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TO: CRTPO Delegates & Alternates
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
CRTPO Secretary
DATE: September 10, 2015

**SUBJECT: September 2015 Meeting
Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization
Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 PM**

The September 2015 meeting of the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM, and will be held in Room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 E. Fourth St., Charlotte.

Education Session

There will be no education session before this meeting.

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Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization

September 16, 2015

Room 267-Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center

6:00 PM Meeting Agenda

1. **Call to Order** Sarah McAulay
2. **Adoption of the Agenda** Sarah McAulay
3. **Citizen Comment Period** Sarah McAulay
MPO bylaws limit the comment period to 20 minutes.
4. **Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder** Sarah McAulay
5. **Approval of Minutes** Sarah McAulay
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the August 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

ATTACHMENT: Draft August 2015 minutes.
6. **Prioritization 4.0** Neil Burke
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the list of Prioritization 4.0 project submittals.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: At its September 2015 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO endorse the list of project submittals.

BACKGROUND:
 - *Prioritization 4.0 is the process that will result in the 2018-2027 TIP.*
 - *Three TCC work sessions were held to develop the list of highway projects that will be evaluated in Prioritization 4.0.*
 - *The Bicycle & Pedestrian Work Group finalized a project list at its August 6 meeting. Its recommendations were reviewed at the August 19 Transportation Staff meeting.*
 - *Staff worked with the appropriate staff to develop the list of transit, rail and aviation projects proposed for submittal.*
ATTACHMENT: Click on the following links to view the proposed P4.0 project submittals: [Statewide Mobility-Highway](#); [Regional Impact-Highway](#); [Division Needs-Highway](#); [Non-Highway Projects](#)
7. **CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the establishment of the CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee.

TCC RECOMMENDATION: At its September 2015 meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the establishment of the subcommittee.

BACKGROUND:
 - *The Bonus Allocation Subcommittee was formed to prepare a list of projects to be recommended for funding with bonus allocation funds resulting from the I-77 HOT lanes project.*

- *The Subcommittee later took on the task of preparing recommendations on STP-DA project funding.*
- *The completion of the bonus allocation and STP-DA allocation processes presents an opportunity to reconstitute the Subcommittee to serve new, but related, functions.*
- *The attached document outlines proposed changes to the Subcommittee, which is proposed to be reconstituted as the CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee.*

ATTACHMENT: Proposed CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee framework.

8. CONNECT/2045 MTP Linkage Jonathan Wells
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND:

- *The CONNECT process resulted in tools and resources with potential application to the 2045 MTP.*
- *An ad hoc work group was assembled with the objective of developing an inventory of strategies and recommendations aimed at identifying CONNECT products that could reasonably be used during the preparation of the 2045 MTP.*
- *The effort also considered ways in which future CONNECT processes could be tailored to serve the 2045 MTP.*
- *The presentation will review the work group's findings and discuss next steps.*

ATTACHMENT: [Click here](#) to view the CONNECT/MTP Linkage Work Group report.

9. Faith Church Road Extension Thoroughfare Plan Amendment Adam McLamb
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND:

- *The purpose of this agenda item is to discuss the possible removal from the Thoroughfare Plan of the minor thoroughfare Faith Church Road Extension, between Old Monroe Road and Potter Road.*
- *The future alignment was deemed not buildable due to physical constraints such as the flood plain and a Duke Power transmission line.*
- *Alternative alignments were proposed but were deemed undesirable by Indian Trail.*
- *Recently, a property owner expressed interest in developing a large parcel along Old Monroe Road and the future Faith Church Road Extension and requested the future alignment be removed from the Thoroughfare Plan.*

ATTACHMENT: Vicinity map.

10. Comprehensive Transportation Plan Candice Leonard
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND:

- *The CTP mapping effort has been largely completed by NCDOT staff, thus local staff met to determine the tasks needed to move the project forward so that public involvement and adoption could occur in 2016.*
- *Staff identified the major decisions needed to ensure that adequate information is in place to address concerns of elected officials, stakeholders and the general public.*
- *A work group is currently being created to make the key decisions necessary to advance the progress of the CTP adoption.*

11. Upcoming Agenda Items
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

Robert Cook

BACKGROUND: Review of items that will appear on future agendas.

12. Adjourn

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267
August 19, 2015 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending:

Vi Lyles (Charlotte), Woody Washam (Cornelius), Brian Jenest (Davidson), John Biggers (Fairview), Sarah McAulay (Huntersville), Gary Savoie (Indian Trail), James Mallory (Iredell County), Norma Carpenter (Marshville), Lanny Openshaw (Marvin), Jim Taylor (Matthews), Dumont Clarke (Mecklenburg County), Leamon Brice (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Frederick Becker (Mineral Springs), Dottie Nash (Monroe), Eddie Dingler (Mooresville), Jack Edwards (Pineville), Wyatt Dunn (Stallings), Michael Johnson (Statesville), Elbert Richardson (Troutman), Daune Gardner (Waxhaw), Barbara Harrison (Weddington), Brad Horvath (Wesley Chapel), Bill Brasswell (Wingate) Tracy Finch Dodson (NCBOT-Division 10), Ned Curran (NCBOT-Division 12)

Non-Voting Members Attending:

Cozzie Watkins, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission

1. Call to Order

MPO Chairwoman Sarah McAulay called the August 2015 CRTPO meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Summary:

Vi Lyles recommended that agenda item #10, CONNECT/MTP Linkage, be delayed to a future meeting. She stated that the meeting was likely to run long, and wanted to be sure that ample time would be available to discuss the item.

Motion:

Ms. Lyles made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, but to delay discussion of agenda item #10, CONNECT/MTP Linkage, to a future meeting. Mayor Gardner seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

3. Citizen Comment Period

Nine people addressed the MPO.

1. Hank Graham, Cleveland Lincoln MPO: Stated that adoption of the TIP was important because if the CRTPO failed to do so, it would delay projects for the MPO he represents as well as the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO and the Rocky River RPO.
2. Lynda Paxton: Stated that changes were needed to the project review process; also discussed the Monroe Bypass.
3. Jodi Archer: Expressed concern with technology associated with the I-77 HOT lanes project. Ms. Archer stated that she has a cochlear implant and that it is incompatible with the technology as are other implanted devices. She expressed concerns about health risks.
4. Meg Fencil, Sustain Charlotte: Stated that too much TIP funding is devoted to highway projects that will induce sprawl. Also expressed concern with the low amount of funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects.
5. Mike Russell: Urged the MPO to vote no on the TIP.
6. Rob Kidwell: Urged the MPO to vote no on the TIP.
7. Diane Gilroy: Urged the MPO to vote no on the TIP.
8. Michelle Ferlauh: Urged the MPO to vote no on the TIP.
9. Annette Powell: Urged the MPO to vote no on the TIP.

4. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder

Prior to the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder being announced, Chairwoman McAulay referenced an email she had received concerning property she owns in conjunction with seven family members.

Mr. Cook read the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder to the MPO. No conflicts were identified.

5. **Approval of Minutes**

Summary:

Chairwoman McAulay requested action on the July 2015 meeting minutes.

Motion:

Dottie Nash made a motion to approve the July 2015 meeting minutes. Mayor Richardson seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the July 2015 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

6. **2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program**

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Prior to the presentation on this topic, Chairwoman McAulay turned the meeting over to Vice-Chairman Horvath who presided during this agenda item.

Mr. Burke provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to request that the MPO make a finding of air quality conformity on the draft TIP and amended 2040 MTP, adopt the draft TIP and adopt amendments to the 2040 MTP. A brief timeline of what brought the MPO to this point was provided, followed by information on the air quality conformity document and the TIP financial plan. A summary of public comments was provided. Mr. Burke concluded by stating that the TCC had recommended that the MPO take the following action:

1. Find that the 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program and the amended 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan are in compliance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21);
2. Adopt amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan;
3. Adopt the 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program.

Motion:

Chairwoman McAulay made the following motion: I move that the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization:

- a. Finds that the 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program and the amended 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan are in compliance with the provisions of the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, and the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act-MAP-21 act;
 - b. Adopts the 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program;
 - c. Adopts the amendments to the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Mayor Jim Taylor seconded the motion.

Following the motion and the second, the MPO discussed the TIP. Chairwoman McAulay commented on the need to adopt the TIP and the importance of individual projects to each city and town. Ms. Lyles stated that the TIP was important to Charlotte's transit plan and that not adopting the TIP would affect the ongoing LYNX Blue Line Extension project. She further noted that Charlotte City Council has supported the project since 2008. Woody Washam stated that the Cornelius Board of Commissioners directed him to vote against adopting the TIP. Mayor Becker stated that there is probably one project in the TIP that each MPO member does not like, and stated that he did not support the Monroe Bypass, but that that was not a reason to vote against the entire TIP. Dumont Clarke stated that the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners voted 5-4 directing him to vote no on a motion to support the TIP, but added that he would have voted to support it had he been allowed to follow his conscience. Brian Jenest stated that supports the managed lanes concept, but cannot support the public private partnership deal and thus must vote against adopting the TIP.

Vote:

At the close of the discussion, Vice-Chairman Horvath called for a vote on the motion made by Chairwoman McAulay. The motion passed with 54 votes cast in favor of the motion and 10 votes cast in opposition. Votes in

favor of the motion were cast by representatives of the following jurisdictions: Charlotte; Huntersville; Indian Trail; Marshville; Matthews; Metropolitan Transit Commission; Mineral Springs; Monroe; Mooresville; Stallings; Statesville; Troutman; Waxhaw; Weddington; Wesley Chapel; Wingate; NC Board of Transportation-Division 10; NC Board of Transportation-Division-12. Votes in opposition to the motion were cast by representatives of the following jurisdictions: Cornelius; Davidson; Fairview; Iredell County; Marvin; Mecklenburg County; Pineville.

7. John Kirk Drive Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

Presenter:

Steve Blakley, Kimley-Horn

Summary:

Mr. Blakley provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. He stated that two actions were requested: a.) modify the classification of John Kirk Drive from a major thoroughfare to a minor thoroughfare, and b.) approve a reconfiguration of the intersection of John Kirk Drive and Cameron Boulevard to introduce a 90 degree turn on John Kirk Drive and establish Cameron Boulevard as a through movement. The second element of the request was described in detail. Also reviewed were public involvement efforts. Mr. Blakley stated that the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the two requests. Mr. Clarke asked if a roundabout had been considered. Mr. Blakley replied that a roundabout would not be appropriate at this location due to its impacts on pedestrians and bicyclists.

Motion:

Mr. Jenest made a motion to approve the two requested Thoroughfare Plan amendments as described above. Mayor Gardner seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Transportation Alternatives Program Methodology

Presenter:

Curtis Bridges

Summary:

Mr. Bridges provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to request the MPO to adopt the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) scoring guide and methodology. Background on the TAP was provided. The CRTPO's public outreach efforts were described. It was noted that the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the TAP methodology.

Motion:

Mayor Becker made a motion to approve the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) scoring guide and methodology as presented. Ms. Nash seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Prioritization 4.0

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to obtain the board's endorsement of a list of project scope changes and to approve three project deletions for projects to be included in the SPOT database. These actions were taken as part of the effort to develop a project list that will eventually be scored as part of the Prioritization process that will result in the 2018-2027 TIP. The deletions allow for three new highway projects to be added to the database. The scope changes and deletions addressed were highway projects; however, the presentation provided an update on the bicycle/pedestrian, transit, rail and aviation modes.

Mayor Gardner asked about two overlapping NC 16 projects into Waxhaw. Mr. Burke replied that there is a project from Rea Road to Cuthbertson Road that is funded in the draft TIP and that staff is working with TCC to modify the next project on NC 16 from Cuthbertson Road to Waxhaw Parkway. Lanny Openshaw requested that the two issues (project scope changes and project deletions) be voted on with separate motions. Tracy Dodson requested that she be recused from this item due to a potential conflict of interest. Mayor Taylor made a motion to recuse Ms. Dodson and Ms. Nash seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion-Project Scope Changes:

Mayor Richardson made a motion to approve the project scope changes as presented. Mayor Taylor seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was approved. Two votes in opposition to the motion were cast by representatives of Mineral Springs and Marvin.

Motion-Project Deletions:

Mayor Becker made a motion to approve the project deletions from the SPOT database as presented. Ms. Nash seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

10. Bonus Allocation Subcommittee Process Changes

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

Mr. Cook provided information to the MPO via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to discuss changes to the Bonus Allocation Subcommittee. The changes will formally establish the subcommittee and clarify its roles and responsibilities. The new subcommittee will be known as the CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee. It will be responsible for ensuring that bonus allocation projects are implemented in a timely manner, as well as selecting future bonus allocation projects. Its responsibilities will be similar for STP-DA funds. The subcommittee will also be charged with ensuring that CMAQ and TAP projects are implemented in a timely manner.

Vi Lyles sought clarification on the matter of the subcommittee's role regarding ensuring the timely completion of projects. Mr. Cook replied that neither the subcommittee nor the CRTPO itself would be implementing projects; local jurisdictions and NCDOT will be the implementing agencies. The subcommittee will make sure that whatever jurisdiction is responsible for a project, that it is making steady progress toward implementation.

11. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter:

Robert Cook

Summary:

The main issue to be brought before the MPO in September would be the Prioritization 4.0 matter discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Cook then thanked the board for their efforts to adopt the TIP. He noted that this was the first time the MPO had adopted a TIP under the Strategic Transportation Investments legislation, and that the complexities of the adoption process were complicated by the I-77 HOT lanes debate.

Mayor Gardner recommended a future education session on the public involvement process. Leamon Brice stated that efforts should be made to educate the general public on the overall TIP development process. Mr. Jenest recommended that NCDOT Secretary Tennyson be invited to a future meeting. Ms. Lyles recommended that the new head of CATS, John Lewis, be invited to address the MPO.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

TO: CRTPO Delegates and Alternates
 FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
 CRTPO Secretary
 DATE: September 9, 2015

SUBJECT: CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve the establishment of the CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee.

TCC RECOMMENDATION

The TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the establishment of the CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee. This action was taken at the TCC's September 3, 2015 meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE FRAMEWORK

The following is the framework for the CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee.

Issue	Recommendation
Subcommittee Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serve as TCC subcommittee charged with making project selection recommendations for toll road BA funds and STP-DA funds • Serve as TCC subcommittee charged with monitoring the implementation of projects funded from the following sources: toll road BA; STP-DA; CMAQ; TAP
Tasks	<p>Bonus Allocation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for recommendations to TCC on how to allocate future toll road BA funds • Responsible for oversight and monitoring of BA projects to ensure they are implemented in the mandated 5-year time frame by the implementing jurisdiction • Serve as liaison to NCDOT on scoping of BA projects <p>STP-DA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for recommendations to TCC on how to allocate STP-DA funds • Responsible for ensuring that STP-DA projects are implemented in a timely manner by the implementing jurisdiction <p>CMAQ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for oversight and monitoring of CMAQ projects to ensure they are implemented in a timely manner by the implementing jurisdiction

Issue	Recommendation
	<p>TAP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for oversight and monitoring of TAP projects to ensure they are implemented in a timely manner
Name	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRTPO Projects Oversight Subcommittee
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No more than 6 jurisdiction representatives (to be selected by TCC chair and vice-chair) + 1 representative for each NCDOT division + 1 each representing motor vehicle transportation, transit and bicycle/pedestrian transportation Each county must be represented TCC chair and vice-chair may appoint others based upon an individual's expertise The FHWA will be an ex officio member
Terms of Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee membership will be two years Subcommittee members may not serve more than three terms
Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRTPO governing board will officially establish as subcommittee of the TCC
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The TCC vice-chair shall be the subcommittee chair
Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The subcommittee will strive to develop its recommendations to the TCC by consensus If a consensus cannot be achieved, formal voting, will be invoked The subcommittee chair will have the authority to invoke formal voting on an issue Remote voting is permitted only for those members that have attended in person at least 75% of all meetings

GLOSSARY

BA	Bonus Allocation
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality
STP-DA	Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable
TAP	Transportation Alternatives Program



Faith Church Road

1 inch = 1,000 feet



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