

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
SEPTEMBER 16, 2004
2:00 P.M.
CITY-COUNTY PLANNING BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR, CITY HALL SOUTH**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Scott Barrow, City of King
Terry Bralley, Davie County
John Button, NCDOT, Regional Traffic Office
Dan Corder, Village of Tobaccoville
Beth Dirks, Town of Bermuda Run
Greg Errett, WSDOT
Pat Ivey, NCDOT Division Engineer
Frank James, Town of Rural Hall
Toby Linville, Town of Walkertown
Chris Murphy, CCPB
Stan Polanis, WSDOT
Pat Reagan, FCEAD
Van Sullivan, FCEAD
James Upchurch, Transportation Planning, NCDOT

STAFF PRESENT

Rosemary Deemer, CCPB
Lakesha Dunbar, WSDOT
Wendy Miller, WSDOT
Suzanne Tellechea, WSTA
Greg Venable, WSDOT

OTHERS PRESENT:

Bret Abernathy, Division 9 Property Management, NCDOT

PRESIDING: Stan Polanis, Chairman

RECORDING SECRETARY: Chris Murphy, City-County Planning Board (minutes prepared from tape recording)

Action Items

1. Consideration of Minutes from the July 15, 2004 Meeting

MOTION: Pat Ivey moved approval of the minutes as written.

SECOND: Frank James

VOTE:

FOR: UNANIMOUS

AGAINST: None

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

Presented by Greg Venable.

- 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
- We have now received approvals from all entities.
 - Distributed comments received.
 - Chris Murphy relayed a comment from Guy Cornman who still believes that the section of South Main Street between US 52 and Gumtree Road should be classified as a major thoroughfare instead of a minor thoroughfare. This should be investigated for future Thoroughfare Plan updates.
 - Greg Errett asked James Upchurch what type of information the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch would be looking for so the Board of Transportation can review and approve this plan. Mr. Upchurch indicated that the map was fine, but they would probably ask for a black-and-white copy to use for distribution. Mr. Errett asked Mr. Upchurch to advise Greg Venable of the specific information they will be looking for. Mr. Upchurch indicated that could be done later this afternoon.
 - After a question about the Spainhour Mill Extension project, Dan Corder indicated that the Village of Tobacoville's Board would like for that item to remain on the Thoroughfare Plan at this time.

MOTION: Chris Murphy moved approval of the Amendments to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Thoroughfare Plan Map and Technical Report.

SECOND: Dan Corder

VOTE:

FOR: UNANIMOUS

AGAINST: None

3. 2030 Multi-Modal Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Winston-Salem Urban Area

Presented by Wendy Miller.

- a. Consideration of the Draft Street Network for the 2004, 2014, 2020 and 2030 Horizon Years
 - b. Progress Report on the Overall Process
- We have worked with the Transportation Planning Branch and communities to develop a Fiscally Constrained Street and Highway Project List for the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan. The projects are laid out under four time frames.
 - Today we are asking you and then the TAC to endorse a recommendation for adoption.
 - Once that list is approved, it will be sent on to the Transportation Planning Branch to work on the Air Quality Conformity Implementation Plan.
 - The time frame for this plan remains the same, with the goal of finishing the document by mid-December and having public review in January.
 - Greg Errett asked James Upchurch if the table was in the correct format for the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch review. Mr. Upchurch indicated it was in the appropriate format.
 - There was explanation of how the "smooth" boundary map was created and how it will be used in the review process.

MOTION: Greg Errett moved approval of the 2030 Multi-Modal Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and Air Quality Conformity Determination for the Winston-Salem Urban Area.

SECOND: Frank James

VOTE:

FOR: UNANIMOUS

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of a Resolution of Support for the Construction of the Piedmont Greenway

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- We are asking for adoption of a resolution of support for the plan which was presented at your July meeting.

MOTION: Dan Corder moved approval of the Resolution of Support for the Construction of the Piedmont Greenway.

SECOND: Greg Errett

VOTE:

FOR: UNANIMOUS

AGAINST: None

Information Items

5. NCDOT Division 9 Report

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- Pat Ivey distributed an update, a copy of which is on file.. There are not a lot of changes from last month.
- NCDOT hopes to receive the draft EIS statement on the Beltway this month. Once that is received NCDOT will schedule workshops.

6. Sidewalk and Pedestrian Facilities Planning Report

Presented by Greg Venable.

- We are still collecting data for our Sidewalk Inventory.
- There are about 500 miles of sidewalks within Winston-Salem, so this is a long process.
- Our steering committee has met several times. We've developed a vision statement and are beginning work on our goals and objectives for the plan.

7. Bicycle and Greenway Planning Report

Presented by Lakesha Dunbar.

- For Brushy Fork Greenway, a letter has been submitted to Norfolk Southern requesting access on the property for survey purposes.
- Ms. Dunbar updated the committee on other greenways and the Bicycle Plan
- A Public Workshop for the Comprehensive Bicycle Plan is scheduled for October 12, 2004 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Children's Center at 2315 Coliseum Drive. This is planned as a visioning session for the public to give input on how they would like to see this plan put together (such as policies, locations, facilities, amenities, and accessibility).

8. Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department Air Quality Report

Presented by Pat Reagan.

- a. Update on Early Action Compact for Ozone Reduction
 - b. Air Quality Report
- This has been an excellent summer for air quality.
 - Early Action Compact stakeholders formed a subcommittee to meet with the Southern Environmental Law Center to discuss potential litigation on all Early Action Compacts. We were able to discuss topics paramount from the attorney's point of view while also getting across our points about the necessity for having the Early Action Compact and how it impacted the Triad. The main issue for the attorneys is enforceability in the EAC. We don't appear to be far apart on issues. It just takes a little bit of work to come to some consensus.

- Regarding the State Implementation Plan, the State office continues to work on this plan and anticipates having it ready in the next couple of weeks. We have had a chance to give input on the plan.
 - Air Quality Report: We have had very good air quality this year. We had two exceedances, one of the ozone standard and one of the fine particulate matter standard.
 - It's still a little bit early to judge the effectiveness of all the control strategies that have been implemented, however it appears the reduction strategies have had some impact.
 - Our department does continue to look for funds for alternatively fueled vehicles and alternative fuel ideas.
 - An e-mail from the EPA Administrator reclassified the Triad 8-hour non-attainment standard from "moderate" to "marginal" as petitioned by the State. This reclassification is the result of the effectiveness, in his opinion, of the Triad's Early Action Compact.
9. 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 certification review was August 4th and 5th. We had detailed, lengthy discussions with FHWA representatives on our planning process.
 - We also had a public meeting on August 4th. 21 people showed up and gave a variety of comments on the planning process or on specific projects. That is a good number for this type of meeting and the FHWA representatives were pleased.
 - We also had a 30-day public review as our policy requires us to do. It was August 2nd to September 7th.
 - All comments which we have received are compiled in folders which were distributed to members. We encourage you to review the comments at your convenience.
 - The FHWA indicated that they would like to make a presentation to the TAC at the November meeting with their recommendations and comments.
 - We were a little bit weak on the issue of Environmental Justice and we'd like to work on that and emphasize it more in the future.
10. Norfolk Southern Railroad Line Traffic Separation Study in Winston-Salem and Kernersville (K Line)

Presented by Stan Polanis.

- NCDOT Rail Division is proposing to conduct traffic separation studies on the Norfolk Southern K Line from the Guilford County line to milepost 25 in Winston-Salem. It is working with individual communities in this area to study the crossings, look at upgrading and making them safer or eliminating them.
- The K Line is part of the route that would serve the commuter rail between Burlington and Clemmons, so this is another step toward that goal.
- As we are meeting today, there is a public meeting in Kernersville about opening a new crossing and closing three along this line.

11. Review of Calendar of Activities

Presented by Greg Errett.

- September 12 - November 6 is the time frame for Step Up Forsyth Walking Exercise Program. Everyone is welcome to join.
- September 22-24 is the NCAPA Conference.
- October 20-22 is the annual MPO Conference in Wilmington.
- November 18 - The next TCC/TAC meetings have been moved back to the regular day and time.
- James Upchurch encouraged committee members to attend the MPO Conference if possible, stating that it was a very good conference.

12. Other Business/Next Meeting

- Chris Murphy: The Town of Wallburg is now incorporated and part of Wallburg falls within our boundaries. This afternoon we will seek guidance from the TAC as to whether they want us to extend an invitation to them for membership.

MOTION: Pat Ivey moved to adjourn.

SECOND: James Upchurch

VOTE:

FOR: UNANIMOUS

AGAINST: NONE