

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 20, 2008
MINUTES**

The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s Transportation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at Wake County Commons, 4012 Carya Drive, Raleigh, NC with the following present:

Member

Vivian Jones, presiding
Bob Ahlert
J. Harold Broadwell
Don Bumgarner
John Byrne
Paul Coble
R. H. Ellington
Jan Faulkner
Russell Killen
Darryl Moss
Julie Robison
Elic Senter
Russ Stephenson
Nina Szlosberg
Chet Vanfossen
Keith Weatherly
Ronnie Williams

Representing

Wake Forest
Clayton
Wendell
Zebulon
Fuquay-Varina
Wake County
Angier
Morrisville
Knightdale
Creedmoor
Cary
Franklinton
Raleigh
NCDOT
Holly Springs
Apex
Garner

Staff

Ed Johnson
Chip Russell
Gerald Daniel
J. J. Walter
Kyle Ward
Diane Wilson
Kenneth Withrow

Representing

CAMPO Director
TCC Chair
CAMPO Staff
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Vice-Chair Jones called the meeting to order with discussion and actions taken as shown:

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – APPROVED

Mr. Johnson reported Item 8 (Public Involvement Process) was discussed prior to this meeting by the TCC and it was decided to hold it at the TCC level for further discussion. He indicated the agenda should be amended by deleting Item 8 as outlined. Without objection, the agenda was approved as amended.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE RECEIVED

Vice-chair Jones explained this was an opportunity for comments by those in attendance on items not on the agenda. No one asked to be heard.

MINUTES – JUNE 18, 2008 – APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Minutes of the June 18, 2008 meeting were provided to members prior to the meeting. Mr. Ahlert moved approval of the June 18, 2008 minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Mr. Ellington, unanimously passed. Vice-chair Jones ruled the motion adopted.

2009-2015 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) – HEARING HELD – ADOPTED

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item explaining on June 5, 2008, the NC Board of Transportation adopted the FY 2009-2015 State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). A fully corresponding draft FY 2009-2015 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) was prepared by staff and the draft released by the TAC for public review and comment on June 18, 2008 beginning on June 21, 2008 and closing on August 15, 2008. This item was on the agenda for the purpose of holding a public hearing to receive additional comments and following the hearing, adoption if desired by the TAC. Mr. Johnson indicated this wraps up a 2 year process with the adoption of the MTIP that exactly matches the STIP.

Vice-chair Jones declared the hearing open.

No one asked to speak; therefore, the hearing was closed.

Mr. Williams moved adoption of the 2009-2015 MTIP. His motion was seconded by Mr. Senter, unanimously passed. Vice-chair Jones ruled the motion adopted.

DRAFT 2011-2017 MTIP PROJECT PRIORITY LIST – ENDORSED

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item explaining every two years CAMPO staff requests that member jurisdictions provide a list of projects for inclusion in the update of NCDOT's Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and CAMPO's Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP). All member agencies can submit prioritized lists of roadway projects. Mr. Johnson further explained based on technical information and input from TCC subcommittee members, a consolidated list of priority roadway projects had been developed for submittal to NCDOT. The list provides assistance to NCDOT in preparation of the draft STIP. These lists were developed based on various technical criteria and efforts to achieve reasonable geographic equity among member jurisdictions for inclusion in the MTIP Request and will be presented to the TAC for adoption later in the year. The schedule was provided in the agenda packet that will

benefit from the highway analysis being performed as part of the 2035 LRTP update process. FY 2009-2015 MTIP projects for 2009-2015 are being carried forward to the FY 2011-2017 MTIP as outlined in the information provided in the packets and are included in the highway network that will be modeled for the 2035 LRTP. Model run results will be used to perform new user benefit analyses and could ultimately be used in scoring and prioritizing the highway projects for the FY 2011-2017 Project Priority List. Mr. Johnson indicated staff suggests creating the FY 2011-2017 Project Priority List from projects previously requested by member jurisdictions during the FY 2009-2015 MTIP development cycle due to the limited time period to simultaneously conduct the 2035 LRTP update and development of the FY 2011-2017 MTIP list. Mr. Johnson indicated; however, there may be modifications based on local input and study consultations conducted during the year. He requested by the end of September member agencies should advise staff where they stand with their current priorities and if there are changes, staff should be made aware of them at that time. In instances where additional time is needed, he requested that staff be advised and possibly an additional 30 days could be allowed. He stated, as an example, the current Raleigh City Council was not in office when the current priorities were approved and there is probably the same situation in other municipalities. Mr. Johnson reported the TCC discussed this item and endorsed the basic concept of this schedule and directed staff to contact member governments for their projects feedback by September 30, 2008. In response to questioning relating to the STAC recommendations, Mr. Johnson indicated it has been the intent that STAC recommendations have to go into the LRTP. He noted at some point in the next 3 weeks, there will be recommendations for no more than 3 preferred options and it will be up to the TAC to endorse, modify, etc. He indicated it will be October before staff has anything for consideration and at that point the TAC may desire to have a workshop. Mr. Johnson indicated there is a lot of staff coordination taking place currently noting Transportation providers, MPO staffs and others are meeting. One key issue is whether there is going to be some balance between where money is coming from and where it is going, i.e., is every dollar raised in Wake County going to be spent in Wake County only or are funds going to the best projects regardless of location. He indicated a meeting was held last week by Mayor Meeker, Commissioner Bryan and others and it is already clear they wanted to see a referendum involving possible sales tax to go before the voters where it would be a Wake County referendum and have Durham and Orange County referendums going along with it. He indicated this has not been discussed by the TAC yet and the bottom line is the next 2 months are really important to this discussion. He reiterated it will be another 3 weeks before staff can have something to consider. Mr. Johnson spoke to the possibility of considering smaller projects that cost less but could make a large impact due to the lack of available funding.

Mr. Byrne moved endorsement of the proposal as presented for the Draft FY 2011-2017 MTIP Project Priority List process. His motion was seconded by Mr. Killen, unanimously passed. Vice-chair Jones ruled the motion adopted.

UPDATE – JOB ACCESS/REVERSE COMMUTE – NEW FREEDOM GRANTS – INFORMATION RECEIVED

David Eatman reviewed this item noting during January 2008, CAMPO and the City of Raleigh took the lead in developing a coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan (CPT-HSTP). The plan was required prior to submission of Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom grant applications. The plan was developed by working in collaboration with the public transportation agencies and community in collaboration with the public transportation agencies and community transportation programs in the MPO's jurisdiction to respond to SAFETEA-LU requirements. The purpose of the plan is to help improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults and individuals with lower incomes in the CAMPO area through a better coordinated transportation system. The TAC endorsed in June submission of projects (provided in the agenda backup) for possible funding awards. He reviewed the following JARC – New Freedom Project awards: Triangle Transit for Wake Forest Express Route - \$125,000; Triangle Transit for Wake Forest Circulator - \$79,000; Universal Disability Advocates for Travel Training - \$60,000; Wake Coordinated Transportation Service for Automatic Vehicle Location - \$168,000 and Triangle Transit for Regional Call Center Study - \$32,000. Mr. Eatman indicated total JARC awards were \$204,000 and New Freedom awards were \$260,000. Remaining JARC funds are \$231,184 and remaining New Freedom funds are \$82,935.00. Projected FFY09 FTA allocation for JARC is \$192,000 and New Freedom is \$118,000. Projected funding availability for FY 09 is \$423,184 for JARC and \$200,935 for New Freedom.

Without objection, the report was received as information.

2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – PROCESS – RECEIVED AS INFORMATION

Mr. Johnson explained the schedule for the 2035 LRTP has been to complete it by the end of the calendar year which leaves sufficient time to get the air quality work done. The deadline for getting everything done is June 15, 2009. A copy of the schedule was included in the agenda packet. He indicated once again a very elaborate job of coordinating with DCHC staff is being done with John Hodges-Copple working on the coordination process. He hoped to have a document that will be co-approved by both MPOs noting this is very challenging. The LRTP adopted in 2004 had 5 years of zero inflation and we assumed 2% and since that time there has been 10-12% inflation for 4 years. He indicated if projects are not built soon, we will never be able to pay for them. The question of what to build and how to pay for it is a great challenge noting the plans have to be fiscally balanced. He stated what is included in this plan should be of the best possible collective thinking and there will be an emphasis on transit this time. He indicated the STAC report has been preparing us to make decisions about transit and how it is important and this plan will make it happen or not happen.

Mr. Withrow reviewed this item noting staff of CAMPO had been working with representatives from DCHC, Triangle Transit, Triangle J COG and the Triangle Regional Model Service Bureau in preparing the 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). CAMPO's TCC held a workshop in June to discuss the LRTP, funding projections and strategies for project selection and the two MPO staffs have been working to coordinate development and public input items for the plan update. Throughout June and July a study team worked to create a series of highway and transit investment alternatives that are currently being modeled. Model results will be reviewed and analyzed in both the professional and public realms with the two MPOs developing the Preferred Alternative LRTP. This LRTP is scheduled for adoption in December, 2008. MPO staff has also participated in meetings with the region's elected and business leadership to keep them informed of upcoming deadlines and also discussing the benefits of creating a single consolidated LRTP. CAMPO and DCHC are planning to hold public meetings in September prior to the creation of the Preferred Alternative for the 2035 LRTP. Members received in their agenda packets the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan Initial Draft Report that included the following:

1. Goals and Objectives adopted by the TAC on May 21
2. Schedule of events and deadlines that apply to the 2035 LRTP
3. Technical data that will be reviewed and analyzed as the MPO develops the Preferred Alternative for adoption by December, 2008.

Mr. Withrow pointed out the Initial Report included map and a list of all roadway projects to be included in the 2035 LRTP, preliminary revenue projections and cost estimates for transportation projects, local options revenue estimates and maps showing three transit scenarios that incorporate the STAC network. Mr. Withrow thanked all those involved for their work on this item noting they were true to the goals and objectives expressed by the TAC. He reviewed available maps in detail. He indicated maps include the significance and importance of addressing roadway and transit improvements and stated this is very comprehensive relating to growth in our region. He reviewed the various land use scenarios reviewed by the team as well as other aspects of the plan in detail. Mr. Johnson referred to Page 21 of the plan showing several infrastructure alternatives and the land use scenarios against which they were tested. Ms. Szlosberg questioned what assumptions were made relating to land use in developing the information. Mr. Johnson responded the model is patterned before the recent increase in gas prices. Mr. Withrow went on to review the map for the proposed 2035 roadway network. He reported we are looking at 420 roadway project segments in the 2035 LRTP and the cost of doing this type of network totals \$15 billion in today's dollars. He indicated revenue projections we will have to work with are \$4 billion over the next 35 years. The plan shown in the plan totals in today's dollars \$3.78 billion. He reviewed Appendix B included in the plan outlining what we are getting in terms of funding and what is being requested.

Following Mr. Withrow's detailed review of the plan, the item was received as information.

MPO STAFF REPORT – RECEIVED

Mr. Johnson reported NCDOT and MPO staff has been working with Harnett County in developing a Comprehensive Transportation Plan which is included on CAMPO's website.

Mr. Johnson introduced Gerald Daniel, the new CAMPO GIS Programmer Analyst who comes to CAMPO from Tallahassee where he worked for Kimly-Horne.

NCDOT REPORT – RECEIVED

Ms. Szlosberg reported NCDOT is now reviewing procedures about how to handle going to the MPO for review in September and would like a representative to appear before this body.

It was noted the TAC and NCDOT staffs have been coordinating relating to projects they have been doing over the past several years in an effort to go to less projects that are less expensive but provide more bang for the buck. It was noted administrative overhead for projects if formidable. It was also noted the MPO's statewide board meets September 11 and 12.

Mr. Williams indicated representatives from the western half of the triangle will be visiting Charlotte as was done by the eastern half in order to get an up close understanding of what Charlotte did with their light rail, etc. He indicated this area has so many municipalities and counties it is more challenging to get together to get something done like Charlotte.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Hunt