

**MINUTES  
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)  
JULY 16, 2020  
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  
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem,  
Fleming El-Amin, Commissioner, Forsyth County  
Rick Cross, Mayor, Town of Bermuda Run  
Brent Rocket, Mayor, Town of Bethania  
Mike Rogers, Councilman, Village of Clemmons, Alternate  
Jenny Fulton, Alderman, Town of Kernersville  
John Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway  
Wesley Hutchins, Council Member, Town of Walkertown  
Rick Morris, Commissioner, Stokes County  
Willie Clark, Member, WSTA Board of Directors

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Pat Ivey, NCDOT  
Daryl Vreeland, NCDOT  
Scott Rhine, PART  
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT  
Kirk Ericson, CCPB  
Kelly Garvin, WSDOT  
Byron Brown, WSDOT  
Jeff Fansler, WSDOT  
Brenda King, WSDOT  
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT  
Victoria Bailiff, WSDOT  
Donna Woodson, WSTA

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

**OTHERS:**

Lyuba Zuyeva, VHB Engineering  
John Rogers, Town of Bethania

Due to a lack of a quorum – Information item 5 was heard first.

**5. 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).**

Presented by Byron Brown.

- The United States Census defines urbanized areas with a population over 200,000 as Transportation Management Areas (TMAs).
- The Winston-Salem Urban Area was designated as a TMA after the 2000 U.S. Census.
- As a TMA, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) has the authority to program available Surface Transportation Block Grant – Direct Attributable (STBG-DA) and Transportation Alternatives – Direct Attributable (TA-DA) funds for transportation planning, bicycle, greenway, sidewalk, street and highway, transit, and other projects in the urban area.
- The FAST Act eliminated the MAP-21 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and replaced it with a set-aside of STBG-DA program funding for transportation alternatives TA-DA.
- These set-aside funds include all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP.
- On November 12, 2020, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO staff announced that the total amount of federal funds available was \$13,347,000.
- In January 2020, MPO communities submitted 16 sidewalk projects, 4 greenway projects, 5 intersection and small roadway projects, and 2 transit projects to be considered for funding through the WSUAMPO 2020 Call for projects.
- The total amount of federal funds requested was \$33,004,406.
- The projects were reviewed and evaluated by a committee that included the MPO’s Planning Development Coordinator, MPO’s Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator, City of Winston-Salem Engineering staff, Town of Lewisville staff, NCDOT’s Division 9 Project Development, Division 9 Proposals Engineer and the Facilities and Construction Planning Director from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.
- The next steps include review and approval by the Transportation Advisory Committee, which will program and amend the 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.
- This item will be back in September for action.

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

**1. Public Comments**

No one present.

## **Action Items**

### **2. Consideration of the May 21, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes**

Presented by Chairman, Mike Horn.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Denise Adams.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

### **3. Consideration of Items to approve Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Program Section 5307 CARES Act Funding Allocations for the Winston-Salem Transit Authority to use for Bus Purchases and a Planning Study and Amendments to the MTIP and UPWP**

Presented by Toneq' McCullough.

- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds were appropriated to urban areas with more than 200,000 in population and can be used by transit agencies to help to prevent, prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Winston-Salem's Urban area received an apportionment of funding of \$15,261,567.00.
- The Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) received \$12,389,976 of the total CARE Act Funds appropriated.
- Eligible activities for these funds include all normal expenses such as planning, capital and operating but they will be reimbursed at 100%, no local match is required.
- WSTA is requesting to use \$6,400,000 of funds to purchase 8-35' Diesel Electric buses at the cost of approximately \$800,000 per bus.
- The Program of Projects (POP) was advertised for 30 days as required in the public participation process.
- Additionally, this item approval will amend the 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and STIP.
- WSTA also plans to use \$300,000 of the funds for planning study of the upgrades needed for additional space required for WSTA's administrative staff located on Trade Street in the Hampton Haith building.
- The funds for the planning study are included in the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
- The UPWP was approved by the WSUAMPO in June 2020.

A discussion ensued regarding the use of some of the aging fleet to extend routes – 5 buses in the aging fleet will be used for such purposes.

MOTION: Denise Adams Joines moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**4. Consideration of a resolution of the Transportation Advisory committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization supporting designating Future Interstate route from US 52 to I-40 in Forsyth County as future I-274**

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is proposing the addition of Future Interstate route from US 52 to I-40 in Forsyth County to the Interstate System.
- The Winston-Salem Northern Beltway (WSNB) will be built to Interstate standards and is listed as an unbuilt National Highways System route.
- The route will be a 14.77 mile facility from US 52 north of Winston-Salem, looping to the west and south of the city, connecting to I-40 in Forsyth County.
- This portion of the WSNB is identified in the NCDOT's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as R-2247.
- This facility will satisfy a great need to alleviate congestion in Winston-Salem, an urbanized area of approximately 244,000 people.
- A control of access type of facility is currently unavailable to provide movement of traffic around the western portion of the Winston-Salem urbanized area.
- NCDOT hereby requests approval from the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) to add this section as future I-274 from US 52 to I-40 for 14.77 miles in Forsyth County to the Interstate System.
- NCDOT requests that this item be considered for action due to time constraints.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the eastern designation.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval.

SECOND: Rick Cross.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**Information Item for Future Action**

## 6. **Review of Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) and 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update (MTP) for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.**

Presented by Byron Brown and Lyuba Zuyeva with VHB Engineering.

- Byron introduced Lyuba Zuyeva with VHB Engineering.
- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a long range transportation plan for the region.
- The MTP is federally required for every metropolitan area with a population over 50,000.
- The plan provides an opportunity to review the trends and identify transportation needs.
- The plan includes multiple modes: highway, transit, bike ped, rail, freight and aviation.
- The MTP also provides an opportunity for local communities and the public to provide their input.
- The plan is one of many steps in identifying funding and bring to construction transportation projects.
- The steering committee is currently reviewing model runs, fiscal constraints and project selection.
- Round 2 of the public input meetings will be in July.
- Existing conditions report a population growth of 27%, which would equal 115,000 more people between 2017-2045.
- Employment growth would see an 81% increase, which would equal 170,000 more jobs between 2017-2045.
- The 2017 traffic (AADT) numbers include 112,000 vehicles/day on I-40 and US 52 north of I-40 reaches 96,000 vehicles/day.
- Other large volume roads include I-285, Salem Parkway, US 421 and NC67.
- The existing Bike-Ped network includes 550 existing miles of sidewalk, 29 existing miles of shares us paths/greenways/regional trails, 16 existing miles of on-road bike facilities and 36 existing miles of on-road bicycle facilities.
- The Environmental Justice analysis will provide a score of 0 – 6 based on Census Block Groups relative to:
  - Percentage of households with zero vehicles
  - Limited English Proficiency
  - Households in poverty above the region’s average
  - Minority population – Black
  - Minority population – Other
  - Hispanic ethnicity population.
- The MTP Vision: *“The Winston-Salem Urban Area will be supported by strong, multimodal regional transportation infrastructure that provides safe, efficient, affordable and accessible travel options for people and goods, while supporting healthy and resilient communities.”*
- There will be a compilation of potential projects from past plans.

- There is an interactive map available at [bit.ly/2045MTP](http://bit.ly/2045MTP).
- Please let staff know if there are any projects that should be added or removed from the plan.
- Public involvement round 1 included:
  - The website [www.wsmtupdate.com/](http://www.wsmtupdate.com/) had 696 visits
  - The MetroQuest survey #1 had 724 visitors with 419 surveys completed.
  - Top participant locations were 135 Winston-Salem residents and 105 Kernersville residents.
  - Top 3 project priorities are: safe and complete streets, roadway conditions and bicycle and pedestrian projects.
  - Top 4 areas for funding are maintenance and repair, bicycle and pedestrian, safety and public transit.
- Please share the information regarding the July 23, 2020 public outreach and participation meeting that will be held from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.
- Additional information is available on the website: [www.wsmtupdate.com/](http://www.wsmtupdate.com/)

Denise Adams requested that the data/information be put on social media for constituents to access information and stressed the importance of public participation. It was also requested that all committee members receive a digital copy of the PowerPoint presentation.

Jenny Fulton requested staff add TAC members to all distribution lists for digital copies of upcoming meetings/flyers/etc.

## **7. Review of the renewal of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Conformity Memorandum of Agreement**

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requesting the adoption and signature of the revised Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), North Carolina DEQ, Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection (FCOEAP), United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA).
- In accordance with Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 176(c), the DEQ chose to develop transportation conformity MOAs to ensure that interagency consultation procedures for transportation conformity are followed in each of the State’s maintenance areas pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.105.
- The MOA outlines the responsibilities and processes that each signatory entity will follow to ensure that transportation plans conform to the emissions budgets set forth in North Carolina’s State Implementation Plan (SIP), which is a collection of regulations and documents used by a state, territory, or local air district to reduce air pollution in areas that do not meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards, or NAAQS.

- As of now, no action is needed besides adopting this MOA, since all areas of the State are attaining the CO and PM NAAQS.
- The existing MOAs were approved by EPA into the SIP effective February 24, 2014 (78 FR 78266).
- The DEQ is coordinating the process for renewing the MOAs with each of their 11 MPOs, the National Park Service (NPS), and NCDOT to fulfill the duties outlined in Section 11.1 of the existing MOA.
- Most of the revisions include updates to names of plans and agencies as well as update to methodologies concurrent with current practices.
- The next steps will be:
  - Step 1: Signature by the MPO and FCOEAP designees’;
  - Step 2: Signature by the NCDOT and NCDEQ Secretaries’; and
  - Step 3: Signature by the FTA and FHWA Administrators’
- Once the official 30-day comment period is complete on, the Division of Air Quality will consider relevant comments and subsequently request that EPA review, sign and approve each revised MOA into North Carolina’s CAA Section 110 State Implementation Plan.

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

**8. MPO Staff Reports**

**a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update**

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- Dragados USA is working towards opening the section of the Northern Beltway from future I-74 between US 421/Salem Parkway and US 158 by early fall 2020.

**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**

No questions for staff.

**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 (DCT)**

No questions for staff.

**i. Title VI Compliance Update**

No questions for staff.

**j. MPO Calendar of Activities**

No questions for staff.

**k. Ethics Liaison**

Presented by Kirk Ericson.

- All members and alternates have submitted information for ethic requirements for 2020.

**9. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting**

- Next TAC meeting will be September 17, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT**