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N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 21, 2007

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Wake County Commons
4012 Carya Dr
Raleigh, NC

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2030 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION AMENDMENT
- 2007-2013 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN
- REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION PLAN
- 2007-2008 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

THE CAPITAL AREA MPO VISION:

A multi-modal transportation network that is compatible with our growth, sensitive to the environment, improves quality of life and is accessible to all (2030 LRTP).

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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2014 Carya Dr
Raleigh, NC

AGENDA

1. PRELIMINARIES

2. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

This is an opportunity for comments by those in attendance on items not on the agenda. Please limit comments to three minutes for each speaker.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2007 TAC MEETING.

The minutes of the February 21, 2007 TAC meeting, are enclosed as [Attachment 4A](#).

TAC Action: Approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2007 TAC meeting.

5. 2030 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AMENDMENT AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION

On Thursday, March 1, 2007 the North Carolina Board of Transportation adopted the 2007-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). The 2007-2013 MTIP must be a subset of the adopted/conforming 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan in order to be consistent with the STIP during the first three years, and be compliant with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

In September 2006, the TAC approved the Town of Wendell's requested amendment to the 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan, subject to passing an air quality conformity determination. Additionally, the Western Wake Expressway and a portion of the Triangle Parkway in the 2030 LRTP have been designated for construction using toll financing, thus accelerating their construction schedules. Several other projects listed in the 2007-2013 STIP have modified project scopes and completion dates that may not coincide with the 2030 LRTP. It is therefore necessary to amend

the 2030 LRTP to reflect these changes. [Attachment 5A](#) is a table showing the amendments needed to address these issues.

A copy of the Air Quality Conformity determination document will be distributed at the meeting.

The Capital Area MPO Public Involvement Policy requires that this document be released for a 30-day public review and comment period.

TAC Action: Receive information on 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan Amendment and Air Quality Conformity Determination and authorize release for 30-day public comment period.

6. 2007-2013 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The N.C. Board of Transportation (NCBOT) approved the FY 2007-2013 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) at its March 1, 2007 meeting. [Attachment 6A](#) is a copy of portions of the STIP that contain projects within the Capital Area MPO planning area. [Attachment 6B](#) reflects changes made by NCDOT between the release of the draft STIP and adoption of the final STIP.

Two projects contained in the STIP are being highlighted for discussion. They are:

1. Widening of I-40 from US1/64 in Cary to Wade Avenue
2. STP-DA funds for 2013 and post years

The MPO's position is that the widening of I-40 should be accelerated and options for STP-DA funds beginning in 2013 be shown. In the past, NCDOT programmed these funds for the Capital Area MPO however; the MPO has expressed a desire to make the decision on where these funds could best be used. These issues will require discussion between the MPO and NCDOT, and may need to be proposed to NCDOT as TIP revisions.

The Capital Area MPO's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for FY 2007-2013 and the companion Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) Report should now be released for a public comment period of at least 30 days (March 21, 2007 through April 20, 2007), and a public hearing scheduled to be conducted at the TAC's April 18, 2007 meeting. Final approval of the 2007-2013 MTIP document, including the determination that the FY 2007-2013 MTIP conforms to the State's implementation plan for attaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), is scheduled to occur at the TAC's May 16, 2007 meeting. The MTIP and its associated documents will be published on the MPO website and advertised for public review and comment. Additional copies will be made available on request.

- TAC Action:** 1) Receive information on Adopted STIP, Capital Area MTIP, and selected projects for discussion and action as appropriate.
- 2) Authorize release of the FY 2007-2013 Capital Area MPO Transportation Improvement Program, for a 30-day public review and comment period, and schedule a public hearing to be conducted on April 18, 2007.

7. REGIONAL TRANSIT VISION PLAN UPDATE

On August 18, 2006, the Triangle Transit Authority announced that its bid for federal New Starts Funding for Phase I of the Regional Rail project would not be pursued at this time. As discussed at the TAC's meeting on September 20, 2006, TTA's Board of Trustees requested that the MPOs (Capital Area and Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro) take the lead, through their respective LRTP processes, in setting regional priorities for public transit in the Triangle. The Board has also indicated a need for expanded public involvement in setting regional transit priorities.

At the January 17, 2007 meeting the TAC endorsed appointing a joint MPO Special Advisory Commission to develop a recommended regional long-range vision plan for major transit investments. The TAC approved a Commission consisting of 14 appointments from the Capital Area MPO and 10 appointments from the DCHC MPO. It was indicated that former Progress Energy CEO, Bill Cavanaugh, had been asked to serve as the Capital Area MPO's Co-Chair for the Commission.

On February 14, 2007 the DCHC MPO appointed a list of 10 members, 2 alternates and 2 ex-officio members and on February 21, 2007, the Capital Area MPO TAC appointed 17 appointments and 5 ex-officio members to the commission. [Attachment 7A](#) is a list of the appointed members from both the Capital Area MPO and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO.

The Capital Area MPO, DCHC MPO, TTA, and NCDOT have solicited a proposal from the Institute for Transportation Research and Education (ITRE) to provide logistical and technical support services for the committee. [Attachment 7B](#) is a copy of the proposal received from ITRE. The total proposed cost for logistical and technical support by ITRE is \$173,296. The cost will be shared as follows:

30% Capital Area MPO
20% Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO
25% Triangle Transit Authority
25% NCDOT

- * This task has been included in the FY 2007-2008 UPWP and is reflected in Agenda Item 8.

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At the March 14, 2007 DCHC MPO meeting this item was discussed. An update will be provided at the meeting.

TAC ACTION: Receive update on Regional Transit Vision Plan and endorse funding of proposal presented by ITRE based on allocation formula shown above.

8. 2007-2008 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

Annually, the Capital Area MPO is required, by federal regulations, to prepare a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that details and guides the urban area transportation planning activities. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) provide funding for the UPWP. The UPWP provides yearly funding allocations to support the ongoing transportation planning activities of the Capital Area MPO. It identifies MPO planning tasks to be undertaken with the use of federal transportation funds. Tasks are identified by an alphanumeric task code and description.

At the January 17, 2007 meeting, the TAC was presented with the schedule for development of the 2007-2008 UPWP and at the February 21, 2007 meeting, preauthorized release of the 2007-2008 UPWP for public review and comment, upon completion of draft document by staff. A date of March 21, 2007 was set to receive public comment on the document. It is anticipated that the UPWP will be adopted in April and forwarded to NCDOT in May 2007. [Attachment 8A](#) is a copy of the Draft UPWP released for public review and comment on March 12, 2007.

The Capital Area MPO annually conducts a self-certification review as part of approving its Unified Planning Work Program. The self-certification process takes the form of the Capital Area MPO TAC adopting a resolution that certifies that the MPO is fulfilling all federal requirements for the 3-C transportation planning processes. [Attachment 8B](#) contains a checklist of items reviewed during this process and copy of the draft resolution self-certifying the MPO is fulfilling all requirements for the transportation planning process as put forth by the Federal guidelines.

TAC Action: Conduct public hearing to receive comment on the 2007-2008 Capital Area MPO Unified Planning Work Program.

9. LEGISLATIVE AGENDA AND FUNDING ISSUES

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) adopted a legislative agenda for transportation funding initiatives on April 19, 2006. The legislative agenda was cooperatively created by the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro (DCHC) MPO, during a Joint Task Force meeting on March 31, 2006, to address the growing need for additional transportation funding in the Research

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Triangle region. The adopted legislative agenda is consistent with that of both the North Carolina Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Needs and the Triangle Regional Transportation Alliance.

At the February 21, 2007 TAC meeting, members expressed a desire to have this agenda updated if needed. A committee of TAC members is scheduled to meet on Friday, March 16, 2007 to discuss this item. An update will be provided at the meeting.

During the last session of the General Assembly, a bill was passed (SB 1381) which addressed, among other issues, toll financing and its application to the Triangle region. [Attachment 9A](#) is a copy of information on Turnpike Gap funding provided by the Regional Transportation Alliance and a resolution urging the State to provide the necessary recurring State turnpike gap funding commitment, exempt from the State allocation formula, in order to support the construction of both I-540/Western Wake and Triangle Parkway as proposed turnpikes.

TAC Action: Receive information on the current legislative agenda and any proposed changes from the TAC committee and, other information for discussion and action as appropriate.

11. **REPORTS FROM THE TCC CHAIR**
Chip Russell, TCC Chair

12. **MPO STAFF REPORTS**
Ed Johnson, MPO Director

13. **NCDOT REPORTS**
Scott Walston/Rupal Desai - Transportation Planning Branch
Richard Greene - Division 4
Wally Bowman/Joey Hopkins - Division 5
Terry Gibson - Division 6

14. **OTHER BUSINESS AND PENDING ITEMS**

Adjourn

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PENDING ITEMS

Item #01 - Comprehensive Transportation Plan (for Transit)-(Winter/Spring 2006/2007)

Item #02 - Capital Area MPO Organizational Structure - (Winter/Spring 2006/2007)

Item #03 - Memorandum of Agreement with NC Turnpike Authority (Winter 2006/2007)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 5, 2007 - Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting
Room 809 - One Exchange Plaza, Raleigh, NC

April 18, 2007 - Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting
Wake County Commons, 4011 Cary Drive, Raleigh
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

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