

MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 267
December 2, 2010

Voting Members: Bill Coxe-Vice-Chair (Huntersville), Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Ken Tippet (CDOT Bicycle Coordinator), Jonathan Wells – alt. for Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), Jim Loyd (Monroe), Barry Moose (NCDOT-Div. 10), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Adam McLamb (Indian Trail), Ralph Messera (Matthews), Lee Bailey (Mint Hill), Kevin Icard (Pineville), Greg Mahar (Waxhaw)

Shannon Martel – alt. for Brian Matthews (Stallings) and Amy Helms (Union County) – via phone

Staff: Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Robert Cook (MUMPO), Nick Polimeni (MUMPO), Crissy Huffstickler (Planning), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Eldewins Haynes (CDOT), Pate Butler (NCDOT), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Tim Gibbs (CDOT), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Craig Thomas (Indian Trail), Keith Sorensen (Indian Trail)

Guests: Carroll Gray (LNTC), Steve Blakley (Kimley-Horn), Benjamin Taylor (Kimley-Horn), Greg Boulanger (HNTB), Rebecca Yarbrough (Centralina COG)

TCC Vice-Chairman Bill Coxe opened the meeting at 10:10 AM.

1. Consideration of November Meeting Minutes

Mr. Coxe asked if there were any changes needed to the November minutes. Hearing none, Mr. Coxe asked if the item could be approved by consensus. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Coxe announced that two items would be added to the end of the agenda.

2. Regional Transportation Planning Study

Presenter: Rebecca Yarbrough, Centralina COG

Summary/FYI:

Ms. Yarbrough provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). The presentation consisted of highlights and results from the roll out meeting that was held on November 15, 2010. She also indicated that one of the next steps is to meet with representatives from the Tampa/St. Pete MPO to further discuss its organizational model. Ms. Yarbrough concluded by asking if anyone on the TCC would volunteer to be part of the “Go-Forward” group to further discuss next steps. Mr. Pleasant, Mr. Messera, Mr. Mahar and Mr. Coxe volunteered, and Mr. Coxe requested participation from Union County and Ms. Helms in particular. Mr. Coxe also added that it will be important for the TCC to be an active participant as things move forward.

3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Prioritization Process

Presenter: Lauren Blackburn, Town of Davidson

Summary/FYI:

Ms. Blackburn indicated that she, along with Mr. McLamb, have been charged with leading the subcommittee to create a bicycle and pedestrian ranking criteria. Due to NCDOT's strategic prioritization timeline, she stated that the process would need to start soon in order to develop the criteria within the next six months. Ms. Blackburn proposed that the subcommittee convene two or three times for 3-4 hours to complete this task, and suggested that the fourth Thursday of the month, starting in January, would be an appropriate time to meet.

4. Draft Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Presenter: Robert Cook

a. CATS Streetcar

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook asked Mr. Eldewins Haynes, with CDOT, to discuss this item. Mr. Haynes informed the TCC that CATS had been awarded a grant for approximately \$25 million to accelerate a 1½ mile portion of the streetcar project in Charlotte, from downtown to the Elizabeth neighborhood. He indicated that in order to secure the funds the project needs to be included in the current 2009-15 TIP and to shift LRTP horizon years from 2025 to 2015. The TCC, at its January meeting, will need to recommend to the MPO that the 2009-15 TIP and an LRTP amendment be released for public review, with the streetcar project added.

b. Schedule

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook indicated that, at its November meeting, the MPO generally agreed with the TCC's recommendations regarding the draft 2012-18 TIP. He also outlined a proposed schedule as the draft TIP moves forward through the approval process, including that the proposed date for the one-on-one meeting with NCDOT is December 14, 2010. Mr. Cook also noted that the draft TIP, the amendment to the 2035 LRTP and the air quality conformity determination report all need to be released for public review in the spring.

c. STP-DA Projects

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook stated that no action is being requested regarding the current STP-DA projects in the draft TIP, but that a few projects have outstanding issues that will need to be addressed prior to the release of the document for public review. The projects in question were identified as a CSX rail grade-separated crossing in Matthews (U-5110), interchange improvements at I-277 and I-77 (U-3850) and Little Rock Road relocation (U-5116).

d. I-77 Managed Lanes

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook indicated that the MPO supported this project and that it will be a significant part of the discussions with NCDOT at the one-on-one meeting. He suggested that determining where the remaining funds for the project will come from will be an important part of that discussion.

Mr. Cook also provided information regarding the following outstanding draft TIP issues:

- Augustalee – the MPO agreed with the recommendations of the TCC to leave projects I-5126 (I-77 widening) and I-5127 (interchange at Westmoreland Rd) in the draft TIP, but to remove the other projects associated with Augustalee; he also noted that because the projects proposed to remain in

- the draft TIP are scheduled for funding in the first two years of the program, the FHWA will need to know how they will be funded.
- Independence Blvd – the MPO directed that a letter be drafted to request an exploration of what can be done on Independence Blvd between project U-209B and the Monroe Connector/Bypass.

5. SPOT – Strategic Prioritization Process

Presenter: Nicholas Polimeni

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Polimeni provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). He summarized the discussion that took place in November 2010 at the NCDOT Listening Session regarding Prioritization 2.0. He also identified a preliminary timeline for next steps.

6. Mobility Fund Update

Presenter: Nicholas Polimeni

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Polimeni stated that NCDOT's draft Mobility Fund criteria was released, and that no further information was available at this time.

7. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)

Presenter: Anil Panicker, NCDOT

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Panicker announced that he would begin setting up one-on-one meetings with the towns in MUMPO's jurisdiction to discuss potential changes to the base map. He also indicated that after the results were compiled, he would present them to the CTP subcommittee.

8. Mayes Property and Thoroughfare Plan Amendment

Presenter: Lauren Blackburn, Town of Davidson

Summary/FYI:

Ms. Blackburn provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). She described a proposed mixed-use development in Davidson that would impact two thoroughfares shown on the Thoroughfare Plan, and she therefore wanted to bring it to the attention of the TCC to get feedback on how to proceed with revising the Thoroughfare Plan, as well as the public involvement that would be required as part of the process. After describing the Town's proposed public involvement activities, the TCC agreed that it would be an adequate way to proceed.

9. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.