

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
DECEMBER 15, 2004**

The Transportation Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, December 15, 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
Jan Faulkner
Vivian Jones
Nancy Kelly
Charles Meeker
Dick Sears

REPRESENTING

Wake County
Garner
Morrisville
Wake Forest
Rolesville
Raleigh
Holly Springs

STAFF

George Chapman
Ed Johnson
Kenneth Withrow

REPRESENTING

TCC Chair
CAMPO Director
CAMPO Staff

OTHERS PRESENT

John Hodges-Copple
Craig Davis

REPRESENTING

Triangle J Council of Governments
Wakefield Commercial, LLC

Chairman Bryan called the meeting to order. He announced, due to the lack of a quorum, there would be no formal votes taken at this meeting; however, reports would be received.

AIR QUALITY UPDATE/REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT & EXEMPT PROJECTS – REPORT RECEIVED

John Hodges-Copple of the Triangle J Council of Governments, was present to discuss his meeting held with the Burlington-Graham MPO administrator regarding the future air quality determination schedule that will be executed by the Triangle area's MPOs. The Burlington-Graham MPO, CAMPO and DCHC MPO are interagency partners in the Triangle area LRTP update/conformity determination process because the Burlington-Graham MPO extends into Orange County. The Burlington-Graham MPO has an air quality determination date of October 1, 2004; whereas CAMPO and DCHC have an air quality determination date of June 15, 2005. This means that the next conformity deadline for both CAMPO and DCHC is currently scheduled for October 1, 2007 in conjunction with the Burlington-Graham MPO. The latest map of regionally significant projects, along with the latest spreadsheet of regionally significant and exempt projects,

which have been discussed as elements of the air quality determination process were provided in the packets.

Mr. Hodges-Copple explained we have asked the Burlington-Graham MPO to readopt their plan and they indicated they were leery of putting their plan back out for public comment due to controversial portions. This will have to go through the process more quickly next time than originally expected. He reported they will continue to work with Burlington-Graham but their initial response was they are not planning to readopt.

Mr. Sears indicated he had been listening to WPTF about the lack of scientific methodology relating to the gathering of information, the number of units gathering the information, reliability of the study and the numbers. Mr. Hodges-Copple indicated the federal government sets the standards and did not know the details going into those standards. Chairman Bryan questioned if there was someone that could address this body to cover these questions with Mr. Hodges-Copple responding several presentations had been made by state staff particularly regarding the controversy over the 8-hour vs. 1-hour standards. He indicated state staff could be available for further background information. Mr. Sears noted information should include the way data is collected and how many data points there are. He indicated he had heard there are not enough stations. Mr. Johnson explained there are two dozen monitoring stations in the Triangle area which is as many as anywhere in the state and this state has more than anyone in the country. Chairman Bryan suggested that staff provide a 2-3 page report for information purposes. He noted the Burlington-Graham MPO is a new issue not broached previously and questioned if there are other strategies to consider. He indicated there is already a short timeframe and this shortens that by another eight months. He questioned other than Burlington-Graham MPO redoing their plan, is there anything they can do, i.e., write a letter, etc. Mr. Hodges-Copple spoke to the necessity to go to FHWA and FTA to determine if another mechanism and we were advised the easiest thing is re-endorsement of the Burlington-Graham Plan. He indicated staff could go back and ask for other alternatives and would have to rely on their guidance.

This report was received as information.

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT INITIATIVE – CALL FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PLANNING GRANT PROJECTS – NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

Mr. Johnson explained NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation has made a statewide broadcast concerning the 2005 Call for Proposals to encourage the development of comprehensive municipal bicycle and pedestrian plans. The application deadline was December 3, 2004. Due to the MPO being unable to review proposed projects prior to the deadline for submittal to NCDOT, NCDOT staff has indicated it would be amenable to applicants submitting their applications to NCDOT noting MPO approval is pending with TAC consideration of approval scheduled for December 15, 2004. Proposed bike/pedestrian planning grant projects for which requests for MPO

endorsement have been received as of December 9, 2004 include proposals from Cary, Holly Springs and Wake Forest. He reported staff and the TCC recommend approval.

No formal vote was taken on this item since there was no quorum.

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION EXPANSION IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS – REPORT RECEIVED

Mr. Johnson reported at the TAC's direction, letters of invitation had been sent to the counties and local governments adjoining the current CAMPO boundary to join the Capital Area MPO. CAMPO has received responses to the letters of invitation during the month of November and the TAC took action to execute their acceptance into the MPO in principle (subject to a jointly executed membership agreement) during their November 17, 2004 meeting. CAMPO is preparing to send a letter to governments in the newly added areas showing that member had been approved to join the MPO. Several organizational agreements will need to be updated including the Memorandum of Understanding, TAC and TCC bylaws, the Prospectus and Member non-federal cost sharing percentages for the Unified Planning Work Program and the Metropolitan Area Boundary. The MOU between CAMPO and Triangle Transit Authority will also be addressed during this process. CAMPO staff plans to conduct an outreach process for the newly added member agencies to identify issues of concern and to create a MPO member "primer" for all members. The primer would consist of a notebook including the MPO's history, frequently asked questions and the MOU and bylaws, etc. The Expansion Implementation Subcommittee that was established on October 7, 2004 will need to meet as soon as practicable to discuss these and other details for moving forward on implementing the MPO expansion. CAMPO's TCC is preparing to hold a planning retreat on February 10 at Lake Wheeler Park with both current and newly added member agencies staff and other interested parties. He explained the intent to have facilitators at the retreat.

This report was received as information.

METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – PROPOSED STP-DA AND CMAQ FUNDING ALLOCATIONS – NO ACTION TAKEN DUE TO LACK OF QUORUM

Mr. Johnson explained TAC and TCC members and MPO staff met with NCDOT staff on Friday, November 19, 2004 to preview the draft state TIP for FY 2006-2012. They were advised over the next seven years, the MPO was expected to be allocated a total of \$17,606,000 of federal Congestion Mitigation for Air Quality funds and \$38,200,000 of un-obligated federal Surface Transportation Program – Direct Allocation (STP-DA) funds. NCDOT staff indicated it is planned to begin printing the draft STIP on December 27, 2004 for release in January, 2005 for public comment with final approval of the STIP expected in mid-2005.

Mr. Johnson indicated it was decided by TAC members present at the meeting that CAMPO should develop and consider approving in December for inclusion in the draft STIP, a funding allocation plan utilizing all of these un-obligated CMAQ and STP-DA funds for the next seven years as well as other locally committed funds to advance four of the MPO's current highest priority projects. These projects are: #1 – the Raleigh Signal System Upgrade, #2 – Wake Forest Bypass – Part A, #4 – the Garner Timber Drive East Extension – Part A and #6 – the Raleigh Falls of Neuse Widening/Relocation over the Neuse River. It was also desired to reserve some of the STP-DA funding for multi-modal improvements (Transit and/or Bike/Ped facilities). Pursuant to the proposal developed at the November 19, 2004 TIP Review meeting and subsequent coordination with NCDOT, a table indicating the proposed allocation of these funds was provided in the backup information. The proposal was reviewed and was subdivided into Part A (STP-DA funding) and Part B (CMAQ) funding. If approved by CAMPO, NCDOT would be amenable to including the STP-DA portion only in the draft FY 06-12 STIP. Pursuant to NCDOT's newly revised process for selecting CMAQ projects, includes a call for projects to be submitted to CAMPO by December 31, 2004 with MPO/NCDOT project selection approval occurring in early 2005 (after the draft STIP is released), NCDOT is not amenable to including the proposed CMAQ allocation to the Raleigh Signal System upgrade in the draft FY 06-12 STIP. Once approved, what CMAQ funded projects that have been selected will be included in the final STIP to be approved in Mid-2005. The TCC, on December 9, 2004, approved recommending TAC approval of Part A (STP-DA funding); but deferring making a recommendation on Part B (the CMAQ funding) until the January 2005 meeting cycle for technical review and recommendation regarding all proposed CMAQ projects received by CAMPO.

Don Rohrbaugh was present to speak on #6, Timber Drive East, 1 1/3 mile section going from New Rand Road to White Oak Road at White Oak Shopping Center. He stated as a resident of Garner and the former mayor of Garner, he knew many members had the opportunity to visit the White Oak Shopping Center at the intersection of US 70 and I-40 in Garner. He noted there are a number of new things happening there including a new theater, 300 apartments, etc. and roads are becoming crowded on US 70 and I-40. He was present on behalf of citizens of Garner asking for assistance to get Timber Drive funded. He felt it is important for their community and is something they have been working on since 1994. Mr. Johnson reviewed the recommended projects in detail. He referred to a letter from Craig Davis, Wakefield Commercial, LLC, noting they would provide \$500,000 in the fourth quarter of 2007 towards the design and construction of New Falls of Neuse Road and the bridge. Mr. Johnson reviewed the CMAQ items noting \$3.1 million is anticipated and that does not include the 20% federal match. Mr. Bridges indicated, in regard to Timber Drive, Garner is putting in \$1 million and one of the landowners will donate some of the right-of-way. The developer of White Oak has built a 1/2 mile segment at a cost of \$1.9 million.

Following discussion, it was agreed to meet on December 20 at 5:30 p.m. at Bogart's American Grill prior to the Mayor's Association Dinner.

Chairman Bryan thanked Craig Davis for his funding.

The item was referred to the December 20 meeting.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – RECEIVED

Chairman Bryan reported since he was voted as Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, that he had set out 14 goals and approved 6 major goals and all commissioners had approved the 6 major goal. The goals include working on school capital needs; completing land acquisition for Little River Reservoir which is our next water supply for next 50 years, working together to come to some solution on dealing with solid waste that would involve 12 municipalities and Wake County coming together, Mental Health reform (are we going to build small regional hospitals), beginning a forum to bring in other urban fast growing areas to look at items that would be comparable to other fast growing urban areas and doing a better job in Wake County in getting out all various things Wake County is engaged in.

ADJOURNMENT

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