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# N.C. Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2010

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4:00-6:00 PM

Professional Building  
127 W. Hargett St. Suite 800  
Raleigh, NC

### AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS:

- Triangle Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program
- Technical Analysis of Potential Regional Commuter Rail System
- High Speed Rail Grade Separation Safety Study - Proposal
- Capital Area MPO Staffing
- Capital Area/DCHC MPO Joint Legislative Agenda

### 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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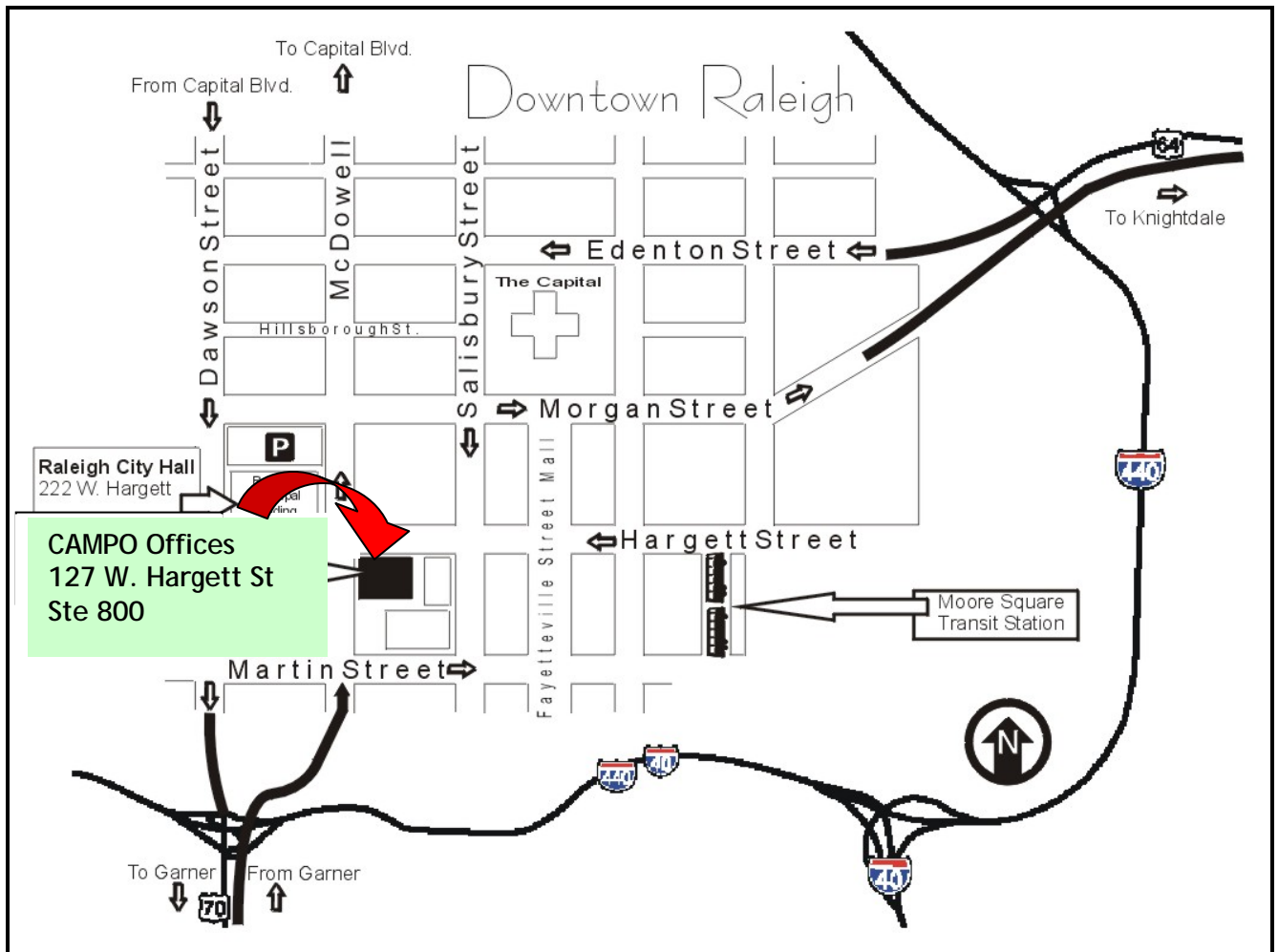
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## The Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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.

This agenda and the accompanying attachments can be accessed via the CAMPO website at [www.campo-nc.us](http://www.campo-nc.us).

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N.C. CAPITAL AREA  
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 17, 2010  
4:00 PM  
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Raleigh, NC

**AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Agenda

2. Public Comments

This is an opportunity for comments by those in attendance. Please limit comments to three minutes for each speaker.

3. **Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2010 TAC Meeting**  
(Attachment 3A)

Minutes of the October 20, 2010 TAC meeting are enclosed as [Attachment 3A](#).

**TCC Action:** Approve minutes of October 20, 2010 TAC Meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

4. **2009-2015 MTIP Amendment #7**  
(Attachment 4A)

Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff

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. The FY 2011 Modal Investment Mix calls for an approximately \$1.5 million transit program. STP-DA funds are being flexed to FTA and used as Section 5307 funds. The list of projects, [Attachment 4A](#), was presented to the TCC at their October 7 meeting and forwarded to the TAC with endorsement.

In accordance with the MPO's public involvement policy for MTIP amendments. The TAC released Amendment #7 to the 2009-2015 MTIP for a 30 day public review and comment period, and scheduled a public hearing to be conducted today. The comment period opened on October 20, 2010 and closes on November 18, 2010.

**TAC Action:** Conduct public hearing to receive comment on Amendment #7 to the 2009-2015 MTIP. This hearing may be continued until the next TAC meeting, or the amendment may be adopted today, at the discretion of the TAC.

**THIS CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING**

5. Triangle Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program

Sean Flaherty, Triangle J Council of Governments

In 2006-2007, the Triangle Transit Authority brought together the Triangle organizations that were currently working on and/or funding Transportation Demand Management (TDM) projects with the goal of creating a long-term plan for improving TDM efforts. The result was the Triangle Region 7-Year Long Range Travel Demand Management Plan. This plan called for, among other things, the two Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the NC Department of Transportation to pool their funds and have a competitive call for TDM projects. The Capital Area MPO has committed CMAQ funds to this program in previous and current TIP's.

Triangle J is charged with staffing this effort on behalf of the funding organizations. In response, the Transportation Demand Management Program was developed to coordinate and evaluate regional TDM activities, including efforts by numerous partners to reduce traffic and air pollution by promoting commute alternatives such as mass transit, carpooling, biking, telecommuting, and vanpooling.

To ensure the most efficient use of resources and to be able to track progress, Triangle J is taking the lead in coordinating funding for marketing activities and then evaluating the effectiveness of these projects. The Triangle J Council of Governments administers the regional TDM program, and will provide an update to the TAC on the program.

TAC Action: Receive report as information.

6. Technical Analysis of Potential Regional Commuter Rail System  
(Attachment 6A)

Triangle Transit Staff

The consultant team of URS and Martin, Alexiou, Bryson, along with Triangle Transit staff gave a presentation on the Transitional Analysis corridor screening results during the October 17 TAC meeting. At the Joint TAC meeting on Wednesday, September 29 the NC Rail Road Company (NCRR) presented an overview of their Commuter Rail Ridership and Market Study that matches the recommended configuration of the 2008 *Shared Corridor Commuter Rail Capacity Study*. This study includes trains every 40 minutes during the AM and PM peak periods on the four routes that were studied. These routes are along a 140-mile segment of the NCRR between Greensboro and Goldsboro.

At the October TCC meeting, the question of whether a technical analysis is being conducted for regional commuter rail through the Triangle was raised. The consultant team of URS indicated that an analysis is underway, and could be provided. [Attachment 6A](#), a staff memo with additional detail on this item is being prepared and will be distributed when complete.

**TAC ACTION:** Receive information on Transitional Analysis for discussion.

7. **High Speed Rail Grade Crossing Safety Study and Regional Commuter Rail Feasibility Study Proposal**  
(Attachment 7A)

Ed Johnson, MPO Director

The Southeast High Speed Rail project is progressing and staff of the MPO has identified areas where at-grade crossings should be studied to ensure proper functionality as the projects moves through our area.

NCDOT is preparing to study NC 54 relative to the NCR/SEHSR corridor. Several studies have been identified for funding in the MPO's Unified Planning work Program in the next two fiscal years which will enhance preparedness as the High Speed Rail project progresses. The overall study has been segmented into three phases:

- Phase 1: in conjunction with NCDOT's NC 54 study, the corridor between Morrisville and West Cary.
- Phase 2: the corridor between Gorman Street (Raleigh) and East Maynard (Cary). This would exclude the Blue Ridge Rd/Powell Drive portion
- Phase 3: the corridor between East Maynard (Cary) and West Maynard (Cary)

[Attachment 7A](#) is a map of the corridor highlighting study phases.

In addition, a commuter rail feasibility study throughout the region has been proposed that would provide information on whether commuter rail is a practical and cost effective option within our region in the years ahead and if so, which areas would best support commuter rail.

At the November 4, TCC meeting the possibility of including these studies in the work programs was discussed and approved in concept pending receipt of additional information. Additional information and description/cost will be forthcoming in January.

**TAC Action:** Receive information on possible grade separation studies to be included in the FY 2011 and FY 2012 Unified Planning Work Program.

8. **Capital Area MPO Staffing**  
(Attachments 8A and 8B)

Ed Johnson, MPO Director

The MPO currently has a vacancy in the position of Senior Staff Support Specialist. There is a need for this position to be filled with an individual who would provide a higher level of office administrative support than outlined in the Senior Staff Support Specialist position description.

It is proposed that the currently vacant Senior Staff Support Specialist be reclassified to the position of MPO Staff Assistant - Operations Administrator. Services to be provided by this reclassified position are shown in [Attachment 8A](#) and a copy of the proposed MPO Organizational Chart is enclosed as [Attachment 8B](#).

At the November 4 TCC meeting, this item was discussed and a recommendation that the position be reclassified was forwarded.

**TAC Action:** Receive information on proposed reclassification of Senior Staff Support Specialist (COR Pay Grade #25) to MPO Staff Assistant (COR Pay Grade #34) for approval, or other action as appropriate.

9. **Capital Area/DCHC MPO Joint Legislative Agenda**  
(Attachment 9A)

Ed Johnson, MPO Director

At the Joint TAC meeting held on September 29, 2010, discussion was held on the currently adopted Joint Legislative Agenda. It was decided that the agenda should be updated. The Joint Executive Committee met and a draft legislative agenda [Attachment 9A](#) was developed.

At the November 4 TCC meeting, this item was discussed and it was forwarded to the TAC for adoption.

**TAC Action:** Adopt Draft Joint Legislative Agenda.

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. **ARRA Projects:** Ten out of 15 ARRA projects are 100% completed. Please see [Attachment 10A](#) for a status summary of all our ARRA projects. Please contact Richard Epps at 919-996-4392 for additional information.

**Budget Update:** Our FY 11 UPWP Operating Budget is \$2,559,071 and as of 11/05/2010 we have spent \$508,069. Please see [Attachment 10B](#) for more details.

**Member Shares:** [Attachment 10C](#) provides a recap of the members' share fund balance as of 9/30/10. The TAC approved the use of the Member's fund remaining balance to cover the FY 11 Member's share. Please contact Richard Epps at 919-996-4392 for additional information.

**FY 10 STP-DA Investment Program:** The TAC directed MPO staff to move forward the development of a list of projects that could be used to obligate FY 2010 STP-DA funds. Staff was directed to monitor and report on the status of FY 2010 STP-DA funds to ensure programmed funds are obligated to the maximum extent possible. A status update is provided for approved FY10 STP-DA investment program projects today as [Attachment 10D](#).

11. Report From The TCC Chair  
Chip Russell, TCC Chair

12. MPO Staff Reports  
Ed Johnson, MPO Director

13. NCDOT Reports  
William Barlow - Public Transportation Division  
Scott Walston/Rupal Desai - Transportation Planning Branch

Kristina Solberg - Rail Division  
Bobby Lewis/Jerry Page - Division 4  
Wally Bowman/Joey Hopkins - Division 5  
Greg Burns/Jerry Bradley - Division 6

Adjourn

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

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| December 2, 2010<br>10:00 AM | TCC Meeting - <i>Cancelled</i><br>Professional Building<br>127 W. Hargett St, Suite 800, Raleigh                  |
| December 15, 2010<br>4:00 PM | Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting - <i>Tentative</i><br>Professional Building<br>127 W. Hargett St, Suite 800, Raleigh |
| January 6, 2011<br>10:00 AM  | TCC Meeting<br>Professional Building<br>127 W. Hargett St, Suite 800, Raleigh                                     |
| January 19, 2010<br>4:00 PM  | Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting<br>Professional Building<br>127 W. Hargett St, Suite 800, Raleigh                    |

*Save the date: January 26, 2011  
MPO-101 Training  
Information and Registration coming soon*