

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
SPECIAL MEETING
APRIL 15, 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
John Larson, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
John Rogers, Commissioner, Town of Bethania, Alternate
Benita Finney, Commissioner, Davie County
Fleming El-Amin, Commissioner, Forsyth County
John Wait, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Rick Cross, Mayor, Town of Bermuda Run
Jenny Fulton, Mayor Pro Temp, Town of Kernersville
Rick Morris, Commissioner, Stokes County
Willie Clark, Member, WSTA Board of Directors

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Fredrick Haith, NCDOT
Phillip Craver, NCDOT
Suzette Morales, FHA
Daryl Vreeland, NCDOT
Scott Rhine, PART
Cary Gentry, FCOEAP
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT
Donna Goodson, WSTA
Kirk Ericson, CCPB
Jeff Fansler, WSDOT
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

Larry Bell, TV13

There not being a quorum information item 6 was heard first.

Information for Future Action Items

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).

Presented by Byron Brown.

- The Fiscal Year (FY) 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 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.
- The attached document 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 will be made available for public review and comment for at least 30 days from April 12, 2021 through May 13, 2021.

Kirk Ericson reminded committee members that the Ethics Awareness requirements must be submitted no later than end of the day.

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 Horn read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement.

1. Public Comments

No one present.

Action Items

2. Consideration of March 18, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Mike Horn.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Jeff MacIntosh.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2022 Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for Projects

Presented by Victoria Bailiff.

- Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) is a federal program that funds transportation projects and programs in air quality nonattainment and maintenance areas to help achieve and maintain national standards for air quality pollutants.
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation serves as the administrator for this program.
- Funding is apportioned to North Carolina (NCDOT) based on the population in non-attainment and maintenance areas of the state and the severity of air quality problem.
- The NCDOT announced the release of federal CMAQ funds for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO for Fiscal Years 2022.
- The funds are eligible to be programmed for projects in Fiscal Year 2022, which runs from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022.
- The NCDOT allocated \$1,794,028 to the Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSMPO) for Fiscal Year 2022.
- Two candidate projects were submitted for funding consideration.
- The Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) requested \$920,000 for their Night, Saturday and Sunday Service.
- The WSTA has also requested \$874,028 for the Replacement of Buses and Capital items. No other projects were submitted.
- The Office of Environmental Assistance & Protection has evaluated both projects to determine the daily pollutant reduction in kilograms.
- The Office of Environmental Assistance & Protection uses series of computer models that estimate the average emissions for different types of highway vehicles.

- The vehicle emission factors, projected number of vehicles a project will remove from the network, and dynamics are used to determine the annual emissions reduction.
- The projects are projected to yield a daily reduction in pollution ranging from 29.37 to 192.2259 kilograms.

MOTION: Rich Cross moved approval.

SECOND: Fleming El-Amin.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of Amendments to the 2020 Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMP)

Presented by Byron Brown.

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area updated and adopted The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) on January 21, 2021.
- The CTP and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) outlines the desires of our community's transportation network for the next 25 years to year 2045.
- The CTP is not fiscally constrained while the MTP is a federal document which requires a financial plan and must adhere to air quality standards.
- Following the adoption of this document, the Transportation Planning Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT), reviews the document for further recommendations and validation.
- The requested changes ensure that:
 - Each project has a properly defined needs statement and descriptions
 - All CTP 2.0 Maps incorporate listed changes
 - Projects inventory reflects latest project updates from NCDOT, included completed projects since the draft document was completed
 - Project removal and updates per staff and NCDOT requests
- Per the MPO's public participation plan, these changes require a 30-day public comment period which will be held from March 12, 2021 to April 11, 2021.
- The public hearing for these amendments will be held during the today's meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

The public hearing was open. No one being present, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Jeff MacIntosh moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Joines.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

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Chairman Mike Horn expressed his concern over project U-6189 the Lewisville-Clemmons Road widening being delayed for two years.

MOTION: Rick Cross moved approval.

SECOND: Fleming El-Amin.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information for Future Action Items

Presented by Byron Brown.

7. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

- Next TAC meeting will be May 20, 2021

ADJOURNMENT 4:43 pm.