

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
FEBRUARY 18, 2021
4:15 P.M
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff MacIntosh, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem,
Fleming El-Amin, Commissioner, Forsyth County
John Wait, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Brent Rockett, Mayor, Town of Bethania
Rick Cross, Mayor, Town of Bermuda Run
Jenny Fulton, Mayor, Town of Kernersville
James Shore, Commissioner, Davidson County
Rick Morris, Commissioner, Stokes County
John Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Willie Clark, Member, WSTA Board of Directors

PRESIDING: Mike Horn, Mayor, Town of Lewisville, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Fredrick Haith, NCDOT
Richard Jones, Davidson County
Suzette Morales, FHA
Daryl Vreeland, NCDOT
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT
Donna Goodson, WSTA
Kirk Ericson, CCPB
Byron Brown, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Kelly Garvin, WSDOT
Marlene Davis, WSDOT
Brenda King, WSDOT
Victoria Bailiff, WSDOT
Laura Nixon, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS

Jesse Day, Piedmont Triad Regional Council
Larry Bell, TV13

Chairman Horn stated that due to the Safe at Home Order issued by Governor Cooper, members of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) are participating virtually. All members will vote by roll call. A member will be recognized, at which time, the member will state his or her vote. Chairman Horn then requested that Kirk Ericson, TAC Secretary, take roll call.

Chairman Mike Horn read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement.

1. Public Comments

No one present.

Comments can be submitted in writing to kirke@cityofws.org.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the January 21, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Mike Horn.

MOTION: Fleming El-Amin moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Denise Adams.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of a checklist certifying the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Transportation Planning Process for fiscal year 2021-2022

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO went through a certification review in December of 2020 and has been certified by the Federal Highway Administration for the next four years.
- Federal Highway Administration staff will be available at our next meeting to discuss any findings.
- The MPO received a few recommendations and commendations.

MOTION: Rick Cross moved approval.

SECOND: James Shore.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. 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 Byron Brown.

- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2027 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 2045 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).
- The 2045 MTP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQCDR) were adopted by the TAC on September 17, 2015.
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) regularly updates the STIP to include new projects and modify existing projects. Any STIP amendment for new statewide projects or projects within the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (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 AQCDR.
- Modifications to the STIP do not require adoption but are provided for information.
- Included in the packet is a document that describes the additions, deletions, amendments and modifications to the Winston-Salem Urban Area FY 2020 – 2029 MTIP.
- As required by the WSUAMPO's Public Participation Policy, the amendments and modifications to the FY 2020 – 2029 MTIP were made available for public review and comment for at least thirty days from December 21, 2020 through January 21, 2021.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval.

SECOND: Fleming El-Amin.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Consideration of an endorsement of Yadkin Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian plan

Presented by Mathew Burczyk.

- The Piedmont Triad Regional Council has led an effort over the last 15 months to create a bicycle master plan for the region that includes the counties of Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin.
- This region is popular among cyclists and has the potential to become a cycling destination for residents and visitors.
- The Yadkin Valley Regional Bicycle Plan (the Plan) focuses on three primary goals to be achieved by improving the quality and safety of bicycling through new and improved infrastructure, policies and programs, for all types of bicyclists:
 1. Increase transportation choices by improving connectivity of the bicycle network while increasing accessibility to key destinations throughout the region
 2. Improve health and wellness by increasing access to bikeways, thereby offering more opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and physical activity
 3. Promote bicycle-related tourism and economic development for communities in Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties
- Representatives from counties, municipalities, transportation agencies, planning agencies, bicycling clubs, trail organizations, and multiple NCDOT divisions in the Yadkin Valley region have worked cooperatively for over a year on the Plan.
- This effort has also included an open and participatory public input process, with hundreds of mapping comments and comment forms and in-person public outreach opportunities in each county.
- This planning effort builds upon similar efforts within the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO to plan for bicycle transportation needs, including the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and municipal bicycle and greenway plans and improves WSUAMPO efforts to plan for regional connectivity.
- This plan does not replace local plans nor dedicate funding, but rather indicates a willingness to support the Plan's recommended bicycle projects and programs.
- The Plan is available on the project website: www.bikeyadkinvalley.com.
- Jesse Day with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council is available for any questions.

A discussion ensued regarding planning of bike festivals.

Jenny Fulton requested the total number of miles of all trails.

Chairman Horn stated that the Town of Lewisville is holding an event in May that would be a great way to introduce/present the new bike/pedestrian plans of the region.

MOTION: Brent Rockett moved approval.

SECOND: Jeff MacIntosh.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items for Future Action

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

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- No comments were received.

7. Review of Request to Modify the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WSUAMPO) Federal Functional Classification (FFC) Network.

Presented by Byron Brown.

- Functional classification of a roadway describes the primary function or purpose of the roadway in relation to the area road network.
- Roadways can be assigned to one of several possible functional classes based on the character of travel services that each roadway provides.
- Federal functional classification (FFC) is used to determine a roadways eligibility for federal funding, key roadway design elements, and program and project prioritization.
- As traffic patterns change over time through either roadway construction or land use changes, roadway functions may change as well.

- Reclassifying roadways to match their current purpose helps to maintain a proper local street network hierarchy which reflects the importance of each roadway's function in the network.
- Between November 23, 2020 and December 28, 2020 staff held an open call for request to modify the WSUAMPO's FFC network.
- The Streets and Highways subcommittee meet on February 9th, 2021 to discuss the proposed request.
- The following requests listed in the maps and tables have been reviewed and included are the subcommittees recommendations.
- Per our process, this will require action by the Board, from which these request will go to NCDOT and FHWA for further review and action.
- This item will be back for TAC action during the April 15th, 2021 meeting.

A discussion ensued over the needed widening of Oak Summit Road.

Staff Reports

8. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- Project U2729 – Widen Hanes Mill Road to multi-lanes with curb and gutter from Museum Drive to University Parkway – right-of-way acquisition has been approved, but will not be able to meet let date, will provide updated information at next meeting.
- Project 5824 – Widen NC 66 to multi-lanes from Harley Drive to Bellaire Circle – approval given to move forward with PE work.
- Project for US 158 widen to multi-lanes is underway.
- Northern Beltway project section AB is still underway to be let in December 2021
- Northern Beltway project section AA is still underway to be let in October 2022.
- Inquiries have been received regarding Oak Summit Road issues. The road was not designed for all the traffic currently using Oak Summit. Staff is currently reviewing options available and will report back to the committee.

Pat Ivey responded to Jenny Fulton's question stating he would review project W#5510 regarding the cost review of that project and confirm whether or not that could/would impact the Town of Kernersville.

Fleming El-Amin requested staff investigate buses being parked on property near the airport off Old Rural Hall Road and have them removed.

b. WSUAMPO Transportation Project Update

No questions for staff.

c. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update

No questions for staff.

d. Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Update

No questions for staff.

e. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

No questions for staff.

f. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No questions for staff.

g. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

No questions for staff.

h. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

Chairman Horn stated that as a PART board member he is aware that PART is working on ridership loss by trying to restore priority routes.

i. Davidson County Transportation (DCT)

No questions for staff.

j. Title VI Compliance Update

No questions for staff.

k. MPO Calendar of Activities

No questions for staff.

l. Ethics Liaison

Presented by Kirk Ericson.

- Members have until April 15, 2021 to submit forms to complete ethics requirements.

The Town of Rural Hall has replaced Tim Flinchum with John McDermon as member for TCC committee meeting.

9. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

- Next TAC meeting will be March 18, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT 4:49 pm.