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N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2008

4:00 - 6:00 PM

Wake County Commons

4012 Carya Drive

Raleigh, NC

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS:

- FY 2007-2013 MTIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATIONS FOR CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT AND TRIANGLE TRANSIT
- FY 2009-2015 MTIP - RELEASE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW
- PROPOSED MPO STAFF EXPANSION / REORGANIZATION
- 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE - PRELIMINARY REGIONAL REVENUE FORECAST
- CONSIDERATION OF STAC RECOMMENDATIONS
- 21ST CENTURY COMMITTEE - INTERMODAL LEGISLATION

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).

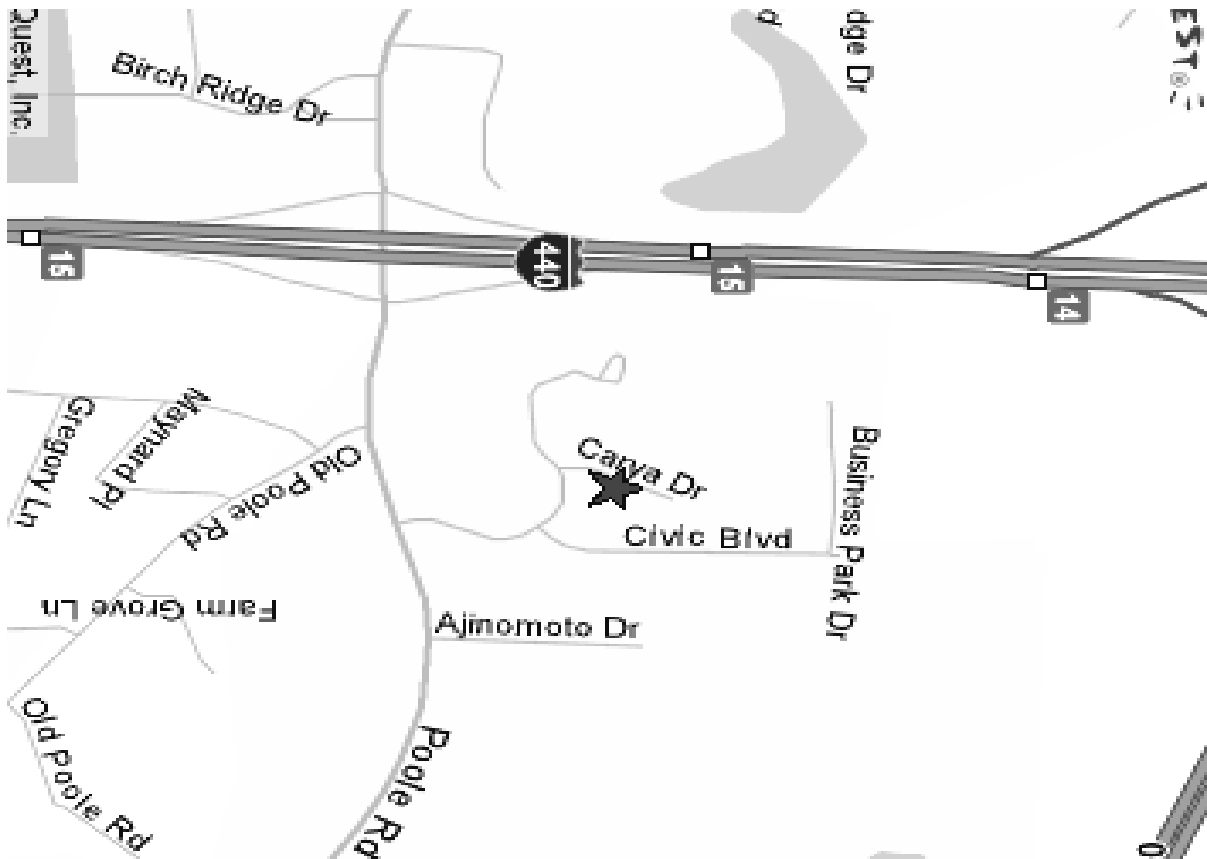
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The Capital Area MPO coordinates transportation planning in Wake County and portions of Franklin, Granville, Johnston, and Harnett counties. The public is encouraged to speak at both the Transportation Advisory Committee and the Technical Coordinating Committee meetings. There is an opportunity for the public to comment on agenda items at the beginning of each meeting. When speaking, please tell us your name and place of residence; please limit comments to three minutes per speaker.

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METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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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.

CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and may be enacted by one motion. If a member requests discussion on an item, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2008 JOINT TAC MEETING.

The minutes of the May 21, 2008 Joint TAC meeting are enclosed as [Attachment 4A](#). The minutes of the May 21, 2008 TAC meeting are enclosed as [Attachment 4B](#).

TAC ACTION: Approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2008 Joint TAC meeting. Approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2008 TAC meeting.

5. 2007-2013 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION - CAPITAL AREA TRANSIT

Capital Area Transit has requested that an administrative modification be made to the 2007-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to reflect funding changes that have been identified. [Attachment 5A](#) is the funding table reflecting the proposed changes. [Attachment 5B](#) is the resolution of approval for the proposed changes. At its June 5, 2008 meeting, the TCC voted unanimously to recommend TAC approval of this request.

TAC ACTION: Approve Capital Area Transit's requested administrative modification to the 2007-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

6. 2007-2013 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION - TRIANGLE TRANSIT

Triangle Transit has requested that an administrative modification be made to the 2007-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program to reflect funding changes that have been identified. [Attachment 6A](#) is the funding table reflecting the proposed changes. [Attachment 6B](#) is the resolution of approval for the proposed changes. At its June 5, 2008 meeting, the TCC voted unanimously to recommend TAC approval of this request.

TAC ACTION: Approve Triangle Transit's requested administrative modification to the 2007-2013 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

7. Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) - FY 2009 - 2015

In response to several submittals by our MPO to the NCDOT in late 2007 and early 2008, including our MPO's top priority roadway, transit, STP-DA and CMAQ projects and programs for inclusion in the next update of the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), on June 5, 2008, the NC Board of Transportation adopted the FY 2009-2015 STIP. A fully corresponding draft FY 2009-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) has been prepared (enclosed as [Attachment 7A](#)) which should now be released for public review and comment. The TCC received this document at its June 5, 2008 meeting and voted unanimously to recommend that the draft FY 2009-2015 MTIP be released for a public review and comment period, including the TAC conducting a public hearing to receive comments at its meeting on August 20, 2008. The comment period is recommended to begin on June 21 and end on August 15, 2008 so that all comments submitted prior to the public hearing have been received prior to the TAC meeting. A public hearing should be scheduled to be conducted at the August 20, 2008 TAC meeting to receive comment on the 2009-2015 MTIP.

TAC ACTION: Approval to schedule and give notice of a period of opportunity for the public to review and comment on the draft FY 2009-2015 MTIP beginning on June 21, 2008 and ending on August 15, 2008 with a public hearing to be conducted at the August 20, 2008 TAC meeting.

8. JOB ACCESS/REVERSE COMMUTE GRANT (JARC) FUNDING

On February 20, 2008, the TAC was given a presentation on the Job Access / Reverse Commute Grant Funding program. At that time, the City of Raleigh (as lead planning agency for the MPO) was designated as the recipient for disbursement of these funds. Subsequent to that meeting, applications were received and reviewed. The JARC committee met on several occasions to determine which submittal(s) should be funded. [Attachment 8A](#) shows the projects recommended for funding. The TCC at its May 1, 2008 meeting received this information and voted unanimously to recommend TAC endorsement.

TAC Action: Endorse funding of JARC projects as proposed.

9. MPO STAFF EXPANSION AND REORGANIZATION

The N.C. Capital Area MPO conducted an organizational study in 2003 that led to a number of recommendations for possible changes in the MPO's organization including among others consideration of merging our MPO with the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro (DCHC) MPO to form a single MPO for the Triangle region. Our TAC voted to explore such a merger, but after preliminary discussions, the proposal was not supported by the DCHC MPO's TAC.

After more than one year of discussions and subsequent approvals, in October, 2005, our MPO was officially expanded to include portions of four counties surrounding Wake (Franklin, Granville, Harnett, and Johnston) and six municipalities (Angier, Bunn, Clayton, Creedmoor, Franklinton, and Youngsville). This action increased the number of member governments from thirteen (13) to twenty three (23) and approximately doubled the land area covered in the MPO from 860 to 1,600 square miles.

At planning retreats held on July 13, 2006, and February 6, 2008, the TCC discussed current and anticipated MPO planning work requirements as well as MPO members' desires for enhanced MPO planning services. The objective was to evaluate these MPO planning services needs and desires against the MPO's current staff to develop a plan for possibly expanding and reorganizing the MPO staff.

Over the past few months the TCC has worked with staff to develop a detailed MPO staff expansion and reorganization proposal (enclosed as [Attachment 9A](#)) that would;

- 1) Expand the full-time staff positions from seven (7) to eleven (11).
- 2) Establish two new MPO deputy director positions (Pay Grade 40), one in charge of planning and the other in charge of member services (to increase senior management oversight capabilities while also increasing opportunities for MPO staff career advancement).
- 3) Establish four cross-trainable transportation planner positions (Pay Grade 37), one existing, one upgrade (from 36), and two new, whose roles would be delineated as follows:
 - two planners to specialize in working at the district level, (tentatively defined as northern and southern with the supervising deputy director position serving in that capacity for the central district) that would be able to work more closely on a day-to-day basis with member governments as well as to provide the resources needed to move forward on the major work efforts needed to integrate systems level and project level transportation planning to improve and streamline environmental studies (referred to as CTP/NEPA integration).
 - one planner to specialize in multi-modal planning and public outreach as well as to oversee the MPO's efforts on providing members' education and training opportunities.
 - one planner to specialize in fiscal management including grants administration.

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4) To improve the ability for the MPO to attract and retain key personnel, pay grade increases are proposed for the MPO Director (42 to 44), the Transportation Engineer / Modeler (36 to 38), and the Administrative Assistant (25 to 31).

At its meeting on December 19, 2007, the TAC approved utilizing an increased portion of its federal STP-DA funds to cover the expenses associated with increasing and reorganizing the MPO staff, so that the MPO members' annual share of the MPO's Work Program costs would not need to increase because of the staff increase. Both NCDOT's approved FY 2009-2015 STIP and our MPO's draft FY 2009-2015 MTIP now include this increased STP-DA funding.

The TCC has recommends that the TAC authorize taking the necessary steps to place these proposed staffing changes into the City of Raleigh budget for 2008-2009 be undertaken as soon as practicable.

TAC Action: Approval.

10. 2035 LRTP Update - SPECIAL TRANSIT ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

At the May 21, 2008 Joint meeting of the Capital Area MPO and Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO Transportation Advisory Committees copies of the Special Transit Advisory Commission (STAC) report were distributed to members in attendance and, a presentation was made by STAC officials regarding the recommendations contained in the report. The Executive Summary from the report is enclosed as [Attachment 10A](#) and the full report can be downloaded at <http://www.transitblueprint.org/stac.shtml>.

TAC Chair Joe Bryan has identified five principles for emphasis in future work efforts associated with the STAC's findings, briefly summarized as follows:

- 1) More uniform and transit-supportive land use planning and development oversight must be implemented to ensure that any investment in a better transit system is successful.
- 2) The STAC's recommended improvements need to be prioritized with consideration of proportionality so that the location, timing and costs associated with all transit improvements are commensurate with the amount and geographic source of revenue being generated and utilized to pay for those improvements.
- 3) More emphasis is needed in providing high quality transit services to outlying areas.
- 4) Follow-up work involving "due diligence" activities need to be carried out by the appropriate agencies as soon as practicable to bring greater certainty to critically important variables such as cost estimates and predicted ridership.
- 5) Any voter referendum to secure revenue for a transit system should be designed in a manner to ensure the widest possible measure of long-term, continued public support by being sure to be able to "over-deliver" on any commitments promised.

With regard to incorporating the STAC's recommendations into the MPOs' Long-Range Transportation Plans (LRTPs), staff of the Capital Area MPO has been working with those of the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, Triangle Transit, Triangle J Council of Governments and Triangle Regional Model Service Bureau in preparing the 2035 LRTP update. [Attachment 10B](#) is a copy of the current LRTP update schedule.

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The Capital Area MPO TCC held a work-session on June 5, 2008 to discuss the LRTP, funding projections and strategies for project selection for the update. [Attachment 10C](#) is a copy of the funding presentation provided to the TCC during the work-session which can be briefly reviewed at this meeting, if desired.

As a part of the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) update process, the staffs of the two MPOs in the region are jointly developing several alternatives incorporating a variety of roadway and transit system improvements for detailed analyses over the next two months. These alternatives incorporate varying degrees of the STAC's recommended transit system in order to provide forecasted ridership and cost information. The results of these analyses will serve as the basis for public review and comment on the STAC's findings as well as any emerging LRTP recommendations.

This agenda item is primarily intended to allow TAC members to discuss the STAC's findings and recommendations and to provide any questions, comments, or guidance to the MPO staff for follow-up work as a part of what is already planned for the LRTP update process.

Beyond the LRTP itself, it may also be appropriate at this time to discuss the STAC's recommended implementation measures and process, including if, when, and how it might be best to proceed with developing a more detailed plan of action for taking a proposed sales tax increase through to actual voter approval(s). The next agenda item is related to this as well.

TAC ACTION: Receive information on preliminary revenue forecast and process for analyzing STAC recommendations for discussion, questions, comments, and/or direction to staff as may be deemed appropriate.

11. 21st Century Transportation Committee - Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transportation Fund - Support for Legislative Bills Introduced (H2323, S1894)

The General Assembly established the 21st Century Transportation Committee to study transportation infrastructure needs in the State. Meeting agendas and copies of presentations are posted on the committee's website at:

<http://www.ncleg.net/gascripts/DocumentSites/browseDocSite.asp?nID=32>.

The committee has also formed four subcommittees: Finance, Intergovernmental, Prioritization/Best Practices/Efficiency, and Intermodal. An interim report for the committee was submitted on May 1, 2008 and the final report is due December 31, 2008. [Attachment 11A](#) is a report from the Intermodal subcommittee.

The Intermodal subcommittee has proposed new legislation titled the Congestion Relief/Intermodal Transport Fund which has subsequently been filed as House Bill 2363 and Senate Bill 1894 (enclosed as [Attachment 11B](#)) which, if approved, would move forward on providing the ways and means for funding for public transportation, freight and passenger rail, and ports.

A number of organizations, including the DCHC MPO ([Attachment 11C](#)) and Triangle Transit ([Attachment 11D](#)), have expressed support for these bills being approved by the N.C.

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General Assembly. The DCHC MPO's position paper, which provides a very good brief overview of the bill's intent, urges that the bill be amended to ensure the opportunity for greater financial support of improved local transit services. All of the local transit service providers have expressed their support for being able to utilize a portion of these potential transit revenue sources. In response, the original language of the proposed legislation was amended to include a requirement that the MPOs must approve the financial plan.

Although this recognition of MPOs as the forum for governmental coordination in transportation planning, the means for developing and approving the bill's referenced financial plan are not specifically delineated as currently worded. As such, it could be helpful for the bill to make reference to the financial plan's inclusion in the MPOs' approved fiscally-constrained Comprehensive Long-Range Transportation Plans (L RTPs) and Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Programs (MTIP) as the MPOs' primary means of carrying out their approval responsibilities, although MPO approval of other more specifically detailed financial plans may be needed as well.

TAC ACTION: Receive information for discussion and action as appropriate.

REPORTS:

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

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

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

15. **OTHER BUSINESS AND PENDING ITEMS**

Adjourn

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

PENDING ITEMS

Item #01 - Comprehensive Transportation Plans (Spring/Summer 2008)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

August 7, 2008 - Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Room 809 - One Exchange Plaza, Raleigh, NC

August 20, 2008 - Capital Area MPO TAC meeting - 4:00 PM- 6:00 PM
Wake County Commons Building, Cary Drive, Raleigh, NC

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