

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
JUNE 16, 2010  
MINUTES**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. at the Professional Building, 127 W. Hargett Street, Suite 800, Raleigh, NC with the following present:

**Members**

Chairman Bryan, presiding  
Vivian Jones, Vice-Chair  
Dan Andrews  
Harold Broadwell  
Don Bumgarner  
John Byrne  
R. H. Ellington  
Hubert Gooch  
Jackie Holcombe  
Russell Killen  
Jody McLeod  
Charles Meeker  
Jeff Merritt  
Darryl Moss  
Cat Redd  
Jennifer Robinson  
Dick Sears  
Gus Tulloss  
Ronnie Williams

**Staff**

Ed Johnson  
Gerald Daniel  
Richard Epps  
Chris Lukasina  
Robert McCain  
Shelby Powell  
Amy Ward  
Kyle Ward  
Brandon Watson  
Diane Wilson  
Kenneth Withrow

**Others**

Wally Bowman  
Carl Dawson  
Rupal Desai  
David Eatman  
Tim Gardiner  
Jennifer Harris  
John Hodges-Copple

**Representing**

Wake County  
Wake Forest  
Harnett County  
Wendell  
Zebulon  
Fuquay-Varina  
Angier  
Granville County  
Morrisville  
Knightdale  
Clayton  
Raleigh  
TTA  
Creedmoor  
Youngsville  
Cary  
Holly Springs  
NCDOT  
Garner

**Representing**

CAMPO Director  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff  
CAMPO Staff

**Representing**

NCDOT - Division 5  
Raleigh  
NCDOT  
Raleigh  
Wake County  
NC Turnpike Authority  
TJCOG

Joey Hopkins	NCDOT - Division 5
Justin Jorgensen	Granville County
Danny Johnson	Fuquay-Varina
Liz Johnson	Morrisville
Ashley Kaade	Morrisville
Pete Martin	Morrisville
Kristin Maseman	H. W. Lochner
Joe Milazzo	RTA
Jonathan Parker	TTA
Chip Russell	TCC Vice Chair
Emma Stewart	Louisburg
Margaret Stinnett	Wake Forest
Dan Thomas	NCDOT
Julie White	NCMMC
John Whitson	Morrisville
Don Willis	Wake County
William Woodall	Johnston County

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bryan. The following items were discussed with discussion and actions taken as shown:

#### **AGENDA - APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

No changes were made to the agenda. Mr. Meeker moved approval of the agenda as presented. His motion was seconded by Mr. Sears, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE RECEIVED**

Chairman Bryan announced this was an opportunity for comments from those in attendance. No one asked to be heard.

#### **MINUTES - MAY 19, 2010 - APPROVED AS PRESENTED**

Minutes of the May 19, 2010 meeting were provided in the agenda packets. Mr. Meeker moved approval of the minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Mr. Sears, and 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 was seconded by Mr. Meeker, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

Items on the consent agenda were as follows:

**TRIANGLE REGIONAL MODEL DATA COLLECTION PILOT PROGRAM - CONTRACT MODIFICATION APPROVED**

In February, the TAC approved a pilot program to collect speed data using cell phones. CAMPO Staff received this data on Friday, June 4 and is in the process of reviewing it. This is one of the most robust highway datasets that CAMPO has ever collected and it will feed both model development and the Congestion Management Process.

During communication with the consultant AirSage, expanding the current scope to report origin and destination metrics for our region using data collected since June 2009 was discussed. This data would bring the model estimation and validation and lead to more accurate forecasts of future conditions. Staff will work closely with the data team to make sure procedures used will provide the statistical significance needed. Members received in their packets the scope of work for the project. The cost of this pilot program is \$50,000 and initial estimates indicate the data could be available three months after work begins. The TCC forwarded a recommendation to approve the contract modification contingent on staff review of the speed data. Further, the TCC encouraged staff to seek a discount on future data collection efforts. Talks are underway to secure this discount.

**TAC Action:** Approve contract modification to include new data collection project contingent on staff review of the speed data. Consent Agenda approval: Jones/Meeker - unanimous.

#### **FTA - ANNUAL SECTION 5307 SUB-ALLOCATIONS - APPROVED**

In accordance with FTA Regulations, CAMPO is required to submit a letter to FTA regarding the distribution of the Section 5307 FY 2010 Appropriation of Funds for the Raleigh Urbanized Area between the City of Raleigh/Wolflin, Triangle Transit Authority and the Town of Cary. TTA and Cary are sub-recipients of the appropriation. A grant application requesting funds cannot be submitted to FTA until the letter has been executed as required. The total FTA FFY2010 Appropriation for the Raleigh Urbanized Area for Section 5307/5340 is \$6,898,495. Based on the formulas established by the City of Raleigh TTA and the Town of Cary and as per the executed "Memorandum of Understanding for Annual Allocation of Federal Section 5307 Funds" dated June 1, 2010, it is requested the TAC approve the distribution of the allocation and for the TAC Chairman to sign the letter to FTA. Members received in their packets the agreed upon distribution of the referenced funds.

**TAC Action:** Approve FTA Section 5307 fund apportionment as shown in the attachment. Consent Agenda approval: Jones/Meeker - unanimous.

#### **NCDOT TRAFFIC NOISE ABATEMENT POLICY - COMMENTS RECEIVED - FORWARDED TO NCDOT**

Staff received notice that North Carolina Department of Transportation's Human Environment Unit, Traffic Noise and Air Quality Group is currently revision the Traffic Noise Abatement Policy. Comments are being sought until June 25. The NCDOT Traffic Noise Abatement Policy provides for the evaluation of noise barriers or other mitigation measures for communities and facilities adversely impacted by traffic noise on proposed state and federal highway projects. Members received a copy of the press release announcing the request for comments and a copy of the current policy

and subcommittee recommended comments in their agenda packets. The TCC authorized a subcommittee to review the policy and provide comments to the TAC for discussion and submission to NCDOT as appropriate.

**TAC Action:** Receive comments on NCDOT Traffic Noise Abatement Policy and forward comments to NCDOT. Consent Agenda approval: Jones/Meeker - unanimous.

#### **JOINT TAC MEETING WITH DURHAM-CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO MPO - SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 2010**

A CAMPO/DCHC MPO joint TAC meeting is being planned for September 29, 2010. Joint meetings of the two TACs are held periodically, typically twice each year to discuss items of interest to both MPOs. This agenda is expected to include updates on the Triangle Regional Transit program, the NC Railroad Company's Commuter Rail Ridership & Market Study and others. The meeting is tentatively being scheduled for 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the RDU Airport Authority Building.

**TAC Action:** Authorize scheduling of Joint TAC meeting with DCHC for September 29, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at the RDU Airport Authority Building. Consent Agenda approval: Jones/Meeker - unanimous.

#### **JULY 2010 TAC MEETING - CANCELLED**

Typically, at the discretion of the TAC Chair, TAC meetings in the month of July have been cancelled, unless specifically needed to address impending items. None require TAC attention in July.

**TAC Action:** Cancel July 21, 2010 CAMPO TAC meeting. Consent Agenda approval: Jones/Meeker - unanimous.

#### **END OF CONSSSENT AGENDA**

#### **CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROCESS - APPROVED**

Ms. Wilson reviewed this item noting the Congestion Management Process (CMP) is a method of safe and effective management and operation of new and existing transportation facilities using demand and operational management strategies. Members received the draft CMP during May.

Public Review and Comment Period	April 26 - May 26
Public Hearing	May 19, 2010

She explained the public hearing was continued through this meeting. Comments received previously were included in the agenda packets. The TCC reviewed this item and forwarded a recommendation of adoption of the CMP as presented with the inclusion of all comments received.

Chairman Bryan declared the hearing continued at this time.

No one asked to be heard. Chairman Bryan declared the hearing closed.

Ms. Jones moved adoption of the CMP Process as forwarded by the TCC. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Sears, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

#### **US-64 CORRIDOR STUDY DRAFT FINAL REPORT - COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED UNTIL JUNE 30, 2010**

Ms. Wilson reviewed this item noting a study of the US-64 corridor from the US-64/US-64 Business split on the east side of Pittsboro to the US 1/US-64 Interchange in Cary is being conducted as a joint effort between NCDOT, CAMPO, the Towns of Apex, Cary and Pittsboro, and Wake and Chatham Counties. The Corridor Design Team has been meeting to finalize short and long-term highway design plans. A copy of the Executive Summary of the Draft Final Report was provided to members during May. The full report was made available via the NCDOT website. Peter Trecansky, URS, presented the TAC with an overview of the Executive Summary for the project at the May meeting.

Public Review and Comment Period	May 1 - June 16
Public Hearing	May 19

The Public Hearing was continued to this meeting. NCDOT has extended its deadline for comments through June 30, 2010. Staff requests that the TAC extend CAMPO's comment period to coincide with this date. Written comments and comments received during the public hearing on May 19 were provided in the backup.

Chairman Bryan declared the hearing continued at this time. No one asked to be heard. Chairman Bryan declared the hearing closed.

Mr. Weatherly noted Cary and Apex staffs are working together to come up with a common position that will be presented in August.

Mr. Meeker moved that the public comment period be extended until June 30, 2010. His motion was seconded by Mr. Sears, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

#### **TRANSITIONAL ANALYSIS DOCUMENT AND REGIONAL TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS PROCESS - PRESENTATION RECEIVED**

Present to review this item were Greg Northcutt representing Triangle Transit, Bill Houppermans representing URS and Bill Martin representing Martin Alexiou Bryan. Mr. Northcutt pointed out beginning this summer and continuing into the fall and early 2011, Triangle Transit will be performing an Alternatives Analysis (AA) of the major fixed guideway transit corridors defined in the joint Capital Area and DCHC MPO 2035 LRTP. The first step of the process is to clearly document how the corridors have been defined up to this point as the current 2035 regional transit system plan. Martin Alexiou Bryson, a sub-consultant for Triangle Transit, will provide an overview of the

Transitional Analysis Document which defined the study corridors and discuss the criteria that will be used to screen the various corridor segments to a manageable set of up to three project-level corridors. The corridors that pass through the initial screening will be studied in phase two of the detailed AA, including various technologies, alignments and potential station locations within each corridor. The process will include three rounds of public workshops in June/July, September/October and January/February 2011. Following the analysis and public meetings, the result will be a recommended Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) to be adopted by each MPO in the spring of 2011. This process and LPA decision will inform the resulting project to move into more detailed environmental and engineering studies pending a positive vote.

Mr. Houppermans provided a PowerPoint presentation (included in packets). He reviewed the process in detail noting conceptual screening is being done now. The schedule was reviewed. Mr. Northcutt noted the LRTP is the baseline to start this process. The public involvement program was reviewed with Mr. Northcutt stating the public should be educated, informed and asked for their feedback. He stated there will be a website and presentations, videos, open houses, workshops, etc., that are being developed. He stressed this is a data driven process, not a political process. Mr. Martin reviewed the process they will be working through from now until next March. He indicated this same presentation was made to DCHC's TCC and TAC previously. The Transit Plan was reviewed which includes a wide range of elements such as light rail, commuter rail, bus expansion, bus corridors and local busses. The rail element was reviewed and how it is proposed to move forward from what we have today to the ultimate system. He noted this is a major project and must be done in segments. Mr. Martin reviewed the various rail alternatives that will be evaluated in detail.

Mr. Merritt indicated members should have received a letter from him asking for assistance in making the public aware of this first round of public meetings. He noted it is critical that public involvement takes place in this process.

The presentation was received as information.

#### **MOBILITY FUND - RESOLUTION AND LETTER - APPROVED**

Julie White, Director of NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, was present to review this item. She explained on April 20, Governor Perdue released her proposed budget for the coming fiscal year and it includes a plan to establish the North Carolina Mobility Fund that will be used to address critical congestion bottlenecks and to improve our logistics capabilities. Members received a page of facts on the Mobility Fund and a sample resolution of support and cover letter for action at this meeting. She reviewed the letter and proposed resolution asking for support of the mobility fund in detail noting the NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition had been asking for support from a number of communities. She reviewed the areas that have approved the resolution.

Mr. Sears moved endorsement of the letter and resolution as outlined. His motion was seconded by Mr. Byrne, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

## STP-DA LOCALLY ADMINISTERED PROJECTS UPDATE - VARIOUS ACTIONS TAKEN

### FY 11 STP-DA Investment Program:

Mr. Lukasina explained the TAC directed MPO staff to move forward the development of a list of projects that could be used to obligate FY 2011 STP-DA funds. An initial project list has been created with unprogrammed FY 10 STP-DA project requests. Staff has also issued a follow up call for projects that closed May 7, 2010. The FY 11 STP-DA Working Group and TCC have reviewed and prioritized FY 2011 projects and recommended a FY 11 STP-DA Investment Program (list provided in agenda backup). Mr. Meeker questioned if there was any concern any of the projects on the list provided would not be ready and/or subject to rescission. Mr. Lukasina referred to the Walker Street right-of-way project and reviewed the status of this project. He recommended transferring this project to the 2011 list allowing more time to continue discussion on this project. He noted with the removal of this project from this list, all the funds would be programmed for 2010. Mr. Meeker moved approval of the transfer of the Walker Street project to FY 2011. His motion was seconded by Mr. Byrne, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

Mr. Lukasina explained the next needed action relates to the flexibility of STP-DA funding to be used on approved projects. Mr. Meeker moved approval of the MTIP administrative modifications and approval of the letter from the TAC chair for flexibility of funds as recommended. His motion was seconded by Mr. Byrne, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

Mr. Lukasina then reported there were originally 64 eligible projects for FY 2011 funding noting the projects were then ranked based on scoring criteria. The criteria were reviewed. Jody McLeod asked, for clarification for those that fell short in the process, if this is the same process that will be used next time. Mr. Lukasina explained the LAPP Committee has been established to determine what will be used for future years. The goal of this group is to have scoring criteria available on the front end by the time call for projects goes out.

Mr. Broadwell referred to the Wendell project included on the list of projects noting a commissioner and immediate family owns property at that intersection and there is some concern about how that has been vented and wanted to be sure members are aware that the town did not have this project as its number one project. He indicated he personally had some concerns as well. Mr. Meeker indicated there should be further staff review on the Wendell project and remove it from the list at this time and have staff provide additional information to the TAC. Mr. Byrne moved approval of the FY 2011 STP-DA Investment Program as recommended with the exception of the Wendell project. His motion was seconded by Mr. Meeker, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

### Transit/Bike/Ped STP-DA Non-Competitive Grant Grace Period:

Mr. Lukasina explained the TAC previously directed CAMPO to protect locally administered federal funding programs from future rescissions to the maximum extent possible. As a result, the non-competitive STP-DA program created in 2005 providing for the "banking" of funds for bicycle, pedestrian or transit projects is being phased out. The FY 11 STP-DA Working Group and TCC have recommended allowing a one fiscal year "grace period" for those jurisdictions with banked funds to allow local

projects to utilize those funds from the previous non-competitive program. Mr. Lukasina reviewed stipulations for the recommendation as outlined in the agenda. He explained everything must be obligated by September, 2011 and TAC approval is needed. Match money will be required. Ms. Jones noted the match funds can be paid over a period of time and would still follow the same guidelines. Ms. Jones moved approval of the FY 11 STP-DA non-competitive "grace period". Her motion was seconded by Mr. Meeker, and unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

#### **NCDOT REPORT - RECEIVED**

Chairman Bryan indicated emails from the Wendell Chamber of Commerce had been received relating to a bridge closing and questioned what could members tell the public to expect in the future relating to the bridge. Mr. Bowman indicated NCDOT will have a public meeting near the bridge at some point. Available alternatives including replacing and repairing the bridge were discussed. All options will be covered at the public meeting when held and NCDOT will work with the community on this project. In response to questions, Mr. Bowman indicated a decision will be made on one of the options soon after the public meeting. If the bridge is repaired, it could take 1-2 months and if replaced even more time. He explained the bridge was already posted at a lower than normal tonnage and was closed due to multiple crossings by vehicles above the posted level. Chairman Bryan indicated he was advised there was not a lot of public notice prior to the bridge closing.

Mr. Bowman reported the I-40 project at RTP is going well from Wade Avenue to US 1/64 interchange and is 35% complete and ahead of schedule. The I-540/I-40 interchange dual exit ramp project is underway.

Mr. Bowman provided the Division 4 update noting I-40/NC-42 interchange project has a new turn lane and is functioning well.

Mr. Bowman indicated it was hoped the TIP would be released at the Board of Transportation meeting in June; however, it will now be released by the last week of June or the first week of July. As soon as it is released CAMPO will receive a draft for review.

#### **MPO STAFF REPORT - RECEIVED**

Mr. Johnson referred to the new fiscal tracking system set up with NCDOT and noted CAMPO had \$13.8 million deposited due to reversal of the rescission.

#### **TURNPIKE AUTHORITY REPORT - RECEIVED**

Jennifer Harris, NC Turnpike Authority, noted there continues to be a high level of interest from the stakeholders relating to the southeast extension of Triangle Expressway. She noted the authority is trying to be very responsive to people. She indicated the economy is on the upswing and many calls had been received from realtors relating to the project. A purpose and need statement has been developed and expected comments from FHWA soon. She indicated work continues on the

alternatives analysis. She referred to the public workshops scheduled for August/September

**TAC MEMBER REPORT - RECEIVED**

Ms. Jones introduced Margaret Stinnett, a member of the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Hunt