

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
APRIL 20, 2005**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Raleigh Municipal Building with the following present:

**Members**

Chairman Bryan, presiding  
Charles Meeker  
Don Bumgarner  
Sam Bridges  
John Byrne  
Bill Connolly  
Jan Faulkner  
Ann Franklin  
Vivian Jones  
Ernie McAlister  
Dick Sears  
Keith Weatherly

**Representing**

Wake County  
Raleigh  
Zebulon  
Garner  
Fuquay-Varina  
Wendell  
Morrisville  
TTA  
Wake Forest  
Cary  
Holly Springs  
Apex

**Staff**

Chip Russell  
Ed Johnson  
Kenneth Withrow

**Representing**

TCC Chair  
CAMPO Director  
CAMPO Staff

**Others Present**

Robert Ahlert  
Jennie Edwards  
Lynnwood Buffalo  
Thane Conrad

**Representing**

Clayton  
Franklinton  
Franklin County  
Morrisville

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan with discussion and actions taken as follows:

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

No changes were recommended for the agenda; therefore, without objection, the agenda was approved as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE RECEIVED**

Chairman Bryan announced this was an opportunity for comments by those in attendance. No one asked to be heard.

## **MINUTES – MARCH 16, 2005 – APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

Minutes of the March 16, 2005 meeting were provided to members in their agenda packets. Mayor Meeker moved approval of the minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Mayor Sears, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

## **DRAFT FY 2005-2006 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) – APPROVED & SELF-CERTIFICATION APPROVED**

Mr. Johnson explained to the TAC that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) represents transportation planning activities that are to be undertaken on July 1 of the next fiscal year; and that the process for creating the UPWP is done every spring in each concurrent fiscal year. Funding is provided by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), state and local governments. The Program identifies specific amounts of these various funding sources proposed to be used for each task. The agenda outlined the identification of work tasks and descriptions, funding source tables, etc. The TCC and TAC have conducted their initial reviews of the 2005-2006 UPWP during their March 3 and March 16 meetings. CAMPO's 2005-2006 UPWP Subcommittee met on March 21, 2005 and reviewed the draft UPWP. The UPWP is also utilized as the instrument through which the MPO makes a self-certification finding that its planning process fully addresses all current federal transportation planning requirements. The UPWP contains a checklist of the items to be considered in the self-certification review along with a brief response on the current status of each.

Mr. Withrow reviewed the UPWP in detail using a slide presentation. He noted the UPWP has increased from a fifteen page document to a 40 page document. He reviewed the US 1 Corridor Study. The presentation included the various funding sources. In response to questioning from Chairman Bryan, Mr. Johnson indicated that CAMPO has one of the highest cost programs in the State (behind Mecklenburg County). He indicated a Travel Behavior Survey will be done this year that will cost \$800,000 and further noted this is a very heavy data collection year. Emphasis items were reviewed.

The Certification Checklist and the proposed Resolution certifying the CAMPO Organization's Transportation Planning Process for FY 05/06 were reviewed in detail. He explained the document does not have to be approved at this meeting but it would be appropriate to adopt it at this meeting if it is the desire of the committee. He reported the TCC had recommended approval of the UPWP and the Self-Certification.

Mayor Jones moved approval of the MPO's UPWP for FY 2005-2006 with the associated resolution and approval of the MPO's Self-Certification Finding with the associated resolution. Her motion was seconded by Mayor Meeker, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

**FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) SECTION 5307  
APPROPRIATION – APPROVED**

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item noting in accordance with the FTA requirements, each federal fiscal year the MPO is required to submit a letter to FTA documenting the MPO's approval of the distribution of FTA Section 5307 transit funds between the City of Raleigh, the Triangle Transit Authority and the Town of Cary. The City of Raleigh, TTA and the Town of Cary have all agreed to the proposed distribution of the FTA appropriation for FY 2005. The TCC recommended approval at their last meeting. Mr. Johnson indicated Cary does not yet have ridership data on the federal data base and their percentage of the funds will get larger and the funds will increase when the federal data base includes Cary's ridership data.

Following brief discussion, Mayor Meeker moved approval of the proposed FY 2005 FTA Section 5307 appropriation as provided in the packet. His motion was seconded by Mayor Sears, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

**NCDOT DRAFT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) FOR  
FY 2006-2012 – RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item noting the FY 2006-2012 TIP Project Priority List adopted by the CAMPO Transportation Advisory Committee on Wednesday, September 15, 2004 subsequently was submitted to NCDOT as representing the MPO's highest priorities for needed transportation improvements. On January 6, 2005, NCDOT indicated that the upcoming draft TIP for FY 2006-2012 was being adjusted to rebalance funding levels between the State's 14 highway divisions to bring expenditures executed since 1999 back into compliance with the equity formula originally established by the Highway Trust Fund Act of 1989 as subsequently modified in 1999 to require precise funding compliance within each highway division. NCDOT indicated that this rebalancing would require removing \$326 million of proposed funding from Division Five over the next seven years of the TIP. At the time of the announcement, high priority highway projects in Wake County proposed to be delayed included I-40 from US 1/64 to Wade Avenue, I-440 from I-40 to Wade Avenue, US 401 from Rolesville to Louisburg and I-540 (Western Wake Freeway) from NC 55 to US 1. NCDOT's draft TIP for FY 2006-2012 was released on April 6, 2005. Final approval of the TIP by the N.C. Board of Transportation is scheduled for July 7, 2005. It was reported NCDOT has also indicated it intends to switch to adopting TIPs on odd-numbered years, beginning later this year. It had originally announced wanting input for the FY 2007-2013 TIP by June, 2005 with a draft TIP to be released in October, 2005 for final approval in mid-2006. Several MPOs and RPOs expressed concern that adequate time to provide meaningful input was not being allowed, so NCDOT has subsequently agreed to extend its deadline for input to October, 2005 with the draft FY 2007-2013 TIP being released in December, 2005. Mr. Johnson reported NCDOT has scheduled meetings around the state to receive comments on the draft FY 2006-2012 TIP as well as input for the FY 2007-2013 TIP.

The combined meeting for both Division 4 and 5 is scheduled to be held in Rocky Mount on May 12, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at the City Council Chamber, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Mayor Meeker questioned if the Wake Forest Bypass and Timber Drive have funding as well as a state match to go forward with Mr. Johnson responding both were in the TIP already and are funded.

Mayor Meeker provided members with a letter to Mr. Johnson, dated April 19, 2005, expressing the Raleigh City Council's concern relating to the 2006-2012 Draft TIP's proposed reallocation of funds to other parts of eastern North Carolina at the expense of Division 5 and Division 10. The letter noted it is imperative that NCDOT address congestion needs of major municipal areas noting with the confluence of US 70, US 64 and I-40, Raleigh is the principal gateway to eastern North Carolina. The letter also referred to the Falls of Neuse Project and the fact the City is being requested to allocate \$2.6 million in addition to the \$5 million already pledged for this project. The letter indicated the Council finds this untenable since Raleigh's commitment exceeds 20% of the project's anticipated \$18 million cost. The letter explained Falls of Neuse is heavily traveled and is a commuter corridor paralleling the US 1 corridor and provides a level of congestion relief to that facility. CAMPO has authorized the allocation of STP-DA funds towards this project and NCDOT provide the funds as requested. The letter spoke to recognizing the fact that no CMAQ projects were included in the Draft TIP statewide and that project evaluations are ongoing and requested receipt of an indication prior to the final publication of the TIP as to the status of the City's Signal System Upgrade request and whether NCDOT will be able to provide the \$4 million match as requested. It noted this project has significant air quality benefits for the region and should be priority for NCDOT. Mr. Johnson indicated a resolution had also been received from Apex regarding the Western Wake Freeway.

In response to questioning, Mr. Johnson spoke to NCDOT's cash flow problem requiring them to hold up over the next three years a number of problems. He indicated he was not sure he understood the priorities of other loops as it relates to Highway Trust Fund projects. Discussion followed regarding the need for the Western Loop in the Apex area. Mayor Sears noted the Western Loop is very much needed noting Harnett, Johnston and Franklin Counties are also concerned about this area due to commuter traffic. He indicated there is no question this is very essential and the question is how to get it done. Mayor Meeker suggested inviting NCDOT representatives to an upcoming meeting to discuss this item. Mayor Sears noted this issue points out the need for regionalization.

Following discussion, Mayor Meeker moved that appropriate officials from NCDOT be present to review this issue at the next TAC meeting. His motion was seconded by Mayor Sears, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

Chairman Bryan reported on the meeting held the previous week when a contingency visited Washington to lobby our three Congressmen and two Senators. Congressman Price and Senator Dole's staff are working to insure TTA funding is in there with heavy rail. He noted the question is are we willing to make the effort or put the extra work in to

ratchet this up and pursue adequate funding. Mayor Sears questioned if certain representatives from these counties that have contacted us should attend the meeting with Chairman Bryan indicated they should also be invited.

Discussion followed relating to the NC Highway 55 project with Mayor Byrne pointing out this involves a 4 lane road routing traffic to Fuquay-Varina, Holly Springs and taking that traffic through a small railroad trestle in Apex; and felt it would be a mistake not to move that traffic around that area. He indicated when an investment is made like that, there is an obligation to see that the rest of the project is done. Ms. Franklin stated at the Joint TAC meeting the Metropolitan Coalition spoke on this subject and felt they should be encouraged to attend the meeting and would hope we could join forces with Charlotte, Greensboro and Wilmington since they are also struggling with these challenges.

### **US 1 CORRIDOR STUDY – SELECTION OF CONSULTANT – APPROVED**

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item; and reporting that CAMPO had advertised for proposals for technical assistance in conducting the proposed US 1 North Corridor Study from I-540 to north of the Town of Youngsville. Seven proposals were submitted and evaluated by a subcommittee of the TCC comprised of the study's sponsors including CAMPO, NCDOT, TTA, the City of Raleigh and the Town of Wake Forest. Based on the submitted proposals, the top four consulting firms' proposed study teams were interviewed. Following the interview, additional research and background checks were conducted on the preferred consultant team. The US 1 Corridor Study Subcommittee recommended to the TCC that the consulting firm of RS&H Architects-Engineers-Planners from Charlotte, NC be the first choice to conduct the US 1 Corridor Study project. Other member firms participating with RS&H include Mulkey Engineers, Kittelson Associates, along with Urban Collage and Bay Area Economics. In the event that negotiations for specific study contractual agreement were unsuccessful with RS&H, the TCC subcommittee recommended the second and third choice for consultants to conduct the study be Stantec and Louis Berger Associates, respectively. At its meeting on April 7, 2005, the TCC endorsed the subcommittees' recommendations as submitted.

Mayor Meeker moved that the TAC authorize the study sponsors to negotiate a contractual agreement with the consulting firm of RS&K to conduct the US 1 North Corridor Study and a multi-party interlocal agreement among the four study sponsors for providing full funding for the study. In the event that negotiations for the study contract are not successful with RS&H, the second and third choice for consultants (Stantec and Louis Berger Associates, respectively) be negotiated with to conduct this study. It was noted the price should not exceed \$400,000. His motion was seconded by Mayor Jones, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

### **CAMPO REORGANIZATION – RESOURCES – INFORMATION RECEIVED**

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item. He explained since its inception, the City of Raleigh has been the host government for CAMPO's Lead Planning Agency; with the City generally paying the entire non-federal portion of the MPO's work program. With the TAC's

recent decisions to begin sharing the non-federal costs of the MPO's work program with all of its local governments' members and to expand the MPO by adding ten more local governments consisting of four counties and six municipalities, City of Raleigh management staff has recently expressed its willingness to begin the process of transitioning responsibility for administrative oversight of the MPO staff to being under the direct control of the TAC. He suggested to address the appropriate staffing requirements and management oversight mechanisms necessary to adequately serve the desired service levels of staff to members of the expanded MPO, the TAC may wish to appoint an executive sub-committee to meet and develop recommendations for the TAC to consider enacting. Mr. Johnson noted it may be determined that more meetings are needed, possibly at the district level. Mayor Byrne felt setting up a subcommittee to review this would be a good idea.

This item was received as information.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Sears moved that the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 p.m. His motion was seconded by Mayor Byrne, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan announced the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Hunt