

MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
JULY 18, 2019
4:15 P.M
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Vice Chairman
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Jeff MacIntosh, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Fleming El-Amin, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Brent Rockett, Commissioner, Town of Bethania
John Wait, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Wesley Hutchins, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Jenny Fulton, Alderman, Town of Kernersville
Benita Finney, Commissioner, Davie County
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Rick Morris, Commissioner, Stokes County
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Midway
Zak Crofts, Commissioner, Davidson County
Willie Clark, Member, WSTA Board of Directors
Mike Wells, Member, NC Board of Transportation

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Andy Bailey, NCDOT
George Boules, NCDOT
Richard Virgo, NCDOT
Daryl Vreeland, NCDOT
Joe Geigle, FHWA
Margaret Bessette, CCPB
Tom Hollis, FCOEAP
Cary Gentry, FCOEAP
Jordan Payne, FCOEAP
Jeff Fansler, WSDOT
J. Hank Graham, WSDOT
Byron Brown, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Kelly Garvin, WSDOT

Evan Koff, WSDOT
Donna Woodson, WSTA

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

Mayor Williams read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement.

1. Public Comments

Kara Cody, PO Box 906, Lexington, NC with the Workshop of Davidson explained the services provided by the Workshop. She further stated that many of the participants would not achieve their accomplishments without the workshop. She thanked the committee members for their consideration to approve funds for the Workshop of Davidson.

Action Items

2. **Consideration of the May 16, 2019 TAC Meeting Minutes**

Presented by Chairman Larry Williams.

MOTION: Allen Todd moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Fleming El-Amin

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. **Consideration of Supplemental Transportation Planning (PL) Grant Funding for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.**

Presented by Hank Graham.

- On April 1, 2019, NCDOT distributed supplemental funding allocation for Transportation Planning (PL) grant funds in the amount of \$196,254 to the Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).
- On March 21, 2019, the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) approved \$664,478 in Total PL funds.
- The Supplemental PL funding allocation provides a total of \$727,836 in PL federal allocation requiring \$181,959 in local match for a total of \$909,795 in Total PL funding to be programmed as shown on the attached table.
- The Village of Clemmons recently made a request to utilize \$40,000 of Transportation Planning (PL) grant funds to complete a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.
- The Village's contribution of \$10,000 for the local match will provide a total of \$50,000 for their plan.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the special studies fund.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Fleming El-Amin

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of an amendment to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Fiscal Year 2018-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to adjust Surface Transportation Block Grant Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) and Flex funding for three (3) select projects in the Village of Clemmons.

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- The Village of Clemmons is requesting additional funding for the Highway 158 Sidewalk and Yadkin River Greenway, Phase I project.
- At the request of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) staff, the Village of Clemmons reviewed their list of approved STBG-DA/STBG Flex projects and is seeking to delete two previously selected projects with lower priorities to fund this project.
- The Village is proposing to delete the following projects totaling \$630,400 in STBG-DA and STBG-DA Flex funds:
 - Pedestrian Improvements at the following locations: Lewisville-Clemmons Road and Allegacy Way; US 158/Middlebrook Drive/Lewisville Clemmons Road; Fair Oaks Drive and Harper Road; Lewisville-Clemmons Road and Stadium Drive (\$360,000); and
 - Sidewalk Project on US 158 from the Stadium Dr. intersection to the Kinnamon Village Shopping Center (\$270,400).
- The TAC approved \$1,296,800 in STBG-DA/STBG Flex funds on March 19, 2015 for the Highway 158 Sidewalk and Yadkin River Greenway, Phase I project.
- The utility phase of this project produced a higher cost than initially estimated. As a result, the Village of Clemmons is requesting an additional \$630,400 in STBG-DA/STBG Flex funds.
- The new estimate for the project is now \$2,638,000 (\$2,110,400 in STBG-DA/STBG Flex and \$527,600 in local match).
- The approval of this funding will also amend the 2018-2027 MTIP and be sent to NCDOT to modify the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).

MOTION: John Wait moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Consideration of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Fiscal Year 2019 Section 5307 (Job Access and Reverse Commuting, JARC) grant awards for eligible recipients and amending the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Presented by Byron Brown.

- Byron Brown distributed an updated copy of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Public Transportation Program Section 5307, Job Access Reverse Commuting (JARC) Grants – Applicant Scores and award recommendations list for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects.
- The Winston-Salem Urban Area is a direct recipient of the Section 5307 grant funds from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant program.
- For the 2019 Fiscal Year, the Transportation Advisory Committee allocated \$55,000 of those funds to be used for Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) programs.
- In order to award these funds, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) held a 30-day call for projects between May 6th and June 6th and conducted an applicant workshop on May 20th.
- WSUAMPO staff received two applications for the JARC, Section 5307 funding.
- Applications were reviewed by the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO) which is in accordance with the WSUAMPO guidelines for this competitive selection process.
- The next steps include review and approval by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), then City of Winston-Salem City Council, programming and amending the urban area’s Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the State’s Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and then submission to FTA.

MOTION: Jenny Fulton moved approval.

SECOND: Fleming El-Amin

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

6. Consideration of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Fiscal Year 2019 Section 5310 (Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities) grant awards for eligible recipients and amending the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Presented by Byron Brown.

- Byron Brown distributed an updated copy of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Public Transportation Program Section 5310, Enhance Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grants – Applicant Scores and award recommendations list for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) projects.

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area is a direct recipient of the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, Section 5310, Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant programs.
- This federal program assists eligible entities in meeting the transportation needs of disabled and elderly populations in the MPO area.
- For the 2019 Fiscal Year, there was \$363,729 available for Section 5310 funding.
- In order to award these funds, the WSUAMPO held a 30-day call for projects between May 6th and June 6th and conducted an applicant workshop on May 20th.
- WSUAMPO staff received six applications for Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funding.
- Applications were reviewed by the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO) which is in accordance with the WSUAMPO guidelines for this competitive selection process.
- The next steps include review and approval by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), then City of Winston-Salem City Council, programming and amending the urban area's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the State's Transportation Improvement Program (STIP); and then submission to FTA.

A brief discussion ensued regarding Davidson County funds.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items for Future Action

7. Review of Amendments and Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2018-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

Presented by Byron Brown.

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is a listing of all the projects programmed for the Winston-Salem Urban Area.
- This list of projects is a subset of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and must match the State's Transportation Improvement Program.
- Amendments, modifications and deletions of projects requires our MTIP to be modified to capture those changes.
- As required by the MPO's Public Participation policy, the amendments and modifications were available for public review for 30 days from July 10 thru August 10, 2019.
- This item will come back in September for approval.

Information Items

8. Review of the Request to Swap Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) Funds For Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Any Area or Flex Funds.

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- Every two years the WSMPO awards STBG-DA funds to projects selected through the biennial call for projects.
- Because these funds are not yet obligated, the overall funding authority granted by the Federal Government to the North Carolina Department of Transportation is adversely affected.
- The NCDOT has a desire to seek opportunity for more funding authority during a federal funding Redistribution in August.
- To accomplish this, NCDOT is requesting to swap some of the WSUAMPO's available balance of STBG-DA funds with STBG-Any Area or Flex. NCDOT would then obligate the STBG-DA funds to active projects before September 2019 which then opens the state up to potentially receive more funding authority for the new fiscal year.
- Swapping the funds would not affect any award amounts to projects the TAC has approved. Because the STBG-DA and STBG funds have the same rules, all projects approved can proceed as proposed.
- The WSUAMPO was also awarded \$2,747,847 in Highway Infrastructure Program Funds on March 15, 2019. These funds are part of the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act, 2019, title I of division G, Public Law (Pub. L.) 116-6.
- The funds were sub-allocated to activities in urbanized areas with population over 200,000 and for the elimination of hazards and the installation of protective devices at railway-highway crossings in such areas.
- The NCDOT would like to include this amount in the swap there by giving the MPO more flexibility in the use of these funds.

Staff Reports (Presentation by Staff at Request of TAC Only)

9. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

No questions for staff.

b. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update

No questions for staff.

c. Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Update

No questions for staff.

d. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

Presented by Cary Gentry.

- Cary Gentry distributed a Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection handout.
- Applications are open for State Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grants.

e. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No questions for staff.

f. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

No questions for staff.

g. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

No questions for staff.

h. Davidson County Transportation

No questions for staff.

i. Title VI Compliance Update

No questions for staff.

j. MPO Calendar of Activities

No questions for staff.

k. Legislative Update

No questions for staff.

l. Ethics Liaison

No questions for staff.

10. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

- Next TAC meeting will be September 19, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT: 4:50 pm