

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
November 16, 2005
MINUTES

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at 225 West Hargett Street, with the following present:

Members

Robert Ahlert
Lynnwood Buffalo
Chairman Bryan, presiding
John Byrne
Jenny Edwards
Jan Faulkner
Ann Franklin
Carol Hinnant
Vivian Jones
Nancy Kelly
Buck Kennedy
Ernie McAlister
Charles Meeker
Keith Weatherly
Kaye Yadusky

Representing

Town of Clayton
Franklin County
Wake County
Fuquay-Varina
Franklinton
Morrisville
Triangle Transit Authority
Wendell
Wake Forest
Rolesville
Garner
Cary
Raleigh
Apex
Youngsville

Staff

John Burris
Ed Johnson
Jake Petrosky
Chip Russell
Diane Wilson
Kenneth Withrow

Representing

CAMPO Staff
CAMPO Director
CAMPO Staff
CAMPO TCC Chair
CAMPO Staff
CAMPO Staff

Others Present

Calvin Leggett

Representing

NCDOT

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

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS - None Received

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None Received

Chairman Bryan invited comments from those members of the public in attendance at the meeting. No comments were received.

MINUTES - AUGUST 17, 2005 - APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Minutes of the September 21, 2005 meeting were provided to members in their agenda packets. Mayor Meeker moved approval of the minutes as presented. His motion, seconded by Anne Franklin, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

FY CAPITAL AREA MPO 2007-2013 TIP PROJECT PRIORITY LIST - APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item. The TCC subcommittee has worked diligently on this item, and approved the list presented in essence at the last TCC meeting on November 3, 2005. Subsequent to that meeting, modifications were made to the presentation materials. The "green sheet" was included which shows project and ranking information for all projects submitted, and includes such information as Statewide planning tiers, funding region (NCDOT Division) projected traffic, user benefits, payback (time for project to pay for itself), etc. Once these numbers were calculated, projects not previously on the list (those belonging to new members of the MPO) were added to achieve some geographic equity. The Top 40 projects are reflected in the MTIP Project Priority List document presented here. Those 40 projects are the ones endorsed by the TCC. The ranking was done using many different factors including such things as safety and user benefits, benefits per mile, payback, cost per mile, roadway projected level of service, and many others. The TCC has endorsed the list presented as Attachment 5A. Several projects are shown as the number 1 priority for the MPO. These projects were previously endorsed as the top priorities for the MPO. Mayor Jones requested that the Highway 98 bypass be shown in this section as well.

Mr. Johnson continued reviewing all of the sections of the Project Priority List, Advance Planning, Bicycle Pedestrian, Enhancement, ITS, etc.

The public hearing was opened in September to receive comments from the public. That hearing was continued through this meeting. Chairman Bryan invited the public to speak to the 2007-2013 Priority Project List. No comments were received. Chairman Bryan closed the Hearing.

Mayor Jones made a motion to approve the Capital Area MPO 2007-2013 MTIP Project Priority List as presented with the modification to list Highway 98 among the number one priorities on the list. Her motion seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Eagles, passed unanimously. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

TAC STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT - REPORT RECEIVED

Mr. Johnson presented an overview of the retreat held at Lake Wheeler Park on October 19, 2005. Mr. Warren Miller of Fountainworks, facilitator of the retreat, discussed the retreat and presented a PowerPoint presentation on the outcome. The retreat helped to identify the following:

- Partnerships and regional thinking are vital to CAMPO's future.
- NCDOT funding structure will not allow the Triangle's transportation needs to be met. There needs to be a reprioritization at the state level so that more money is devoted to "Tier 3" roads, which currently make up about two thirds of CAMPO's priorities and yet receive next to no state funding.
- The TAC senses that transit and bike/pedestrian transportation projects are under-funded and new money needs to be split between all modes.
- There needs to be a regional "equity formula" developed so that each geographic area receives a fair share of funding.
- Overall, TAC members support transit
- Too often simple solutions are overlooked in transportation. The smaller scale projects, like adding turn lanes, stoplights and improving access control do not receive enough funding. A paradigm shift needs to occur, and we need to focus on the "bang for the buck," cost effectiveness attributes of projects when defining our priorities.
- Money is a critical obstacle to meeting transportation needs.

The TAC members also discussed transit and conducted several discussion and charting exercises. Overall, the TAC considered transit to be a high priority and felt that a moderate to high level of resources should be devoted toward it.

A third exercise dealt with setting priorities for the MPO. The following surfaced as the top criteria for setting those priorities.

- Separate transit, bicycle and pedestrian projects from road projects in order to ensure they receive adequate funding
- Develop an equity formula for CAMPO
- Congestion management
- Land use consistency
- Ability to implement a project
- A focus on small-scale projects
- Cost effectiveness of a project

Staffing issues were also discussed. Since the member governments are now paying a portion of the local match for the MPO, the City of Raleigh is stepping

back and letting the TAC handle staffing issues for the MPO. Current staff will define and present to the TAC core issues for the next 2 years.

Chairman Bryan stated that he feels district meeting are a good idea. Perhaps it is hard for entities to imagine problems of others if they're not directly affected or familiar with them. It's better to have meetings for areas involved and he is urging we do so in a way that allows the entire group to be involved. Rolesville stated a desire to host a meeting of the TAC, as does Holly Springs.

NCDOT/MPO/RPO INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE COLLABORATION - REPORT RECEIVED

Meetings were held by a team comprised of representatives of the MPOs/RPOs and NCDOT relative to collaboration of efforts. A report containing the team's recommendations was presented in Greenville, NC at the MPO conference on October 26-28, 2005. A copy of the report was presented to the TAC.

The report was received as information.

2006 SPECIAL STUDIES - US-1 CORRIDOR STUDY - STATUS REPORT RECEIVED

Mr. Johnson presented a brief update on the US-1 Corridor Study noting that the first technical workshop meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2005 at Campbell Lodge at Durant Nature Park in Raleigh. At that meeting, it is anticipated that a technical subcommittee will be established.

The report was received as information.

FY 2007 SPECIAL STUDIES - REFINEMENT OF LOCATIONS, SCOPES, AND PARTICIPANTS

Mr. Johnson stated that meetings with Holly Springs, Cary, Aped and NCDOT reveal a desire to do several studies. One of those being looked at is Highway 64 to Pittsboro, including access restrictions and possibly adding interchanges. A comprehensive planning study is needed for these areas. The intent is to have something to look at in January so that a consultant could be hired to start in July.

The report was received as information.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE MPO'S MULTI-MODAL COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN - REPORT RECEIVED

Mr. Johnson provided a progress report on the development of the Capital Area MPO's first multi-modal Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP). This is a multi-modal version of the thoroughfare plan. This MPO will be the first large MPO to adopt the CTP which includes Roadway, Bike Ped, and Transit elements.

The report was received as information.

STAFF REPORTS

MPO STAFF REPORT - NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS - RECEIVED

Chairman Bryan requested a technical recommendation from Staff on Budgets and further stated that there is a need to engage elected delegation in a work session type atmosphere.

Ann Franklin read a letter from Senator Dole regarding support for the TTA Rail project.

Mayor Sears made a motion to cancel the December TAC meeting. It was seconded by Mayor Byrne and passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion of Mayor Byrne, seconded by Mayor Sears, and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Wilson