transportation Plan.

6. Review of Amendments to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan Map and Technical Report

Presented by Greg Venable.

- a. Add a Portion of Davidson County to the MPO
 - b. Add a Portion of Davie County and the entire Town of Bermuda Run to the MPO
 - c. Add a Portion of Stokes County and the entire City of King to the MPO
 - d. Realign and Extend the Proposed Patterson Avenue Extension, from E. Third Street to the Proposed Salem Creek Connector
 - e. Add the Proposed Linden Street Extension, from E. Third Street to the Proposed Patterson Avenue Extension
 - f. Relocate the Proposed Bunker Hill Road/Sandy Ridge Road Extension in Kernersville
- Greg Venable presented a map of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan, a list of additions and changes to the Thoroughfare Plan by county, and Street and Highway Inventory lists for Davie County, Davidson County, and Stokes County. A copy of each is on file.
 - James Upchurch noted that Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. is the only north/south connector east of US 52. He emphasized that its vital function for that part of the community should be kept in mind throughout the planning process. The road serves as the "main street" through the WSSU campus.

7. Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Planning Report

Presented by Greg Venable.

- WSDOT recently hired a graduate from UNC-G who is collecting data on our sidewalk system. She will be gathering information on width, condition, obstructions, handicapped accessibility, etc. and working from the outer edges of the county in toward Winston-Salem.
- Representatives of the smaller municipalities asked that she notify them when she would be in their area as they may have valuable information to share with her.

8. Bicycle and Greenway Planning Report

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- Lakesha Dunbar updated the committee on numerous issues, including on-going greenway issues, the bicycle advisory commission, and the bicycle plan. She also reported that Winston-Salem was not selected as A Bicycle Friendly Community this year. The comments from reviewers were encouraging and let us know what we need to work on. A copy of the letter is on file.

9. NCDOT Division 9 Report

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- An update for each major project in the area is on file.
- A list of future projects is also included.
- At this point, no additional information on the Northern Beltway is available.
- Frank James expressed concern over congestion problems on NC 65. With the proposed beltway work, traffic, and congestion will get worse. Mr. James asked that the MPO & NCDOT consider the Cross Baptist Church Road extension as a way to alleviate the congestion. Staff will look at options available for that area.

10. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Report

Presented by James Upchurch.

- The Transportation Planning Branch has been looking at standards for the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) which will eventually replace the Thoroughfare Plan. Details will be available later this year.

11. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Report

Presented by Brent McKinney.

- The connection to Amtrak's system in High Point is up and working. However, it cannot be announced yet because work is still underway on the contract wording.
- Work is still progressing on the 2035 Regional Travel Demand Model.

12. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report

Presented by Pat Reagan.

a. Update on Early Action Compact (EAC) for Ozone Reduction

- All submittals were submitted by the appropriate deadline.
- The Final Ozone Action Plan, which was due March 31, 2004, was approved by the EPA so we are officially an EAC area. A handout is on file.
- As expected, the Triad area was listed as a non-attainment area, but the deferral date was extended.

b. Particle Pollution (PM 2.5) Designations

- There is no new information on Particle Pollution Designations.

c. Air Quality Report

- Air Quality data (YTD) is on file.

13. Discussion of MPO Handbooks with Transportation Planning Information for TCC and TAC Members

Presented by Chris Murphy.

- The handbooks are ready to be proofed and should be available at the July meeting.

14. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certification Review of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The actual dates for the Certification Review will be August 3-5, 2004.
- A public meeting will be held on August 3rd to allow members of the public to submit comments about the planning process.
- Material related to the review was mailed to members prior to the meeting and is on file.

15. Review of Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Bob Greback noted that in its comprehensive plan, Lewisville has the goal of building a one-way pair of streets through downtown. He asked for advice and assistance in evaluating the roads function to make sure it is adequately designed.
- Pat Ivey noted that there are some traffic engineering issues that have not been resolved, including a couple of problematic intersections that need to be examined. I think what he is looking for is how the system will operate with that one-way pair. His question is whether the MPO can assist with those studies.
- Staff will review the situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.