

**MINUTES  
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)  
JULY 15, 2004  
2:00 P.M.  
PLANNING BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM  
SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL SOUTH**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Button, NCDOT, Regional Traffic Office  
Dan Corder, Village of Tobaccoville  
Greg Errett, WSDOT  
Bob Greback, Town of Lewisville  
Nicole Hay, Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization  
Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division Engineer  
Frank James, Town of Rural Hall  
Scott Leonard, Davidson County  
Gary Looper, Clemmons  
Doran Maltba, Town of Kernersville  
Chris Murphy, CCPB  
Stan Polanis, WSDOT  
Pat Reagan, FCEAD  
Scott Rhine, PART  
James Upchurch, NCDOT, Transportation Planning Branch

**STAFF PRESENT**

Geoff Burdick, WSDOT  
Connie Curtis, WSDOT  
Rosemary Deemer, Planning Board  
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT  
Wendy Miller, WSDOT  
Greg Venable, WSDOT

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Brent Abernathy, Division 9 Property Management, NCDOT  
Charles Brummitt, Executive Director of the Piedmont Land Conservancy  
Anson Gock, NCDOT, Public Transportation Division

**PRESIDING:** Stan Polanis, Chairman

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Shelly Stewart, City-County Planning Board (absent from meeting, minutes prepared from tape recording)

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Minutes from the May 20, 2004 Meeting

MOTION: Pat Ivey moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Scott Rhine

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

2. Consideration of a Resolution in Support of Construction of the Northern Beltway

Presented by Stan Polanis.

- For the past few months, the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce has requested resolutions of support for the Northern Beltway.
- They have asked the TCC and TAC to endorse this resolution which is simply a statement of continuing support for the Beltway.

MOTION: Scott Rhine moved approval of the resolution in support of construction of the Northern Beltway.

SECOND: Pat Ivey

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

(Item #3. was moved to "Information Items")

4. Selection of Transportation Planning Project Priorities for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Unified Planning Work Program – Work Task III-D-3, Special Studies

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The work program currently shows \$50,000 of STP-DA and local funds to be used for special studies.
- We had identified some general things that could be accomplished under that work task, but had not identified a specific project.
- Staff identified the following projects, which have come up from requests from different municipalities, to compile this list.
- We are looking for guidance from the TCC and TAC regarding this list of projects in priority order:
  - a. Conducting a Feasibility Study of the US 311 Connector in Winston-Salem to determine if this project can still be built (#1 ranked Transportation Needs project).
  - b. Completing a Traffic Engineering Analysis of the proposed one-way pair of roads in the downtown area of the Town of Lewisville (related to #5 ranked project).

- c. Conducting a Feasibility Study for the Peace Haven Road/Styers Ferry Road Connector in the Village of Clemmons, including making a recommendation on the possibility for an interchange with the proposed Northern Beltway (#8 ranked project).
- d. Completing a Planning and Engineering Study, and Functional Design for the Forum Parkway Connector in the Town of Rural Hall (#14 ranked project).

James Upchurch: We need to look at our TIP group in Raleigh as we do these projects for possible assistance.

MOTION: Frank James moved approval of the Transportation Planning Project Priorities for the FY 2003-2004 UPWP.

SECOND: James Upchurch.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Approve an amendment to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Fiscal Year 2004-2010 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to provide partial funding for the Union Station Inter-modal Transportation Facility (MTIP Project TD-4734).

Presented by Stan Polanis.

- A feasibility study of rehabbing Union Station in downtown Winston-Salem was completed and added to the MTIP as an unfunded item.
- Since then we have received some Federal funds to start work on the Station.
- Before we can access those grant funds, this project has to be moved from "Unfunded" to "Funded" on the MTIP.
- This resolution simply asks that the change be made.

MOTION: Pat Ivey moved approval of the amendment.

SECOND: Scott Rhine

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

### **Information Items**

3. Consideration of Amendments to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan Map and Technical Report
  - a. Add Davidson County's Portion of the MPO
  - b. Add Davie County's Portion of the MPO, including the Town of Bermuda Run
  - c. Add Stokes County's Portion of the MPO, including the City of King
  - d. Additions/Deletions/Changes to Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Thoroughfares

Presented by Greg Venable.

- Some of the municipalities have not had a chance to review and approve the proposed Thoroughfare Plan, so this item is being presented today as an information item.

- We hope it will be ready for action in September.
6. 2030 Multi-Modal Long Range Transportation Plan and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Winston-Salem Urban Area
    - a. Progress Report on the Overall Process
    - b. Review of the Draft Street Network for the 2014, 2020 and 2030 Horizon Years

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- On May 20, we had our interagency consultation meeting with the Federal Highway Administration, NCDOT, EPA, NCDENR, and our MPO regional partners, as well as PART to go over the process for the air quality analysis and to agree upon our schedule and all the things we need to do in the interim.
  - We then began a public review on May 20th of our existing Long-Range Transportation Plan as well as the proposed Draft Thoroughfare Plan. The public review ended on June 21st.
  - There was no specific comment on the Long-Range Plan although there were comments about the bicycle and pedestrian facilities.
  - What is before you today is the meat of what we began with the air quality analysis and Long-Range Transportation Plan update which is our project list for the Highway Needs.
  - We've completed an initial draft at reordering these projects from the existing table.
  - Some projects have shifted time frames.
  - New projects from the 2003 Needs Report and other special projects that came from municipal requests have also been added.
  - The communities need to look at this very carefully and tell us if we've got these in the right locations.
  - Projects that were listed before have been narrowed down now and we are looking at regional significance as being established with freeways, highways, and other cross-county connectors.
7. Review of the Draft 2030 Population, Housing and Employment Projections for the Winston-Salem Urban Area
    - There was no report.
  8. Presentation on the Northern Beltway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) (Missy Dickens, NCDOT and Jill Gurak, PBS&J)
    - The Draft Environmental Impact Statement has not been completed at this time, so we will hear about that at a later meeting.
  9. Progress Report on the Congestion Management System (CMS) Plan

Presented by Geoff Burdick, WSDOT.

- We have completed four of the seven elements of this plan, basically completing a written policy and procedure for the WS MPO to help define congestion in our area and create a structured process for our evaluations.
- We will continue to keep you updated as this plan proceeds.

10. NCDOT Division 9 Report

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- A copy of the report is on file.

11. Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Planning Report

Presented by Greg Venable.

- Our kickoff meeting for the sidewalk steering committee was held in late June.
- We've collected all the sidewalk data from the outer areas of the MPO and are now focusing on collecting data in Winston-Salem.
- Data includes driveway locations, obstructions in sidewalks (power poles, fire hydrants, etc), overhanging vegetation, construction material, width of sidewalks, condition of sidewalks and similar information.

12. Bicycle and Greenway Planning Report

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- Staff met with representatives of Norfolk Southern Railway concerning the use of a tunnel to complete the southern portion of the Brushy Fork Greenway Trail. Norfolk Southern was very positive and helpful. Staff will work to finalize those arrangements.
- Ms. Dunbar reviewed the status of other greenways and the Bicycle Plan.
  - a. Piedmont Land Conservancy Presentation on the Piedmont Greenway
    - Charles Brummit, Executive Director of the Piedmont Land Conservancy, presented information on the Piedmont Greenway.

13. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Report

Presented by James Upchurch and Anson Gock.

- The 2006-2012 STIP document that usually comes out in the summertime is being delayed so there is no information to share at this time.

14. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Report

Presented by Scott Rhine.

- Two services which began in April (a medical service primarily to Chapel Hill and Duke and the Amtrak Connector) have been going well:
  - We are transporting roughly 275 passenger trips per month and about 7,000 passenger miles (Monday-Friday, two trips per day).
  - The Amtrak Connector service which connects Winston-Salem to the train station in High Point is continuing to do better than anticipated.

- Our fixed routes also show ridership increases, including several days where daily passenger counts have exceeded 800.
- We have three Park and Ride leases under negotiation, two of which are in Winston-Salem and one in Greensboro. There are two locations in Davidson County and one more in Guilford County which are being explored as potential sites.

15. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report

Presented by Pat Reagan.

a. Update on Early Action Compact for Ozone Reduction

- Since the last TAC meeting, potential litigation from several environmental groups has arisen.
- It is primarily geared toward the fundamental aspect of eight-hour ozone and how EPA has approached eight-hour ozone and its processes as outlined in the Federal Register.
- We have met with the lawyers representing the groups and it seems likely that we can work together to address their concerns and hopefully minimize the lawsuit's impact on the EAC.
- When the DAQ revised the preliminary data and reran the model, it showed compliance of eight-hour ozone at all the Triad monitoring stations for 2007 which was a requirement of the EAC.

b. Non-Attainment Designation for Fine Particulate Matter

- At an earlier meeting, a handout was distributed showing what the Division of Air Quality had suggested as a Non-Attainment Designation for Fine Particulate Matter.
- DAQ had suggested that only Davidson County be considered non-attainment for PM Fine.
- EPA has written the State suggesting that in addition to Davidson County, Forsyth, Guilford, Stokes and Randolph counties be designated as non-attainment.
- Final designation will be in December 2004, so there is time for feedback before the final decision is made.

c. Air Quality Report

- We have not had an ozone exceedance yet this year and our median for the year is 46 AQI which is still in the green area.

16. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Federal Transit Administration (FTA)/Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Certification Review of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Presented by Greg Errett.

- The Federal Certification Review of our transportation planning process will take place on August 4 and 5th.
- The public meeting has been moved to August 4th.
- There will be a 30-day public review period from August 2 to September 7.
- All comments received during that time will be forwarded to FHWA and the other Federal agencies.

17. Review of Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- Mr. Errett noted that the November meetings will follow the normal schedule since the State ITE (NCSITE) meeting has been rescheduled.
- NCAPA conference is in September in Asheville.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM.