

MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center-Room CH-14
October 7, 2004

Voting Members: Terry Arellano (NCDOT), David Barley (Pineville), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Jack Flaherty (NCDOT), Wayne Herron (Monroe), Meredith Judy (Davidson), Joe Lesch (Union Co.), Brian Matthews (Stallings), Louis Mitchell (NCDOT), John Rose (CATS), William Sherrill (Matthews), Ken Tippet (CDOT), Tom Thrower (NCDOT), Adie Whitmon (NCDOT), Heidi McNulty (MCAQ),

Other Staff: Barry Mosley (MUMPO/CMPC), Bob Cook (MUMPO), Linda Keich (Planning), Jonathan Parker (NCDOT), Jasen Mayo (Stallings), Rick Mason (NCDOT), Eldewins Haynes (CDOT), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Anna Brigman (CDOT), Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Tim Gibbs (CDOT), Bill Finger (CDOT), Josh Watkins (Cornelius),

Guests: Dianne Whitaker (Charlotte Observer)

Vice Chairman Bill Coxe called the TCC meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

1. Regional Transportation Planning

Presenter:

Anna Brigman, CDOT

Summary:

Surveys: The household travel survey, external travel survey, and workplace survey are complete.

Data Collection and Coding: Finalization of the MPO and Non-MPO land use inventory and socio-economic projections are currently underway. County level endorsements were obtained in September. Staff in cooperation with the Planning Commission, are working to finalized TAZ levels within the next week.

Model Development: The highway calibration has reached it final stage and is 8% high overall (8% more of highway volumes than to counts). Problem areas to be targeted include freeways, rural area, and local and collector streets, which staff anticipates to have under control soon.

Presenter:

Tim Gibbs, CDOT

Summary/Requested Action:

2030 LRTP: Public meetings are scheduled to be held in Charlotte, Cornelius, and Stallings to obtain citizen input on the 2030 LRTP for Mecklenburg and Union. TCC members are encourage to help spread the word about the upcoming meetings.

Financial Projections: A staff work group will re-convene to decide options for funding projects identified in the 2030 LRTP Project ranking process.

The Charlotte Region Alliance for Transportation Executive Committee voted to support revising the Equity Formula but not the five-cent gas tax increase under the proposed strategy for North Carolina.

Project Evaluation: The Economic Centers map has been updated and staff is currently re-ranking projects to reflect this information.

L RTP & Conformity Reports: A draft conformity report outline is being circulated to interagency partners. The report outline consists of the table of contents. Interagency partners comments are due by October 11.

Writing of the LRTP is underway and a draft is expected to be complete by early December.

The Partners have agreed on the conformity test options, NC will submit a document and SC will submit a separate document.

Presenter:

Norm Stienman, CDOT

Summary:

There are two conformity determinations that have to be achieved, which are the one-hour ozone standard and the eight-hour ozone standard. The one-hour ozone standard only applies to Mecklenburg County and it must be completed by April 2005. As of June 15, the one-hour ozone standard will become history and will be replaced by the eight-hour ozone standard. The primary focus of staff work is to clear the conformity requirements for the eight-hour ozone standard.

Staff is working collaboratively with participants in the region (Gaston MPO and Cabarrus/Rowan MPO) to develop a regional roadway network. The principals will be considered when creating a regional transit network.

The model is calibrated to replicate today's highway volume and transit ridership as well as the future forecast compared to other forecasts produced in the past. The first set of networks for 2010, will be ready to run in the model by October 22 and the first region wide set of travel forecasts are anticipated to be ready by the beginning of November. The second round of forecasts should be ready for review by the end of November beginning of December. Round three will include preparing a revision of the highway roadway project and incorporate transit, HOV or HOV projects into the regional network.

The MPO will not be required to make any decisions in November. Bill Coxe suggested that the MPO be given a draft (candidate projects) list either in November or at a special meeting in December. Norm Steinman agreed that this was a good idea and that staff would work on having something to present to the MPO in November.

Bill Coxe recapped what was stated. In November, staff would submit to the MPO the financial scheme and a non-prioritized list of projects under consideration, based on all material with the exception of congestion. The MPO January or special meeting in February would consist of reviewing the first list with congestion added (prioritized list).

2. Thoroughfare Plan Changes

Presenter:

Barry Mosley, MUMPO

Summary:

A list of amendment clean-ups for the Thoroughfare plan was presented to the TCC. This matrix was offered to the TCC for informational purposes and review for comments. Clean-up categories include alignment amendments, classification changes, clean-up alignments, and map corrections. Alignment amendments and classification changes will require public input and ultimately MPO approval, before they

can be added to the Thoroughfare Plan. The clean-up alignments and map correction may be completed without public input or MPO consent.

Changes identified by the TCC:

- Move Old Dowd Road project from clean up alignment to classification changes section.
- Change project title under clean-up alignments from Sugar Creek Road to Old Potter Road.
- Under map corrections, add project limits for Alexandrana Road to read from Eastfield Road to Mt. Holly Huntersville Road.

Bill Coxe suggested that it may be appropriate to add a new category to the Thoroughfare Plan entitled “buses only interchange” and consider placing them at some of the crossing roads along I-77 north.

3. MPO Involvement in I-485 Rezoning Petitions

Presenter:

Robert Cook, CDOT

Summary/Requested Action:

4. Other Business

5. Adjourn