

**MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center**  
**Room 280**  
**February 4, 2010**

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**Voting Members:** Wayne Herron-Chairman (Monroe), Bill Coxe-Vice-chair (Huntersville), Norm Steinman – alt. for Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Ken Tippet (CDOT), Jonathan Wells – alt. for Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), Leslie Rhodes (LUESA-Air Quality), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Hemal Shah – alt. for Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Ralph Messera (Matthews), Kevin Icard (Pineville), Shannon Martel - alt. for Brian Matthews (Stallings), Amy Helms (Union County), Greg Mahar (Waxhaw), Jordan Cook (Weddington)

**Staff:** Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Robert Cook (MUMPO), Nick Polimeni (MUMPO), Crissy Huffstickler (C-M Planning), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Tim Gibbs (CDOT), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Eldewins Haynes (CDOT), Adam McLamb (Indian Trail), Craig Thomas (Indian Trail), Anna Whalen (Marvin), Jim Loyd (Monroe), Loretta Barren – via phone (FHWA), John Underwood (NCDOT-Division 10), Jennifer Harris – via phone (NCTA), Reid Simons – via phone (NCTA), Jason Wager (Centralina COG)

**Guests:** Steve Blakley (Kimley-Horn), Carl Gibilaro (PBS&J)

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TCC Chairman Wayne Herron opened the meeting at 10:00 AM and asked if there were any additions to the agenda. No items were added; however, Scott Kaufhold asked that the Chestnut Connector matter be placed on the March agenda. Also, Loretta Barren urged staff and the TCC to attend a climate change adaptation workshop sponsored by the NC Interagency Leadership Team scheduled for early March in Raleigh.

**1. Consideration of January Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Herron asked if there were any changes needed on the January minutes. It was noted that Ken Tippet's name was misspelled. Mr. Cook indicated that the correction would be made. Bill Coxe made a motion to approve the January minutes provided the error was corrected. Jonathan Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. LRTP & Conformity Determination Update**

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/Requested Action:

Mr. Cook discussed the following:

- the draft long range transportation plan (LRTP) and draft conformity determination report (CDR) were complete and that a link to MUMPO's website where the documents can be found was sent to TCC members

- the public comment period would begin on February 5 and end on March 8

- two public meetings had been scheduled: February 24 in Charlotte and February 25 in Indian Trail

- copies of the draft LRTP and CDR are available for public review at town halls and libraries
- all public involvement includes the TIP amendments for the two I-485 projects: R-2248E and R-2123CE

- in order to accommodate the required public involvement process, final TCC action cannot occur by the time of the regular March meeting therefore it was recommended that the TCC reschedule its meeting to March 11

the February 24 Transportation Staff meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the documents' contents.

Two actions were requested:

1. Make a finding of technical sufficiency in order to release the documents to the public.
2. Change the date of the March TCC meeting to March 11.

Motion-Technical Sufficiency:

Ralph Messera made a motion to find the documents to be technically sufficient and ready for public release. Mr. Coxe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion-Meeting Date:

Greg Mahar made a motion to change the date of the TCC's March meeting to March 11 in order to accommodate the LRTP and CDR public involvement schedule. Mr. Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. EPA Proposal to Lower Federal Ozone Standard**

Presenter: Leslie Rhodes, Mecklenburg County Air Quality

Summary/Requested Action:

Ms. Rhodes briefed the TCC on the new ozone standard proposed by the EPA. The EPA is proposing to strengthen the current standard to somewhere in the range of 60-70 ppb. She noted that Mecklenburg County's compliance values through 2008 have not been close to the proposed standard, and that projections out to 2018 indicate that the county's ozone readings will continue to exceed the proposed standard. The proposed date for approval of a new standard is August, 2010, with designation to follow in 2011.

**4. Clean Fuel Advanced Technology**

Presenter: Jason Wager, Centralina COG

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Wager used a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The purpose of the presentation was to brief the TCC on the call for projects through the Clean Fuel Advanced Technology program. \$700,000 will be available for emission reduction sub award grants. The program seeks to fund projects that will result in a reduction in transportation-related emissions. The deadline for proposals is March 15, 2010.

**5. Upcoming Metrolina Regional Travel Demand Model Update**

Presenter: Anna Gallup, CDOT

Summary/Requested Action:

Ms. Gallup reported that travel demand model updates will be more in depth during the next fiscal year due to the Census. She referred to a document in the agenda packet that provided details on some of the tasks that will need to be funded in the FY 11 UPWP. These tasks were: household travel surveys, external travel surveys (conducted at or near boundaries of the model area), travel time data collection, freight data, demographic data (including updating county level totals), etc.

**6. Resolution Supporting the Fast Lanes Study**

Presenter: Tim Gibbs, CDOT

Summary/Requested Action:

The purpose of Mr. Gibbs' presentation was to request that the TCC recommend to the MPO that it endorse the findings of the Fast Lanes study. A draft resolution was included in the TCC's agenda packet. Endorsement would support further evaluation of managed lanes projects in certain corridors as well as in project design.

Motion:

Mr. Coxe made a motion that the TCC endorse the results of the Fast Lanes study and forward the recommendation to the MPO and recommend their endorsement. Norm Steinman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Proposed Urban Loop Prioritization Criteria**

Presenter: Nicholas Polimeni

Summary / FYI:

Mr. Polimeni used a Power Point presentation given by NCDOT to summarize the new proposed Urban Loop Prioritization Process, outlining the overall framework of the process including the methodology and implementation schedule. The presentation was emailed to the TCC members prior to the February TCC meeting. It was also emphasized that NCDOT has received comments regarding the process and is continuing to accept comments until February 26, 2010.

Mr. Polimeni requested that TCC members submit comments to him and that he would pass them on to NCDOT prior to the February 26 deadline. After the presentation, an announcement was made regarding the strategic prioritization results meeting to be hosted by NCDOT on February 23 in Hickory.

**8. FY 11 Unified Planning Work Program**

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary / FYI:

Mr. Cook began the presentation by providing a brief overview of the UPWP, stating that it identifies the planning priorities and activities to be carried out by the MPO. There are three primary funding sources: Planning (PL) funds (FHWA); Section 5303 funds (FTA); STP-DA PL supplement. Mr. Cook noted that funding amounts for FY 11 were unclear due to the lack of a transportation reauthorization bill. Staff has been advised to use FY 10 amounts for the PL and Section 5303 programs. The PL supplement amount is \$800,000.

Also discussed were local projects funded by PL funds. Indian Trail and Cornelius have submitted proposals. Key projects for FY 11 include work on the travel demand model, the congestion management process, and work on the next long range plan. Next steps in the development of the UPWP include drafts being presented at the March TCC and MPO meetings, an update in April, and final approval at the May meetings.

**9. Monroe Parkway Status Update**

Presenter: Carl Gibilaro

Summary / FYI:

Mr. Gibilaro reported on the following:

work is continuing on the final EIS; it has been submitted to NCDOT  
aesthetics guidelines will be available soon

input is being received on a final name for the project; the final decision rests with the NCTA board design/build activities continue

staff continues to meet with Stallings and Matthews staff concerning the McKee Road extension a letter of intent concerning TIFIA will be submitted on March 1.

He further reported that rumors about a project delay are false. The project is moving forward on its original schedule and the NCTA fully expects to award a contract in December, 2010.

#### **10. Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Presenter: Anil Panicker

##### Summary / FYI:

Mr. Panicker stated that a request for subcommittee nominations had been made and that he had received feedback from TCC members. He also noted that he was collecting data from a variety of sources and was working on resolving some technical issues between NCDOT and the City.

**11. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.