

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Denise Adams, Mayor Pro Temp, City of Winston-Salem
Jeff MacIntosh, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
John C. Larson, Council Member, City of Winston Salem, Alternate
John Rogers, Commissioner, Town of Bethania
Rick Cross, Mayor, Town of Bermuda Run
Mike Rogers, Council Member, Village of Clemmons
John Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Rick Morris, Commissioner, Stokes County
Andrew Perkins, Vice Chairman, NCBOT
Willie Clark, Member, WSTA Board of Directors
Wesley Hutchins, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
John Wait, Mayor, Village of Clemmons
Myron Marion, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Fleming El-Amin, Commissioner, Forsyth County

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Fredrick Haith, NCDOT
Suzette Morales, FHWA
Scott Rhine, PART
Andy Bailey, NCDOT
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT
Donna Goodson, WSTA
Jeff Fansler, WSDOT
Byron Brown, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Kelly Garvin, WSDOT
Marlene Davis, WSDOT
Laura Whitaker, WSDOT
Matthew Duchan, WSDOT
Brenda King, WSDOT
Hunter Staszak, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Nixon, WSDOT

OTHERS

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 Kelly Garvin, 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 the September 16th, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes.

Presented by Chairman Mike Horn.

MOTION: Denise Adams

SECOND: Allen Joines

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 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 (WSUAMPO) triggers the amendment of the MTIP.
- The 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.
- 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 30 days from August 10, 2021 through September 12, 2021.
- No comments were received during that time.

MOTION: Allen Joines

SECOND: Rick Cross

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of a resolution approving letters of Support for Davidson County Department of Senior Services, Workshop of Davidson and Life Center of Davidson County for North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 Funding.

Presented by Kelly Garvin

- The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Public Transportation Division (PTD) administers the application and selection process for the allocation of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 – Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities funding program in rural areas.
- The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options.
- The Workshop of Davidson, Life Center of Davidson County and Davidson County Department of Senior Services provide services within the Metropolitan Planning Area and in rural areas in Davidson Country for disabled persons and individuals 65 years and older.
- Only services provided in the urbanized area (UZA) of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) are eligible for funding by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO.
- For areas determined not to be within the MPO's UZA, these providers can apply for funding through the State's Section 5310 funding program.
- The letter of support acknowledges the Workshop of Davidson's, Life Center of Davidson County and Davidson County Department of Senior Services' desire to participate in the State's competitive selection process for services provided outside the MPO's UZA and the Transportation Advisory Committee's (TAC) support for these agencies to apply for the State's 5310 funding program.

- The Workshop of Davidson has requested \$104,000, the Life Center of Davidson County, Inc. has requested \$60,000 and Davidson County Department of Senior Services has requested \$250,000 from the State’s 5310 program.
- If approved by the TAC, this letter of support will be provided to the agencies to include in their application to NCDOT for Section 5310 funding opportunities provided by the State.

MOTION: John Byrum

SECOND: Jeff MacIntosh

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items for Future Action

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).

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- 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 October 8 through November 12, 2021.

6. Review of Fiscal Year 2023 Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Projects for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO.

Presented by Kelly Garvin

- 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.
- In North Carolina, the North Carolina Department of Transportation serves as the administrator for this program.
- Funding is apportioned to North Carolina based on the population in non-attainment and maintenance areas of the state and the severity of air quality problems.
- The NCDOT announced the release of federal CMAQ funds for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO for Fiscal Years 2023.
- The funds are eligible to be programmed for projects in Fiscal Year 2023, which runs from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.
- NCDOT allocated \$1,794,028 to the Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSMPO) for Fiscal Year 2023.
- Three candidate projects were submitted for funding consideration.
- The Town of Lewisville is requesting \$425,633 for the Lewisville-Vienna Road sidewalk extension project; NCDOT division 9 is requesting \$180,000 for the NC 8 and Oak Summit Road intersection improvement; and the City of Winston-Salem is requesting \$1,188,395 for their Multi-use Path.
- All three of these projects have received federal funds in prior years approved by the TAC.
- They are requesting additional funds citing cost increases.
- The Office of Environmental Assistance & Protection has evaluated all three 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 153.483 to 820.343 kilograms.

Kelly Garvin replied to Fleming El-Almin regarding the scope of the Oak Summit Road project stating that the project is only at the intersection of Oak Summit Road and NC 8.

Pat Ivey also confirmed the project is a safety project and that it was for the intersection only.

7. Review of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program, Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and Plans to Amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for Fiscal Year 2021.

Presented by Matt Duchan

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area receives federal transportation funds to assist eligible agencies in meeting the transportation needs of disabled and elderly populations in the urbanized area under the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities (Section 5310) grant program. In FY 2021, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO (WSUAMPO) received \$369,013 in Section 5310 funding apportionment.
 - Additionally, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO (WSUAMPO) allocated \$55,000 in funds to be awarded to agencies providing transportation for Section 5307-Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) purposes. These funds are allocated to transportation sub-recipients through a competitive process.
 - Applications and instructions can be found at the following link: <https://www.cityofws.org/2442/Projects-Plans-Studies>
 - Staff will bring this item in January for approval with the list of agencies with a recommendation of funding distribution.
 - Staff will also recommend approval of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to reflect the funding recommendations once approved. Dates for execution are subject to change.
 - MPO staff issued a call for projects according to the schedule provided in the agenda packet.
- 8. Review of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 and Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program Funding Allocation for the Winston-Salem Urban Area for Fiscal Year 2022 and Plans to Amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**

Presented by Matt Duchan

- Transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307 funds for operating and capital assistance.
- The Winston-Salem Urban Area received \$5,218,133 in FY 2021. MPO staff anticipates the FY 2022 apportionment to be approximately the same.
- The FY 2022 Federal Fiscal year began October 1, 2021. Staff is bringing this item for information so that when FTA announces the FY 2022 Section 5307 funding availability; there will not be a delay in allocating these funds to eligible agencies in the MPO therefore expediting the application process through FTA.
- Currently, there are three transit agencies in the MPO eligible to receive 5307 funding based upon data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD).
- Those agencies are Davidson County Transportation, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA).
- The number of eligible agencies may increase in future years. Additionally, activities traditionally eligible under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program, which provides for job access for low-income individuals, continue to be an eligible activity for these funds.
- Based upon policies adopted by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO in 2017, funding will be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA.
- Each year, MPO staff shall coordinate a joint allocation meeting with eligible agencies to confirm that the funding identified can be used by the agency and staff, and will use that

information for recommendation to the TAC for final approval and distribution.

- MPO staff will coordinate this meeting once a funding apportionment is announced. Staff will also recommend approval of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).
- The Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 program is a formula-based grant program to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and bus facilities.
- The program provides available federal resources to eligible direct recipients that operate fixed route bus services or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators.
- The program originated through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) which changed the program from discretionary to formula based. Funding is now designated to states and designated recipients in urbanized areas (200,000 people or more).
- The Winston Salem Urban Area received \$580,567 in FY 2021.
- The FY 2022 Federal Fiscal year began October 1, 2021. Staff is bringing this item for information so that when FTA announces the FY 2022 Section 5339 funding availability, there will not be a delay in allocating these funds therefore expediting the application process through FTA.
- MPO staff will bring an item for final approval of allocation once a funding apportionment is announced. Staff will also recommend approval of an amendment to the MTIP.

Staff Reports

9. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

Fred Haith – No *Update*

Chairman Horn asked Pat Ivey if we would be getting money from the American Recovery Act – Pat Ivy referred to Andrew Perkins. Andrew Perkins responded by stating there will be \$7.2 billion for State Highway, \$457 million for bridge recovery, \$9 -\$10 million for multimodal, \$9 - \$10 million for pedestrian/airport, and \$9 - \$10 million for rail/passenger trains. Mr. Perkins further stated that the funds would be dispersed over five years.

Pat Ivey replied to Chairman Horn’s question regarding traffic issues on US Hwy 52 and Salem Parkway, stating that he anticipates the remaining traffic issues to be addressed when the section of the Northern Beltway opens. He further stated that he anticipates that once the Beltway is complete 311 /52 in a year, that there will be a 20% reduction on 52.

A discussion occurred regarding the lack of an ordinance for a development to have more than one entrance / exit. (Oak Summit for example). Chairman Horn stated that the Town of Lewisville had adopted an ordinance for new developments and suggested that anyone that would like to review what they have to call Stacy Tolbert and get a copy of their ordinance.

b. WSUAMPO Transportation Project Update

No questions for staff.

c. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update

No questions for staff.

d. FHWA Update

No questions for staff.

e. Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Update

No questions for staff.

f. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

No questions for staff.

g. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No questions for staff.

h. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

No questions for staff.

i. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

No questions for staff.

j. Davidson County Transportation (DCT)

No questions for staff.

k. Title VI Compliance Update

No questions for staff.

l. MPO Calendar of Activities

No questions for staff.

m. Ethics Liaison

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

Kelly Garvin stated that existing members are required to complete Ethics by April 15, 2022 and upcoming new members are required to complete Ethics form PRIOR to voting in the January 18th, 2022 TAC meeting. Kelly will send out an email with this information.

10. Next TAC meeting will be January 18, 2022.

Mayor Horn stated the NCDOT will hold a Transportation Summit being January 20, 2022 and several members of the TAC would be attending this Summit. Mayor Horn then members about changing the TAC meeting to the 18th of January.

Members agreed that the 18th of January 2022 would work better for their schedules for the next TAC meeting.

ADJORNMENT: 4:51 pm