

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
MAY 21, 2020
2:00 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kirk Ericson, Assistant Planning Director, CCPB
Byron Brown, Transportation Principal Planner, WSDOT
Scott Buffkin, Manager, Village of Clemmons
Dan Corder, Administrator, Village of Tobaccoville
Cary Gentry, Senior Environmental Specialist, FCOEAP
Hank Perkins, Manager, Town of Lewisville
Lee Rollins, Manager, Town of Bermuda Run
Daryl Vreeland, Urban Area Coordinator, NCDOT (via phone)
Joe Geigle, Planner, FHWA
Kelly Bennett, Project Planner, Forsyth County
Pat Ivey, Division 9 Division Engineer, NCDOT
Scott Snow, Manager, Town of Walkertown
Megan Garner, Manager, Town of Rural Hall
Chris Jensen, Engineer, Town of Kernersville
Mark Kirstner, Director of Planning, PART

PRESIDING: Toneq' McCullough, Chairman, WSDOT

STAFF PRESENT:

Mike Stanley, STIP Central Region Manager, NCDOT
Phillip Craver, Division 9 Corridor Development Engineer, NCDOT
Jordan Payne, Senior Environmental Specialist, FCOEAP
Stacey Tolbert, Planner, Town of Lewisville
Richard Jones, Transportation Manager, Davidson County
Jeff Fansler, Deputy Director, WSDOT
Heather Curry, Analyst, Budget
Matthew Burczyk, Transportation Project Planner, WSDOT
Brenda King, Financial Manager, WSDOT
Victoria Bailiff, Project Planner, WSDOT
Elizabeth Coyler, Transportation Project Planner, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

1. Public Comments

No comments.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the February 20, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Toneq' McCullough.

Cary Gentry noted that the February minutes mistakenly listed him as Director and stated he should be listed as a Senior Environmental Specialist.

MOTION: Lee Rollins moved approval of the corrected minutes.

SECOND: Scott Snow

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments and Modifications for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO)

Presented by Toneq' McCullough.

- The Fiscal Year 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is a comprehensive list of all transportation projects programmed for the Winston-Salem Urban Area and must be a subset of the Winston-Salem Urban Area 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and match Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) projects in the FY 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Any STIP amendment for new statewide projects or projects within the WSUAMPO triggers the amendment of the MTIP.
- STIP amendments for regionally significant projects that have significant project revisions or cross the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 4-year funding period or modeling horizon years require an Air Quality Conformity Determination Report.
- As required by the WSUAMPO's Public Participation Policy, the amendments and modifications to the FY 2020 – 2029 MTIP will be made available for public review and comment for at least 30 days from April 17 through May 19, 2020.
- No comments were received.

MOTION: Pat Ivey moved approval.

SECOND: Mark Kirstner

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of the Request to Amend the Public Participation Plan to Allow for Virtual Meetings as Adopted by TAC on April 16, 2020

Presented by Toneq' McCullough.

- In response to Stay at Home and Social Distances orders in response to reducing the potential spread of COVID-19, the city code for the City of Winston-Salem was amended on April 6, 2020 to allow remote participating in council committee and city council meetings and to allow the same by city boards and commissions provided certain requirements have been met.
- During the April 16, 2020 meeting of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) a resolution was passed to allow the same.
- Per guidance from the federal government, to ensure our Public Participation Plan (P3) includes this procedure as an optional form of engaging the public in official TAC meetings, staff is requesting to amend the current Public Participation Plan with the adopted resolution from the April 16, 2020 TAC meeting.
- The adopted resolution will become part of the P3 until the plan is updated.
- Per the WSUAMPO's Public Participation Plan, any amendments to the P3 must be made available for public review for at least 45 days.
- This item will be included with other public review items between May 9 and July 1, 2020 for public comment and review.

MOTION: Scott Snow moved approval.

SECOND: Lee Rollins

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Consideration of the Request to Move Federal Funds from EB-6008 to U-2827B for Purpose of Accelerating Construction of the Salem Parkway (formerly Business 40) Multi-Use Path from Fourth Street to Peters Creek Parkway in Winston-Salem

Item removed from agenda.

Information Item

6. NCDOT Revenue Overview Presentation and the Impact to Locally Administered Projects

Presented by Pat Ivey, Division Engineer, Division 9 and Mike Stanley, Manager, STIP Central Region.

- The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has requested that all locally administered projects, not currently committed to a phase of work, be suspended until further notice.
- This request is based upon the financial crisis NCDOT is experiencing.
- Pre Covid-19 storm response/recovery and legal settlements depleted cash balance.
- NCDOT enacted aggressive measures: delayed project lettings, reduced capital program and decreased or suspended routine maintenance.
- NCDOT also enacted a spending plan with targets below appropriated levels.
- The average General Maintenance Reserves (GMR) appropriations declined by 33% since 2016.
- Annual storm expenditures have increased by more approximately 200%.
- Storm costs 2343 \$667 million from FY 2017 – 2019.
- The result is a perfect storm for maintenance funding issues.
- NCDOT is 100% receipt supported, the Covid-19 impact to traffic is devastating.
- Traffic volumes are down by 40 – 50% which has impacted revenue by more than \$300 million in this fiscal year.
- Even with cuts already made, obligations not being kept, NCDOT has hit cash floor.
- Current actions taken by NCDOT include keeping 620 active construction projects moving if possible, suspense of these projects could cost \$1.5 million per day in claims.
- Contract advertisements will be delayed over the next 12 months.
- Approximately 250 projects will be delayed estimated at \$2.1 billion.
- Remaining projects estimated at \$675 million are supported by bond or grant funds.
- NCDOT is making personnel changes which include a hiring freeze, a reduction in temporary and contract employees, implemented furloughs and a reduction in force.
- Programs that will be immediately suspended include: wildflower program, litter sweep, engineering training program, HBCU and summer internship program, economic development grants and projects, passenger ferry from Hatteras to Ocracoke, state park road maintenance and reimbursement to schools for road improvements.
- Programs that will be significantly reduced include: mowing along roadways and rest areas, storm repairs, sign repairs, patching pavement, municipal support for traffic signal/signs/landscaping, SPOT safety projects, incident management assistant program and ferry and rail operations.
- Senate House Bill 704 delays the transfer of \$61 million into the new Transportation Emergency Reserve for future storms.
- House Bill 1043 will grant \$300 million from CARES Act to GMR, subject to amending language to allow for continued operations.
- If no revenue replacement a 15 – 25% additional reduction to various programs is expected.

A discussion ensued regarding funds for future Household Travel Survey for PART.

Committee members requested staff continue to report back on financial situation of NCDOT.

Staff Reports

7. MPO Staff Reports

Pat Ivey stated current projects under construction are going well. The first section of the Northern Beltway should be open by July with the following beltway section open by the end of the year. Other beltway sections are currently ahead of schedule.

Mark Kirstner stated that the travel demand model may not be updated as the information would not be correct if staff is unable to complete the housed travel survey. Route 28 is no longer running and will have staff review removal of signs.

a. Ethics Liaison

Presented by Kirk Ericson.

- There is almost full compliance with ethics reporting, two are outstanding, but should be completed/submitted soon.

8. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

- Next TCC meeting will be July 16, 2020.

Chris Jensen requested information regarding next steps/time line for Unified Plan.

ADJOURNMENT 3:23 pm