



**Others**

Wally Bowman  
Mike Bruff  
Chip Russell  
Emma Stewart  
Alan Swanstron  
Rob Teer  
Jennifer Harris  
Steve Dewitt  
Jill Stark

**Representing**

NCDOT  
NCDOT  
TCC Chair  
Louisburg  
NCTA  
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FHWA

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE RECEIVED**

Chairman Bryan announced this was an opportunity for comments from those in attendance.

Morris Johnson, 811 Historian Street, Raleigh, NC made the following statement:

“I am here to speak for approximately 330 citizens that have since last week signed a petition advocating the completion of the Tryon Road realignment project from Lake Wheeler Road to Wilmington Street.

This section of Tryon is in desperate need of repair, widening and realignment to better serve the Southwest Raleigh community. This section of Tryon Road has become a major thoroughfare not only for the citizens of Raleigh, but also for the adjoining communities of Garner and Cary. In 1999 Tryon Road was identified as ‘severely limited’ by senior planner Tim Clark in a memo to the Wake County Planning Board. This situation has been addressed in some areas between Raleigh and Cary, but unfortunately, the much needed connection to Southwest Raleigh has not been completed.

In 2007, with the creation of the Renaissance Park Community, Tryon Road was given a planned realignment to meet the needs of the new 1,000 home community. The need for expansion has risen significantly since the community started and a road that once saw moderate traffic is beginning to see heavy traffic and an increase in incidents and accidents as a result.

In addition, Bridge 259, located on this narrow section of Tryon Road that sits in the bend of the road is ‘functionally obsolete’ and was never intended to serve the over 11,000

vehicles that cross it daily. The bridge was built in 1936 and is currently on the AAA of the Carolinas Substandard Bridges list (released January 7 of this year.)

This project is Project Number U-4432 on the NCDOT Transportation Improvement Program and is currently ranked #26 on the CAMPO Highway Project Priority List. I am here to appeal to the committee and respectfully request that this project be moved up in priority.”

#### **MINUTES – JANUARY 20, 2010 – APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Minutes of the January 20, 2010 meeting were provided in the agenda packets. Mr. Johnson referred to Page 9, third from last paragraph, relating to TCC Retreat Recommendations which should be amended to remove the wording that Mr. Meeker voted in opposition to the motion made. Mr. Sears moved approval of the minutes with the correction as outlined. His motion, seconded by Mr. Andrews, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

#### **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. Ms. Jones moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Her motion, seconded by Mr. Sears, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

The following items were on the Consent Agenda:

#### **REGIONAL TRANSIT PLANNING – RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

The MPO has been involved with several transit planning initiatives in recent months. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan now underway for the region will include a long-range (30+ years) vision for transit in the Capital Area MPO region. At the same time, an intermediate vision for transit in the region is currently being developed by Triangle Transit and Wake County. These plans are just getting underway and it will become increasingly important for the CAMPO TAC to be involved in the planning processes. This topic will be a main focus of the upcoming Joint Capital Area MPO/DCHC meeting on March 31, 2010.

TAC ACTION: Receive as Information. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

**TIP AMENDMENT #2 – PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17, 2010**

Project I-5141 is a diamond-grinding project on I-85 in Granville County. A small portion of the project falls within the MPO's planning boundary and thus the project should be added to the MTIP.

TAC ACTION: Schedule a public hearing for MTIP Amendment #2 to be conducted at the March 17, 2010 TAC meeting. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

**MTIP AMENDMENT #3 – PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17, 2010**

Project U-4716 is a railroad alignment at Hopson Road and Church Street that needs to be added to the MTIP to match the project description in the STIP. This project also requires an update of the Air Quality Conformity Report. The TAC received a copy of the Conformity Report at its January 20 meeting.

TAC ACTION: Schedule public hearing for MTIP Amendment #3 and the updated Air Quality Conformity Determination Report to be conducted at the March 17, 2010 TAC meeting. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

**TRIANGLE REGIONAL MODEL DATA COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM – APPROVED**

The Triangle Regional Model is calibrated on facility volumes and travel speeds, typically collected using traffic and speed counters that are both labor-intensive and expensive. A vendor that compiles speed data down to the collector street level using cell phone signal triangulation has been identified. This data is used both nationally by companies such as Google and locally by companies such as WRAL-TV. The data obtained would be used to inform the Triangle Regional Model and to monitor the progress made by projects in the Congestion Management Process. The cost of collecting this data by vehicle, which has traditionally been done, would cost approximately \$300,000. The pilot project being proposed will collect over 830 miles of speed data, collecting data every 15 minutes, every day for a month, for a cost of \$25,000. The TCC has reviewed the proposal and recommends funding this pilot project

TAC ACTION: Approve the \$25,000 data collection pilot project. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

**TOWN OF CARY REVISION OF SCOPE IN 2007 STP-DA AWARD – APPROVED**

The Town of Cary applied for, and received, an STP-DA competitive grant award in 2007 for the implementation of sharrows (shared-use arrows indicating a travel lane

should be shared by bicycle and vehicular traffic) along Kildaire Farm Road. The project is scheduled to move forward this year. Due to some NCDOT resurfacing underway and additional sharrow implementation by the Town, the initial project can be expanded to join with other sharrow projects, making for a more complete bicycle network. Using the same amount of funding and local match, the Town can now expand the project to include Waldo Root Road from Cary Parkway to David Drive, Kildaire Farm Road from Walnut Street to Palace Green Lane and NW Maynard Road from Olde Weatherstone Way to Lake Pine Drive. The TCC reviewed this scope revision and recommends that the TAC approve it.

TAC ACTION: Approve the revision to the Town of Cary 2007 competitive STP-DA grant award to expand the project limits. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

### **AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ACT (ARRA) UPDATES – RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

There were 17 projects approved for ARRA funding throughout the MPO area; one project was cancelled due to the bid received being well in excess of the engineer's estimate. Members received information showing the current status of MPO members' projects. In late January the Federal Government announced plans to use ARRA funding on various rail improvements along the Southeast High Speed Rail corridor.

TAC ACTION: Receive as information. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

### **AMERICAN REINVESTMENT AND RECOVERY ACT (ARRA) PART II – RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

As was reported at the January 20, 2010 TAC meeting, Congress has been discussing the release of a second stimulus package. The U.S. House passed HR 2847 (included in the agenda) but there has been no movement in the U.S. Senate with this issue yet. Recently received information indicates that Congress may act on ARRA Phase II soon and that the deadlines may be much shorter than those in the original ARRA Act. An update will be provided with information and possible course of action.

TAC ACTION: Receive as information. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

### **URBAN LOOP PRIORITIZATION – RECEIVED AS INFORMATION – STAFF TO SUBMIT COMMENTS**

The NCDOT Strategic Planning Office for Transportation (SPOT) released a strategy for prioritizing completion of the remaining urban loops in North Carolina in November 2009. On November 18, 2009 SPOT staff presented information to the TAC. The TAC prepared and submitted to SPOT, comments on the prioritization methodology SPOT reformulated the proposed prioritization methodology as shown in information provided in the packets and discussed changes at a meeting/webinar on January 27, 2010. The

DCHC MPO developed Comments reflecting many of the same concerns held by CAMPO staff and members. NCDOT has requested that final comments be submitted by February 28, 2010. MPO staff is currently preparing an analysis of alternatives to the NCDOT SPOT prioritization strategy. The MPO analysis is being primarily based on user benefits where NCDOT's SPOT prioritization is oriented toward a needs based analysis.

TAC ACTION: Receive as information and authorize staff to submit comments to NCDOT by February 28, 2010 deadline. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

### **NORTH CAROLINA'S TRANSPORTATION EQUITY FORMULA – RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Recently, the Raleigh City Council passed a Resolution in Support of Evaluating and Revising the North Carolina Transportation Equity Formula. Members received a copy of the resolution in their packets. Following that action, Raleigh's Mayor sent a letter to other Mayors in the MPO area requesting their town boards or councils take similar action.

TAC ACTION: Receive information and adopt resolution as presented. Jones/Sears – unanimous.

### **THIS IS THE END OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW – INFORMATION RECEIVED**

This item was presented by Chairman Bryan, Ms. Jones and Mr. Johnson. Following the November 2009 TAC meeting, a meeting was held with the TAC Chair, Vice Chair, the MPO Director and the Member Services Manager to discuss various organizational issues. Members received a memorandum outlining items discussed at that meeting. It was reported since that meeting, several items have been addressed including:

- Staffing – Four additional staff positions were authorized in 2008. To date, three of the have filled.

  - Grants Manager hired

  - Transportation Planner hired

  - Transportation Planner hired by promotion from within – vacancy created: (GIS position) being advertised

  - Transportation Planning Manager should be onboard 3/1

- Committee on the Organizational study has been formed

  - Chaired by TAC Vice Chair – Vivian Jones

  - This committee is made up of TAC, TCC and MPO staff members. It will begin meeting shortly and continue to meet over the next several months

to discuss the need for an updated organizational study or MPO organizational improvements.

TCC Committee on Policy and Procedures has been formed

Committee has met and is reviewing a two-phase scope, with the first phase being conducted this year, and the second phase to concentrate on filling in policy/procedure holes and determining technology needed for implementing recommendations from the first phase report.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan work has begun

The CTP will be handled on a district basis with members being welcome to attend meetings in districts other than the one in which their jurisdiction resides. Those meetings will begin on February 18.

Remaining items have been or are being addressed and updates will be provided at upcoming meetings.

Chairman Bryan indicated the meeting, held in late December, included discussions on a number of issues from getting full staffing to a potential organizational study. He reported Mr. Johnson and his staff have been meeting with member governments to be sure we are meeting first hand with mayors and managers and decision makers involved with transportation. He noted there has been a lot of improvement and efforts made by staff. He stated Ms. Jones' attendance at TCC meetings could be a liaison so the TCC can be aware of what occurs at TAC meetings. Chairman Bryan also reported discussion took place relating to an executive committee regional in approach to work with the chair, vice-chair and staff to assure everyone is on the same agenda. Staff is emailing out a document including efforts to improve communications between staff and members.

Ms. Jones indicated the committee is trying to address issues brought to their attention and indicated if members could give this committee time, this can be accomplished. The Organizational Study Update Committee will begin meeting next month and expected that process will take 6-8 months to complete and hoped to have good recommendations at the end of the process. She indicated the committee would like to continue hearing from members with any suggestions, etc.

Chairman Bryan indicated he got with Tim Maloney, Wake County Community Services Manager, and suggested that members have their TCC representative brief them before TAC meetings so they can see what has been covered at the TCC meetings. He felt this is helpful to get staff input before these meetings. He stated the issues will be addressed and as issues arise, he hoped members would email the committee working on this item.

Mr. Johnson stated he had provided a draft document entitled "Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) Policy and Information Technology Development Project". He explained Ray Boylston at the TCC Retreat volunteered to develop a policies and procedures manual and some IT information. He explained the draft

included a Scope of Work and proposed to conduct the work in 2 phases. The second phase would involve ITRE to use IT so there is not as much on paper and would include a list of acronyms, etc. He noted the TCC staff works had and the information provided has been drafted by the TCC meeting two weeks before the TAC. He asked if anyone has comments, suggestions or good ideas, the contact him or Shelby Powell.

Ms. Wilson spoke to the efforts taken to address issues noting a retreat was held by the TCC. She reviewed things that have begun including call for projects for STP-DA funding, development of a policies and procedures manual, organizational study and STP-DA allocation procedures to preclude rescission of funds.

The report was received as information.

### **FY 2010-2011 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (UPWP) – VARIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN**

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item noting each year CAMPO is required to adopted a Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) outlining the tasks that will be performed by MPO staff in the coming fiscal year. AT the January 20, 2010 TAC and February 4, 2010 TCC meetings, possible special study projects for funding in the coming year's program were discussed. The TCC will bring forth a recommendation for the UPWP in March. The TAC requested a review of the operational budget for the MPO. Staff is currently working on a document showing information on the previous 3 years' budgets including revenues, expenditures as well as projections for the upcoming two years. Members received a copy of CAMPO's operational budget summary via email and a hard copy at the meeting. Mr. Johnson explained a member dues fund balance has been identified which would provide funding above the usual identified limits. These funds could be used in a variety of ways, including application as a credit against member dues, or for special projects. The TCC recommended deferring the billing of dues and possible member local contribution to special studies as the preferred method of depleting these funds. This method would deplete funds within a 3-5 year period. As part of the UPWP development, the MPO is required to also perform a self-certification of its planning processes. This process certifies to the FHWA and FTA that the MPO's planning process addresses major issues facing our area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable transportation planning requirements. Members received a copy of the checklist in their agenda packets. The draft UPWP is under development and expected to be ready for release following the March 4, 2010 TCC meeting. The UPWP and Self Certification documents should be released for public review and comment as soon as practicable. Staff is requesting that authorization for release of the UPWP for public review and comment following the March 4, 2010 TCC meeting be given; and that public hearings be scheduled at the March 17, 2010 TAC meeting to receive public comment. The TAC will be asked to take formal action on the UPWP at its April 21, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Johnson noted this is a major work activity each spring and shows all sources of revenue and expenditure by work task. He indicated the City of Raleigh is the lead

planning agency and adopts a different form of budget for the MPO work program and puts revenues and expenditures as budgetary account items, i.e., rent, salaries, benefits, etc. The City of Raleigh's draft budget is developed 2-3 months before the corresponding draft UPWP work begins. The amounts shown in the City of Raleigh budget are place holders until the TAC adopts the UPWP in April and all funding levels must match. He provided members with a listing of expenditures noting Mayor Meeker at the January TAC meeting requested this operational budget review. He spoke to the public review process noting the TAC was being asked to preauthorize the immediate release of the document following the March 4 TCC meeting. He noted the organizational review and policy and procedures manual will possibly result in changes in procedure for next year but will not change the public involvement process this year. He reviewed the schedule leading to the final adoption of the UPWP by the TAC at their April 21 meeting. He explained if there is need to defer action for any reason, this could be held for another month; however, the sooner it is adopted the better. He further reviewed what occurred to create the members dues fund balance resulting in \$1.3 million that belongs to the members. The TCC discussed this and decided to recommend that the proper way to draw down these funds would be to cancel dues billing this year and next year which would take 80% of the funds. In response to questioning, Mr. Johnson explained this occurred since 2006 which we started sharing funding. Mr. Johnson explained as a result of the City of Raleigh's new ERP program, staff has much better control over where the funds are and this will not happen again. He explained there are a number of ways to utilize the excess funds. He noted if the billing is not done for 2-3 years and everyone gets comfortable not paying anything, at some point these payments have to start again and suggested the TAC may want to have a budget session to review this. He noted the City of Raleigh is audited annually and CAMPO gets a 3 year review through NCDOT. Mr. Byrne indicated someone should keep an eye on the funds for the TAC noting that would be very important for this group so everyone knows if there are extra funds available or not. Mr. Johnson indicated all positions that were authorized in 2007 have now been hired and more funds will be consumed internally. He also noted these excess funds could be used for special studies, road projects with local match, etc. Mr. Epps indicated the City of Raleigh has indicated the \$1.3 million is not available to make refunds.

Chairman Bryan suggested that the TCC make a recommendation noting there will be no billing to any members this year and have budget work done by staff recognizing what is left and what we should do as an organization. Ms. Jones moved that the TCC make a recommendation on the use of the excess funds as suggested by Chairman Bryan. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Weatherly, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted. Chairman Bryan indicated this is found money and that is a positive and to have Mr. Epps on board is also an asset and noted he is a very good hire.

Ms. Jones moved authorizing the release of the 2010 UPWP and MPO Self-Certification for a minimum 30-day public review and comment period following the March 4, 2010 TCC meeting and scheduling hearings for both to be conducted at the March 17, 2010

TAC meeting. Her motion, seconded by Mr. Byrne, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

### **FEDERAL RESCISSION – INFORMATION RECEIVED**

Mr. Johnson presented this item noting the federal rescission impacting STP-DA and CMAQ funds took place in August, 2009. Since that time NC CAMPO and other MPOs in the state have worked to determine the local projects impacts that would be felt as a result of the rescission. The rescission was a Congressionally-mandated part of balancing the SAFETEA-LU budget, with details as specific as which program should have funds rescinded from each state. NCDOT advised the CAMPO in October 2009 that the MPO would lose \$13.2 million in unprogrammed STP-DA obligation authority. NCDOT has yet to advise the MPO on how rescinded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds will be applied across the state. The CMAQ fund rescission totals \$55 million statewide and \$13.2 million of our MPO's STP-DA funds. On January 20, 2010, the TAC directed staff to postpone any recommendations on the source of this \$13.2 million in STP-DA funds until more information could be collected. On February 9, 2010 a meeting on rescission issues was held with representatives of FHWA and NCDOT. Members received in their agenda packets a memo summarizing the meeting from Mayor Meeker. Mr. Johnson explained he had produced a report that went out relating to what occurred noting NCDOT and FHWA were also involved with its preparation. A meeting was held on February 9 and Mayor Meeker produced his recommendation on what the TAC should do. On February 15 a work group of the TCC met to begin the process of establishing the framework for the MPO multi-year transportation improvement projects implementation and tracking program in order to fully utilize all possible sources of existing and future funding available for use by the MPO and its members. He reviewed recommendations as outlined in the memo from Mayor Meeker in detail. Work is still underway to have a program that will look like a CIP and will be taking money from CMAQ, STP-DA and ARRA funds. Once this is set up, there will be decisions on how to decide which projects move forward and which do not. Mr. Johnson reviewed issues involved, i.e. larger municipalities and in-house resources, etc. All members having ARRA projects, DOT agreed to handle 5-6 projects per year on behalf of the county as well as small towns. He explained this is a work in progress. He advised members to advise their staffs to be thinking about 1-2 projects they would be interested in pursuing. The five criteria that would be applied to projects were reviewed as follows:

- Should provide highly effective transportation solutions
- Can be advanced quickly
- Meet all eligibility requirements for funding type
- Member government would front all project costs, pay required local share and be reimbursed after the fact
- Geographic equity – everyone must agree it is fair

Mr. Johnson stated he hoped to have the program adopted in the next few months. Ms. Szlosberg-Landis stated this is a great strategy and should be shared with other MPOs.

Ms. Stark (FHWA) reported her boss was also present at the meeting referred to. Mr. Johnson stated DOT has invited staff to come and review their new fiscal account process next week and noted there will be monthly reports provided to CAMPO from here forward. He pointed out there are a lot of things occurring to help avoid rescissions in the future. Mr. Hopkins indicated he appreciated efforts made by Mr. Johnson and DOT and looked forward to sitting down and getting reports that work for everyone. The reports will go out to all MPOs statewide. Mr. Weinbrecht reported staff and the TCC has been working on this in an effort to set up a system that can deal with the problems of each type of funding having different rules. Ms. Szlosberg-Landis requested inclusion of the operational budget in order to track what is being spent quarterly. Mr. Johnson noted the City of Raleigh's CIP tracking comes out every month.

This item was received as information.

### **STP-DA AND CMAQ PROJECT TRACKING UPDATE – RECEIVED AS INFORMATION**

Ms. Powell reported CAMPO has requested and has been receiving monthly updates from NCDOT relating to the status of STP-DA and CMAQ projects. On January 19, 2010 MPO staff received an email explaining that the man-power to produce these reports simply was not available within NCDOT and that a team was being organized to produce a regular report. The team is being formed since this same information has been requested by all MPOs following the rescission. Staff is maintaining contact with NCDOT on this issue. The statewide CMAQ rescission in North Carolina totaled \$55 million. In January, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Manger Mike Bruff indicated in late February or early March, the new CAMPO CMAQ allocation figures would be available and that the MPO could use the new allocation level to prioritize CMAQ projects as requested by the TCC. On February 5, NCDOT CMAQ Manager Terry Arellano indicated via email to MPO staff that the CMAQ projects must be prioritized prior to knowing the new CMAQ allocation and that the prioritization must be completed by February 12, 2010. Members received a chart outlining various methods of ranking the CMAQ projects in their agenda packets. Ms. Powell stated the TCC is not comfortable with the way DOT is doing this; therefore, the item will be discussed again in March. Mr. Johnson indicated mixed signals were sent to us asking for information by Friday and a senior management retreat has now been scheduled at DOT for March 1 which will determine "who gets the worm". He stressed this is an evolving process and DOT is trying to move forward and this is something they will have to work on and eventually have a better system. Ms. Powell reminded members the call for STP-DA projects is open and applications are due in the CAMPO office by April 14.

The report was received as information.

## **NC TURNPIKE AUTHORITY – UPDATE RECEIVED**

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) is in the process of planning, environmental and engineering studies for the proposed Triangle Expressway Southeast Connector project in Johnston and Wake Counties. In November, the Turnpike Authority notified FHWA that planning, environmental and engineering studies had begun, and in December, FHWA issued a notice to the public that an EIS was being prepared. Members received a copy of the two notices and a letter prepared by the Turnpike Authority to residents in the study area. The Southeast Connector will be in two phases:

- Phase I: NC 55 in Apex to I-40 near the Johnston County Line
- Phase II: I-40 to the US 64/US 264 Bypass in Knightdale

The NCTA anticipates developing an Environmental Impact Statement that will consider all alternatives for the future roadway. Beginning this month, the NCTA will provide monthly updates on the project at the TAC and TCC meetings which will serve as part of the coordination plan required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

Mr. Dewitt reviewed the status of the project pointing out the phases of the 30 mile project on a map available at the meeting. He noted bonds were sold July, 2009. Triangle Parkway is scheduled to open in 2011 and Western Wake in 2012. He provided pictures of clearing work currently underway. He noted the Project Study Area work is the first step in having this become reality. He reviewed the protected corridor using the map. Flyover pictures were shown. Mr. Dewitt explained there will be no toll cash booths and all tolling will be electronic using transponder technology. Toll rates have not been set at this point. He reviewed the history of the project which began in 1996 with corridor protection. The three environmental study steps were reviewed which must follow federal law and include the draft, final and Record of Decision (ROD). Mr. Dewitt reviewed information that is studied and who is involved in the EIS. Current activities were reviewed that included contacting affected property owners, field surveys and identifying study area constraints. Mr. Dewitt then provided a schedule of work that included alternative route development, citizen information workshops (2010), design and technology studies, draft EIS (2012), final EIS (2013), Record of Decision (2013) and Phase 1 opened to traffic in 2019. He noted a key issue is financing challenges. Mr. Dewitt indicated the NCTA would like to come to TCC and TAC meetings as often as possible to provide updates. He spoke to the great relationships that have been formed with the affected municipalities. Chairman Bryan questioned the location of Phase 1 with Mr. Dewitt noting this involves the connection from I-40 to the current construction on Triangle Expressway. The EIS will cover all phases.

Mr. Johnson indicated he had gotten to know the Turnpike Authority representatives and they are truly professionals. He spoke to the financing aspect which is trying to find the right point for minimum outlay for the maximum return. He used as an example the road at Carpenter Fire Station. He explained Cary would like to have multi lanes with sidewalks and the Turnpike Authority would not like to do that and there is must be

honest agreement on what should be done on whose nickel. He indicated CAMPO has had as its highest priority completing Phases 1 and 2 of the Outer Loop and completing both sections makes each section better. Mr. Johnson noted Phase 2 involves wet areas and if you don't get commitment to build all of it, you will only get the first part and the second part will not get done. He explained that is minimum outlay for maximum return. The MPO will have to approve funding for this and the TAC must decide how important getting Phase 2 done sooner rather than later is and urged members to be thinking about this.

Mr. Dewitt noted the Turnpike Authority is focused on providing the best possible transportation solution but there is a limit on what they can do. He noted they will not compromise safety, environmental responsibilities, etc. He noted there have been discussions about interchange design, i.e., 20 years out or development for shorter term, etc. Mr. Dewitt stressed they cannot do everything municipalities want them to do noting the financial world has a lot of issues.

Chairman Bryan indicated the City of Raleigh and Wake County have property on the Phase 2 portion and plan to build facilities there. He questioned when the decision would be made on that protected corridor. Ms. Harris stated this would be in the mid 2012 timeframe and there is no certainty on the corridor until the ROD.

Ms. Jones questioned how much it will cost to get reimbursements from those using the road without accounts. Mr. Dewitt stated there is a handling cost involved and citizens would be seeing a marketing process to purchase the transponders. In response to questioning, Mr. Dewitt noted it would cost an additional \$60 million to provide for cash paying capabilities which is too expensive to consider. Mr. Dewitt, in responding to a question relating to when the toll would end, explained municipal bonds were sold for this purpose and when that debt is paid off, the toll collection system is removed and this becomes a free road. In this case there were 30 year bonds sold and this could be refinanced for better rates, etc. Mr. Permar explained the road will become a freeway and the toll collection system inactivated at the end of 30 years if the bonds are paid off in that time.

The report was received as information.

#### **REPORT FROM THE TCC CHAIR – RECEIVED**

Mr. Russell indicated he sat in on interviews for CAMPO Planning Services Manager noting there six very qualified applicants. Mr. Johnson reported Chris Lucasina was hired for this position and will begin work on March 1.

**MPO STAFF REPORTS – RECEIVED**

Mr. Johnson reported on the recent death of Dr. Albert Corpening, a member of the TAC noting thoughts and prayers were with his family.

**NCDOT REPORTS – RECEIVED**

Mr. Bowman reported on the ARRA rail funds noting North Carolina received a good portion of the funds allocated nationwide for the Hopson Road grade separation and Morrisville Parkway. He noted NCDOT will be moving forward on these projects.

Mr. Bowman reported the T. W. Alexander Drive improvements will be completed in August, 2011; I-540/I-40 project will be completed November, 2010 and US 401 project will have groundbreaking in March, 2011 and completed in November, 2011.

Mr. Bowman referred to the TIGER fund grants noting \$1.5 billion was available nationwide. North Carolina applied for one project, the Yadkin River Project, and received \$10 million.

Mr. Bowman reported Timber Drive extension will be bid May, 2010. He further noted work is ongoing on the pothole problems throughout the area and crews are milling Glenwood Avenue currently and this repaving project should be completed this summer.

Ms. Slosberg reported the Secretary of Transportation announced \$545 million to be spent on high speed rail which will create 4800 jobs in North Carolina, 1000 of which will be in the short term. Mr. Bowman indicated ARRA funding saved many jobs in North Carolina.

Mr. Johnson announced there will be a joint CAMPO/DCHC meeting on March 31, 2010.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Hunt