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N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 18, 2009

4:00-6:00 PM

Wake County Commons
4012 Carya Dr
Raleigh, NC

AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2009-2015 MTIP ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION #5 ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECTS
- 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT
- ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS - PART TWO
- 2009-2010 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM
- HB148 - INTERMODAL BILL

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
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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 Councilor requests discussion on an item, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2009 TAC MEETING.

The minutes of the February 18, 2009 TAC meeting, are enclosed as [Attachment 4A](#).

TAC ACTION: Approval of the minutes of the February 18, 2009 TAC meeting.

5. RESCHEDULE OF NEXT TAC MEETING FROM APRIL 15 TO APRIL 22, 2009

In order to provide at least thirty days for public review and comment, starting on March 20 and ending on April 20, 2009 on the draft FY 09-10 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), the MPO's Self-Certification of compliance with the 3-C Planning Process, and possibly for the reports on the Long-Range Transportation Plans and its related Air Quality Conformity Determination (if available by March 20), it is desirable to hold the next TAC meeting on April 22, 2009 rather than April 15, 2009

TAC Action: Approval

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**6. 2009-2015 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATIVE MODIFICATION #5 - ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING**

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was passed into law on February 17, 2009. Under this Act, North Carolina will receive \$838 million for transportation improvements. The total includes about \$735 million for highway and bridge projects and about \$103 million for transit, including aviation, bicycle and pedestrian, ferry, public transportation and rail projects.

On February 24, 2009, Governor Perdue released a list of highway and bridge projects for completion using the first wave of the economic stimulus money designated for North Carolina. These projects, totaling \$466 million, must be under contract by June 2009, therefore NCDOT selected projects, based on their ability to have necessary environmental documentation in place, be awarded by June 2009, and complete by the deadline set in the act. The highway projects announced include bridge painting, bonded overlay replacement, installation of intelligent transportation system (ITS) devices, etc and in the Capital Area MPO planning area are mainly located on I-40, I-440, I-540, US-64 and US-264. One project was announced in Franklin County for resurfacing US-1 from the Wake County line to the Vance County line. The statewide list for these projects was included in the February 18, 2009 TAC meeting agenda packet.

Stimulus funds were also made available for transit services. These funds were divided among the MPO's transit providers by the agreed upon formula for distribution of Section 5307 funds. The allocation was \$9,087,039 which was distributed over several projects submitted by Triangle Transit, one project submitted by Cary Transit and the Transit Maintenance and Operations Facility for the Capital Area Transit.

[Attachment 6A](#) is an administrative modification required to amend the 2009-2015 MTIP to show the projects as announced by Governor Perdue that lie within the Capital Area MPO planning area. Page one of this attachment reflects the highway projects and pages two and three reflect the breakdown for transit projects.

TAC Action: Adopt Administrative Modification #5 to the 2009-2015 MTIP to allow funding of projects using Economic Stimulus Funds.

**7. 2035 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY
REPORT**

The draft reports for the 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan and for its companion Air-Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) are nearing completion. The schedule for final approval of the 2035 LRTP with its corresponding AQCD by the TAC is by no later than its meeting on May 20, 2009. Based on the MPO's policy of allowing at least 30 days for public review and comment as well as a holding a public hearing to receive comments on these reports' findings, staff is requesting that the TAC pre-authorize release of these draft reports as soon as they are completed for public comment and with public hearings to be held on each at the TAC's April 22, 2009 meeting.

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TAC Action: Pre-authorize release of both the Draft 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan Report and the Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination (AQCD) Report for public review and comments beginning on the date of availability and lasting for at least thirty days with separate public hearings on each to be scheduled for the TAC's meeting April 22, 2009.

THIS IS THE END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

8. ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDS - PART TWO

The second wave of the Economic Stimulus Funding package funding information has been received and the Capital Area MPO has been allocated about \$14.85 million for appropriation through its STP-DA funding channel. Although federal law allows until July 30, 2010 to obligate these funds, to ensure that all funds are fully utilized, NCDOT is requesting that these funds be appropriated as soon as practicable, with all required documentation and permits being secured by October 1, 2009 and with contracts being let by January, 2010. The Governor's office is expected to announce projects to be funded using the second wave of the economic stimulus money within the next 30-45 days.

The TCC discussed this matter at its March 5, 2009 meeting and subsequently held a work session on March 11, 2009 to develop a consolidated list of projects and programs that would appear to be able to meet all of the various criteria needed to eligible for this funding, such as:

- a. If roadway improvement, is the project on a designated federal aid route (at least urban collector or rural major collector or higher designation)?
- b. can the appropriate level of environmental review and documentation be completed by completed prior to October 1, 2009?
- c. can the contract letting or other program funding obligation approval be completed (including the extra stimulus-related project documentation) by the funding designee by no later than January, 2010?
- d. can the project be fully completed (including the extra stimulus-related project documentation) by the funding designee within 3 years?

The TCC also gave consideration to other factors such as trying to ensure an equitable distribution of these funds both by mode and by geographic location. In addition to considering all proposed stimulus projects submitted by the MPO's members, MPO staff also contacted the Division 4, 5, and 6 Engineers to solicit their input on worthy projects that were currently unfunded.

[Attachment 8A](#) is the list of projects and programs that were selected by the TCC on March 11, 2009 for consideration of endorsement by the TAC. Because these economic stimulus funds are a unique opportunity for work closely with NCDOT in funding some of the MPO's unmet needs, for which the exact details of our mutual coordination and approval are still being worked out, this list should be considered as preliminary and subject to some further adjustments as the coordination process continues. However, it is important for the TAC to

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provide any comments and guidance it wishes at this time so a finalized list can be approved as soon as possible, hopefully at its meeting on April 22, 2009.

TAC Action: Review the list of projects selected by the TCC for funding using second wave allocation of Economic Stimulus Funding and provide comments and guidance for finalizing list before submitting to NCDOT. Decide whether to carry out, or waive, holding a thirty-day public review and comment period and/or public hearing.

9. 2009-2010 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

During the fall of 2008, staff and TCC subcommittee members began work on the 2009-2010 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). At its March 5, 2009 meeting the TCC received a copy of the draft UPWP for review. [Attachment 9A](#) is a copy of the draft 2009-2010 UPWP. This year, emphasis is being placed on three main planning activities:

- NC 50 Corridor Study
This study focuses on developing a multi-faceted strategic plan for improving the traffic-carrying capacity, safety and efficiency of the NC 50 highway between I-540 and Creedmoor while protecting the environmentally sensitive Falls Lake watershed.
- MPO / CAT Mid-Range Transit Plan Development
This plan will go beyond the traditional 3-5 year short-range Capital Area Transit plan to consider how best to improve transit services throughout the appropriate areas of MPO's jurisdiction over the next ten to fifteen years.
- Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Development - Continued work on completing the MPO's CTP's for Franklin, Harnett, Johnston, and Wake counties.

As a part of the UPWP development process, the MPO performs a self-certification review whereby it reviews planning processes and self-certifies that the MPO is fulfilling all federal requirements for the 3-C transportation planning processes. [Attachment 9B](#) contains the self-certification checklist and responses. Public comment on this review is done as part of the UPWP public review

Funding for many items is dependent on dues from member governments. Member governments can expect billings during March for their portion of the MPO local funding match required on federal dollars received for projects. These billings are based on a per capita share and, any funds not expended in a particular year are credited towards future billings.

TAC Action: Authorize; (1) release of both the FY 09-10 Draft Unified Planning Work Program and MPO Self-Certification Review for public review and comment period beginning on March 20, 2009 and ending on April 20, 2009; and (2) scheduling of separate public hearings on the UPWP and the Self-Certification to be held on April 22, 2009.

10. INTERMODAL BILL (HB148)

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At the last meeting, a copy of the "Intermodal Bill" (HB148), introduced on February 12, 2009, was distributed to members. On March 9, 2009, Mr. Cohen, Director of the Bill Drafting Division of the Legislative Services Office provided two documents which included a copy of the bill in its current form (enclosed as [Attachment 10A](#)) and a document providing an explanation of transit taxes contained in the bill ([Attachment 10B](#)).

The bill currently - in general - addresses the following items in the Triangle area:

- Creation of a Congestion Relief and Intermodal 21st Century Transportation Fund administered by the Secretary and Board of Transportation to make grants. These grants are primarily for:
 1. public transportation (with certain restrictions including MPO approval, etc);
 2. short line railroads to assist in economic development and access to ports and military installations;
 3. railroads for rail enhancements for improvements and restorations and Intermodal or multimodal and access to ports and military installations;
 4. State ports for terminal railroads and improved access to military facilities and Intermodal or multimodal facilities
- Provision for a 1/2% sales tax to be levied in one or more of the three Triangle counties after a successful advisory referendum.
- Allows all counties where there is a county or municipal transit system to levy a vehicle registration fee of up to seven dollars. (The transit system may be operated by contract with another county or city, regional transit agency, or private entity. Funding allocation for human services transportation operating countywide can be determined by interlocal agreement.)
- Allows for the current vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 to be increased to \$7.00 immediately and to \$8.00 effective July 1, 2010

More detailed information is contained in Attachment 10B.

TAC Action: Receive information on Intermodal Bill (HB148)

11 REPORTS FROM THE TCC CHAIR

Chip Russell, TCC Chair

12. MPO STAFF REPORTS

Ed Johnson, MPO Director

13. NCDOT REPORTS

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Scott Walston/Rupal Desai – Transportation Planning Branch
Richard Greene - Division 4
Wally Bowman/Joey Hopkins - Division 5
Terry Gibson - Division 6

Adjourn

PENDING ITEMS

Item #01 - Comprehensive Transportation Plan (2009-10)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 2, 2009 - Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting - 10:00 am - Noon
Room 809 - One Exchange Plaza, Raleigh, NC

April 22, 2009 - Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting
Wake County Commons - 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
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