

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2004**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, November 17, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Raleigh Municipal Building with the following present:

MEMBERS

Chairman Bryan, presiding
Sam Bridges
Don Bumgarner
John Byrne
Mike Chalk
Jan Faulkner
Ann Franklin
Vivian Jones
Nancy Kelly
Charles Meeker
Dick Sears
Nina Szlosberg

REPRESENTING

Wake County
Garner
Zebulon
Fuquay-Varina
Knightdale
Morrisville
TTA
Wake Forest
Rolesville
Raleigh
Holly Springs
NCDOT

STAFF

George Chapman
Ed Johnson
Kenneth Withrow

REPRESENTING

TCC Chair
CAMPO Director
CAMPO Staff

Chairman Bryan called the meeting to order. The following items were discussed with actions taken as shown:

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Chairman Bryan asked for any changes to the agenda. No changes were requested. Without objection, the agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE RECEIVED

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

MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 15, 2004 – APPROVED AS PRESENTED

Committee members received copies of the September 15, 2004 at the meeting. Mr. Meeker moved approval of the minutes as presented. His motion was seconded by Mr. Sears, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

2006-2012 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST AMENDMENT – TRANSIT ELEMENT – APPROVED

Mr. Johnson reviewed this item explaining CAMPO TAC on September 15, 2004 had endorsed the 2006-2012 Project Priority List to be forwarded to NCDOT. The list includes the prioritized list of highway, advanced planning, bicycle-pedestrian and transit projects along with summary information on how projects for each mode were prioritized. Following the adoption of the 2006-2012 Project Priority List, updated information was received from the transit portion (Table 4) that had been forwarded to the Public Transit Division for inclusion within the 2006-2012 State TIP. This item was to incorporate those updates into the Capital Area 2006-2012 Project Priority List.

Mr. Johnson provided members with a handout of Table 4 as amended noting these requests are unfunded capital needs for the region's transit systems. He noted these are all projects all member agency transit systems would like to add. He reviewed the listing. He explained Items 2 & 3 under TTA items are looking at the transit aspects of I-40 HOV lane and how transit would work with it and these two items are placeholders.

Mr. Chapman reported the TCC did not take a vote on this item due to the questions; however, Mr. Johnson had answered those questions in his presentation today but it was the consensus to recommend approval once these questions were addressed. Mr. Johnson indicated it is intended for NCDOT to include this in the TIP once it is published even though these items are not funded and this is the way for funding to occur once funding becomes available. He explained each request is a different aspect of their annual meeting and the projects do not compete against each other and are identified differently.

Mr. Meeker moved approval of the amendment to the transit portion of the 2006-2012 Project Priority List as presented. His motion was seconded by Ms. Jones, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COORDINATION – APPROVED

This item was reviewed by Mr. Johnson who explained at its joint meeting on September 29, 2004 the TACs of the Capital Area and DCHC MPOs voted unanimously to refer the current draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for regional transportation planning coordination to each MPO for final review and consideration of approval. The agreement establishes an executive committee and a technical committee that are to meet three times per year. The TCC reviewed the draft MOA at its meeting on October 7, 2004 and recommended approval. The most recent version of the MOA received from DCHC MPO with some minor wording changes for clarification was provided in the agenda packets.

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Chairman Bryan moved approval of the agreement as presented. His motion was seconded by Mr. Meeker, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA BOUNDARY EXPANSION – VARIOUS ACTIONS APPROVED

Mr. Johnson provided members with a memorandum relating to the Expansion of MPO and explained pursuant to the TAC action on September 15, 2004, invitations were sent to several surrounding municipal and county governments to join our MPO. As of this date, all governments that were invited accepted the invitation to join except for the Town of Louisburg that declined the offer to join at this time, preferring to remain a member of the Kerr-Tar RPO. Governments agreeing in principle to join CAMPO are as follows:

- Franklin County
- Town of Franklinton
- Town of Youngsville
- Granville County
- City of Creedmoor
- Harnett County
- Town of Angier
- Johnston County
- Town of Clayton

Mr. Johnson reported the Town of Bunn located in Franklin County's Census Tract #608 was not issued an invitation to join the MPO but was later requested to be invited by Franklin County. That Town has yet to make a decision on whether or not to join. Franklin County has asked that the Town be given another month to reach a final decision and that if the town agrees to join that Census Tract 608 be included in the expanded MPO. If the town declines to join, then Census Tract 608 would not be included. Due to the Town of Louisburg's action, Census Tract #608 that contains it is no longer recommended to be included in the expanded MPO.

Mr. Meeker moved approval in principle to adding the listed governments for incorporation into the revised Memorandum of Understanding that must be jointly executed by all members in order to complete the process of MPO expansion and giving an extension of time to the Town of Bunn to reach a decision that would also affect whether or not Census Tract #608 is added. His motion was seconded by Mr. Byrne, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

Chairman Bryan indicated he hoped staff would continue to work with Louisburg and saw them as a potential major player especially as it relates to the US 401 project and maybe they will reconsider joining in the future. Mr. Johnson stated Louisburg representatives do see a lot of interest in cooperating closely but they feel remaining in their RPO is best and do want to work closely on the US 401 project which is very

important. Mr. Chapman emphasized how we interact with those RPOs on our edge is important.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TTA AND CAMPO –
REPORT RECEIVED – NO ACTION TAKEN**

Members received correspondence in their agenda packets from Triangle Transit Authority to CAMPO detailing a relationship for cooperation on transit planning between the two entities through a proposed Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU has been approved by the TTA Board of Trustees. He explained no action was required on this item and anticipated we go back in January and bring this back for adoption.

**REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT AND/OR EXEMPT PROJECTS IN CAMPO 2030
LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – APPROVED**

Mr. Johnson explained CAMPO staff defined projects which are considered to be regionally significant within the 2030 Long-Range Transportation Plan adopted by the TAC on September 15, 2004 and are thus subject to being reviewed for scope and completion schedule to ensure they contribute to improving regional air quality. The regionally significant project list was included in the agenda packet. As the CAMPO 2030 LRTP moves through to the air quality conformity determination stage now underway, defining projects who federal and state funding are eligible to be exempt from being frozen by possible future air quality conformity funding lapses must meet specific federal criteria. Committee members also received in their agenda packets the definition of exempt projects, the federal guidelines that apply to exempt projects and the recommended CAMPO exempt project list. Mr. Johnson provided members with an amended Project List that replaced Attachment 9A in the agenda packets. He indicated the list was placed before the TAC for approval at this time and was subject to be negotiated and refined and could come back at the next meeting. He explained exempt projects cannot be increasing capacity. Chairman Bryan referred to the US 64 Bypass, which is a \$180 million project that should open by this December and is shown a regionally significant but non-exempt. Mr. Johnson indicated this Bypass is a major new corridor affecting regional mobility and is non-exempt because it is increasing capacity. If a road is defined as not being regionally significant, it would not be affected by funding lapse. Chairman Bryan indicated if you are increasing capacity, you may be reducing it somewhere else.

Mr. Meeker moved approval of the regionally significant and exempt projects lists. His motion was seconded by Mr. Bridges, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

2030 LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN – AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY DETERMINATION REPORT -PREAUTHORIZATION TO INITIATE 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY AND PUBLIC HEARNG – APPROVED

Mr. Johnson explained the analysis to support the determination that the CAMPO 2030 LRTP conforms to the N. C. statewide implementation plan (SIP) for attaining USEPA's one-hour and eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone is now underway. The Regional Conformity Determination report documenting the entire Triangle Region's non-attainment area that includes eight counties, three MPOs and three RPOs is expected to be released for public review and comment at the end of this year. In order to expedite timely initiation of the required minimum 45-day public comment period, the TCC recommends that the TAC authorize starting the public comment period as soon as the report becomes available and holding a public hearing on it at the TAC's January 19, 2005 meeting. Mr. Johnson explained the advertisements would take place toward the end of this calendar year. In response to questioning from Ms. Szlosberg, Mr. Chapman explained the advertisement would not take place until the information is released to us. Mr. Johnson indicated advertisements would most likely be before December 15, 2004.

Mr. Meeker moved approval of authorizing the public comment period as soon as the report becomes available and holding the public hearing at the January 19, 2005 TAC meeting. His motion was seconded by Mr. Bridges, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

POLICY FOR ADDRESSING REQUESTS TO DEDICATE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES TO PERSONS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CAPITAL AREA MPO – APPROVED

Mr. Johnson explained CAMPO received a citizen's request to have the I-540/Old Milburnie Road Bridge (under construction) dedicated to his grandfather Mr. M. W. Bennett, the last Coroner for Wake County. Correspondence was forwarded to the NCDOT on behalf of CAMPO recommending approval of this request. The response received from NCDOT Secretary Lyndo Tippett was attached to the agenda indicating that current NCDOT policy does not recognize requests from MPOs. CAMPO staff along with a subcommittee of TAC members developed a proposed policy to address future requests for transportation facility dedications. Members also received in their agenda packets an initial draft of the proposed policy and procedures that would be appropriate to be utilized for future requests for transportation facility dedication. Chairman Bryan indicated it was an educational process finding out what the criteria and process was and it is now clear the request should come from the jurisdiction where the facility is located. He noted it is nice to know the criteria and have that in writing and in the future when there is a request for naming some facility, this information would be available. He explained Wake County has drafted a Resolution and has forwarded that to

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the State. Ms. Szlosberg requested that she be provided with a copy of the Resolution. Mr. Johnson indicated the committee could approve this or hold it until the next meeting.

Ms. Szlosberg moved approval of the policy as outlined. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Byrne, unanimously passed. Chairman Bryan ruled the motion adopted.

CAMPO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN STAKEHOLDER GROUP UPDATE – RECEIVED

Sig Hutchinson, chair of the Capital Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Stakeholder Group, was present to provide an update on the accomplishments to date by the Stakeholders Group and to update the TAC on dialogue between the Bicycle and Pedestrian Stakeholders Group and the Wake County Unified Development Ordinance Stakeholders Group concerning the proposed Wake County Unified Development Ordinance.

Mr. Hutchinson indicated he would be stepping down as Chair of the Stakeholders Group and Mike Owenby would be serving as chair. He reviewed the accomplishments of the group. He noted the group that came together and developed this plan is the same group intact today and all are strong advocates for these issues. He referred to greenways noting in the past they have been seen as a function of Parks and Recreation and have evolved into a Parks and Recreation and Transportation function. He indicated this group has also had some input into the rail stations and connections of those stations noting bicycle and pedestrian connections to those stations are critically important. He reported this group was also involved in the Transportation Plan developed by Wake County and most recently worked with Wake County on their new Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). He thanked Mr. Withrow and Mr. Petrosky for their work with the group noting they had been wonderful to work with. He hoped the TAC would continue to support this group so they can be the voice for the bike/ped mode of pedestrian travel in Wake County.

Mr. Meeker expressed deep appreciation to Mr. Hutchinson for his hard work in the past and looked forward to working with the new chair. Chairman Bryan indicated he was very pleased to have people in the county that volunteer so many hours and have such great ability.

Mr. Johnson indicated this group has become very strong and are having a positive outcome. Ms. Szlosberg questioned what needed to be done to formalize this group in our process. Mr. Johnson indicated a retreat would be needed to advise how other MPOs do business around the State. Mr. Byrne indicated this MPO will be expanding soon and this group may not mean as much to other areas as it means to CAMPO and now might be the time to seriously take a look at doing that.

MPO STAFF REPORTS – RECEIVED

Mr. Johnson reported there would be an NCTIP preview on November 19 at 9:00 am. at the Emergency Information Center, first floor of the Highway Building.

Mr. Meeker indicated there is going to be some additional money for Wake County for inner-city roads and thoroughfares including Timber Drive, Wake Forest Bypass, Falls of Neuse Road and light synchronization. He indicated members should stick together and see what can be done. Ms. Szlosberg indicated sometimes it feels as if these requests fall on deaf ears but all board members are frustrated noting there are so many requests and not enough money to meet everyone's needs.

Mr. Johnson reported DOT has requested the CMAQ projects be identified by January 25, 2005. He indicated there would be \$28 million that can be spent for intersections, Bicycle Pedestrian projects and signal tune-ups. Ms. Szlosberg explained there would be further discussions before moving forward on CMAQ. She noted one reason this came about was due to many people believe that CMAQ funds were being used inappropriately. She stated there a lot of different pots of money to fund various projects but when you talk about Bike/Ped and multi modal things there are not as many pots of money and this is a good place to put these CMAQ funds.

Mr. Johnson announced the retirement of Shae Satterwhite on November 30, 2004 noting she has worked for the City of Raleigh for 18 years and excelled in grants management. He indicated she would be missed tremendously. He noted there will be a 3-year FHWA certification next spring and hoped Ms. Satterwhite will come and help with that.

Mr. Johnson indicated there would be no TAC meeting in December.

OTHER BUSINESS – BEST WORK PLACES – COMMENTS RECEIVED

Ms. Franklin reported on a ceremony she attended to honor the private industries and institutions that participated in the Best Work Places in the City of Raleigh. She challenged all jurisdictions in Wake County to consider what it will take for them to be honored next year. She suggested providing leadership to let private industries know this is a good way to go. Chairman Bryan indicated Joe Fordoso from CISCO should be invited to attend the next meeting to review practical items that communities within the Capital Area MPO can work on.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Meeker, seconded by Mr. Sears, unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Hunt