

**MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center**  
**Room 267**  
**April 1, 2010**

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**Voting Members:** Wayne Herron-Chairman (Monroe), Bill Coxe-Vice-chair (Huntersville), Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Ken Tippet (CDOT Bicycle Coordinator), Jim Keenan (E&PM), Jonathan Wells – alt. for Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), Leslie Rhodes (LUESA-Air Quality), David McDonald (CATS-MTC), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Adam McLamb – alt. for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Ralph Messera (Matthews), Lee Bailey – via phone (Mint Hill), Shannon Martel - alt. for Brian Matthews (Stallings), Amy Helms (Union County), Jordan Cook (Weddington)

**Staff:** Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Robert Cook (MUMPO), Nick Polimeni (MUMPO), Andy Grzynski (CDOT), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Bjorn Hansen (Centralina COG), Julie Clark (Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation), Dana Stooogenke (Rocky River RPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Carroll Gray (Lake Norman Transportation Commission)

**Guests:** Padam Singh (HNTB), Carl Gibilaro (PBS&J)

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TCC Chairman Wayne Herron opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. A matter related to the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) program was added to the agenda.

**1. Consideration of March Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Herron asked if there were any changes needed to the March minutes. Bill Coxe made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. Jonathan Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee**

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/Requested Action:

Mr. Cook reviewed comments on the Equity Formula that were developed at the March 31 Transportation Staff meeting. It was agreed that the comments should be distributed to the MPO members for their review then, based upon feedback received, a letter should be prepared for the MPO chairman's signature that will be sent to the Oversight Committee.

**3. FHWA Livability Initiative**

Presenter: Loretta Barren, FHWA

Summary/Requested Action:

Ms. Barren discussed the FHWA's Livability Initiative. The Livable Communities initiative provides transportation choices that promote place-based transportation policies that are centered on people. Also discussed was the USDOT/HUD/EPA Sustainable Communities partnership and its six goals:

- Provide more transportation choices
- Promote equitable, affordable housing
- Enhance economic competitiveness
- Target resources to existing communities
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investments

- Value unique characteristics of communities, no matter their size

Ms. Barren recommended that MUMPO begin to incorporate livability concepts into its planning process. A recommended first step was to evaluate the UPWP. The Power Point presentation used is incorporated into the minutes.

#### **4. Davidson Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element**

Presenter: Lauren Blackburn, Davidson

Summary/Requested Action:

Ms. Blackburn reviewed Davidson's efforts to prepare a comprehensive plan. The presentation focused on the plan's transportation element, funding for which came from (in part) FY 10 PL funds. The Power Point presentation used is incorporated into the minutes.

#### **5. Small Project Ranking Methodology**

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook reminded the TCC that it had agreed to the MPO's request to develop a small project ranking process after completing work on the LRTP. Mr. Herron stated that it was now time to establish a subcommittee and that Lauren Blackburn agreed to chair it. He asked those interested in serving on the subcommittee to contact him and Mr. Cook.

#### **6. Monroe Parkway Status Update**

Presenter: Carl Gibilaro, PBS&J

Summary/Requested Action:

Mr. Gibilaro reported on the following:

The draft final EIS is being reviewed by FHWA officials in Atlanta; signing of the record of decision (ROD) is on target for June

The final aesthetics guidelines have been submitted to NCDOT for review

The RFP will advertise the project as a single project

A pre-bid meeting was held the previous day in Wingate

A letter of interest for a TIFIA loan has been submitted to the FHWA; alternate plans have been developed in the event the loan is not approved

#### **7. Comprehensive Transportation Plan**

Presenter: Anil Panicker, NCDOT

Summary / FYI:

Mr. Panicker reported that base maps should be available in early April and that the next subcommittee meeting will be held on April 21. He also reported on a CTP meeting between the three North Mecklenburg towns and Mooresville.

#### **8. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)**

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary / FYI:

Mr. Panicker reported that he had recently received information from NCDOT regarding a call for CMAQ projects for fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015. He stated that more information would be provided to the TCC members.

8. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.