

Transportation Staff Meeting

September 12, 2012

2:00 PM

CMGC 601

AGENDA

1. TCC Agenda Review (Landa)

Description: Review of items on the September 13 TCC agenda. Emphasis will be on action items.

Attachment: September TCC agenda.

2. Proposed TIP Amendments (Cook)

Description: NCDOT has requested that MUMPO amend its TIP to delay five projects and to add one project. The reasons for the requested amendments will be discussed.

Attachment: Proposed TIP amendment list.

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MUMPO TCC

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1. **Adoption of the Agenda** Bill Coxe

2. **Consideration of August Meeting Minutes** Bill Coxe
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve as presented, or with amendments.

3. **TIP Project P-5200: Thrift Depot Relocation** (10 minutes) Craig Newton
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO approve the amendment to the TIP as presented.

BACKGROUND: NCDOT provided information to the TCC at its August meeting about a TIP project to relocate and stabilize the vacant Thrift Depot along the former P&N Railroad line in northeast Charlotte. The MPO is being asked to amend the TIP to allocate \$800,000 in Enhancement funds, matched with \$200,000 in state funds, in order to accomplish the proposed relocation of the historic structure. One outstanding issue raised at the August TCC meeting was with regard to the proposed realignment of Freedom Drive and its impact to the relocation site for the Thrift Depot. Attached are documents that address the Freedom Drive issue.

ATTACHMENT: Thrift Depot and Freedom Drive Memorandum

4. **TIP Project U-5519: N. Community House Road TIP/LRTP Amendments** (5 minutes) Robert Cook
& **Conformity Determination**
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO amend the TIP and LRTP as presented, and make a conformity determination on the amended plans.

BACKGROUND: This project will result in the construction of a bridge over I-485 in south Charlotte. It is not in MUMPO's TIP, but is in the LRTP's 2025 horizon year. The requested action will amend the TIP to fund the project in FY 2013, and amend the LRTP to modify the project description to accurately reflect the project's scope. See attached memorandum for more information.

ATTACHMENT: N. Community House Road Memorandum

5. **Environmental Justice – Public Involvement Plan Amendments** (5 minutes) Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO approve the amendments to the Public Involvement Plan as presented.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum for more information. [Click here](#) to review documents associated with the proposed amendments.

ATTACHMENT: Environmental Justice – Public Involvement Plan Memorandum

6. **MPO Planning Area Boundary Expansion** (15 minutes) Robert Cook
a. **Draft Planning Area Boundary**
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO endorse a draft planning area boundary.

BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum for more information.

b. Regional Agreements

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: The metropolitan planning process must be implemented in urbanized areas (UZA). The Charlotte UZA extends into five counties (Cabarrus, Catawba, Gaston, Lancaster and York) served by existing MPOs, or by MPOs that plan to expand their planning areas. Based upon direction provided at previous MPO and TCC meetings, MUMPO will enter into agreements with the region's other MPOs to transfer its planning responsibilities.

7. Hambright Road & Everette Keith Road Alignment Studies (10 minutes) Zachary Gordon

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO authorize a public involvement process under the Town of Huntersville's leadership.

BACKGROUND: The Town of Huntersville has started the process for the preparation of a small area plan for the Eastfield Road area. As part of this plan, the Town is working with MUMPO staff to complete alignment studies for Hambright Road (from Everette Keith Road to Eastfield Road) and Everette Keith Road (from Eastfield Road to Verhoeff Drive). An overview of the scope of work and timetable for these studies will be provided.

8. I-77 HOT Lanes (20 minutes) Bill Coxe

ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO endorse the proposed project scenarios for analysis.

BACKGROUND: An update on the status of the I-77 HOT Lanes project will be provided. In addition, NCDOT has requested that the following two new scenarios be considered for the widening of I-77 from I-277 in Charlotte to NC 150 in Mooresville:

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| 1) Northern section (I-4750 HOT) | 1 HOT lane (in each direction) |
| Central section (I-5405) | 2 HOT lanes (in each direction) |
| Southern section (I-3311C) | 0 HOT lanes |
| 2) Northern section (I-4750 HOT) | 1 HOT lane (in each direction) |
| Central section (I-5405) | 1 HOT lane (in each direction) |
| Southern section (I-3311C) | 0 HOT lanes |

In addition to these two scenarios proposed by the state, other scenarios could be discussed.

9. Air Quality Conformity Determination Update (10 minutes) Robert Cook

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on proposed, upcoming conformity determinations that the MPO will be undertaking.

10. US 74 Framework Plan (20 minutes) Padam Singh

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: The US-74 Corridor Revitalization Study provides a vision for the future of the 15 mile segment of the US-74 corridor. The objective of this plan is to prepare a coordinated land use, urban design, economic development, and multi-modal transportation plan, suitable for implementation by the four local governments and NCDOT. The framework plan was recently completed and provides an overall vision of the land use, transportation, esthetics, and market conditions of the corridor.

11. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (5 minutes)

Anil Panicker

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the status of this plan.

12. LRTP Update (10 minutes)

Nicholas Landa

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: The LRTP Advisory Committee meets on Monday, September 10. A recap of the Advisory Committee meeting, as well as information related to the socio-economic data collection and modeling related to the plan will be provided.

13. Upcoming Issues

14. Adjourn

Proposed TIP Amendments

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TIP Number	Facility	Project Type	Project Description	Reason for Amendment	Amendment Date/MPO Action	Current FFY	Prop FFY	Cost	Notes
I-5507	I-485	Freeway improvement	Add one express lane in each direction, I-77 to US 74	Add project to TIP		N/A	ROW: 2016; Const: 2017-2020	221,000,000	Overlap with R-4902?
C-5228	David Cox Road & NC 115	Intersection improvements	Add left turn lanes on all four approaches	Delay project to allow for additional time for planning and design		ROW: 2012; Const: 2014	ROW: 2013; Const: 2015	1,764,000	
C-4956A	W. Catawba Ave & Westmoreland Road	Intersection improvements	Add turn lanes	Delay project to allow additional time for ROW acquisition and utility relocation		Const: 2012	Const: 2013	200,000	
C-5227	University City Blvd	Multi-use path	Construct 10' wide multi-use path on north side of University City Blvd, from Mallard Creek Church Road and Broaderick Blvd	Delay construction to allow additional for design		Const: 2012	Const: 2013	500,000	
U-2507A	Graham St. Ext./Mallard Creek Road realignment	New road and road widening	Extend Graham St. north from Sugar Creek Road and realign Mallard Creek Road	Delay construction to help achieve a better balance of monthly volume of lettings		Const: 2013	Const: 2014	26,500,000	NCDOT requested TIP amendment earlier this year which was approved by the MPO in July
U-5519	N. Community House Road	Road improvement	Construct bridge over I-485 linking segments of N. Community House Road	Delay project to allow time to complete air quality conformity process and update LRTP		Const: 2012	Const: 2013	8,600,000	