

## MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018  
5:00 PM**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Leonard Williams, Gibsonville  
Bob Ward, Burlington  
Alan Branson, Guilford County  
Jim Butler, Burlington  
Don Tichy, Village of Alamance  
Carissa Graves, Green Level  
Ken Jacobs, Whitsett  
Ron Klepcyk, Elon  
Eddie Boswell, Alamance County  
Joe Geigle, FHWA

### **BGMPO STAFF PRESENT**

Wannetta Mallette  
Carley Maynard

### **NCDOT STAFF PRESENT**

Mike Mills, Division 7  
Tamara Njegovan, Division 7  
Hemang Surti, TPD

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Nathan Page, Graham  
Conor Ryan, Graham  
Aaron Cain, DCHC MPO

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Williams called the October 16, 2018 TAC meeting to order at 5:19 p.m. and introduced all members and guests. Chairman Williams asked for any speakers from the floor to limit comments to three minutes per speaker. There were no public comments.

Wannetta Mallette read the Ethics Reminder. There were no known conflicts of interest identified by TAC members.

### **Approval of Minutes / Changes to the Agenda**

Chairman Williams asked for any corrections to the August 21, 2018 meeting minutes or changes to the agenda. No changes were made to the agenda and there were no corrections to the minutes. Eddie Boswell made a motion to approve the minutes, Alan Branson seconded the motion. All TAC voted in approval.

### **NC 54 Corridor Study Update**

The Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO, Burlington-Graham MPO, Triangle Area RPO and NCDOT have worked collaboratively to develop transportation improvement strategies in an effort to improve NC 54 from I-85 in Graham to Old Fayetteville Road in Carrboro travel conditions. The study, conducted by VHB, included evaluating multimodal alternatives and addressing congestion, safety, and access management issues. The NC 54 Corridor Draft Plan will have a 30-day public comment period beginning October 15. The DCHC MPO will conduct a public meeting on November 14, 2018. A link to the Draft Plan:

[https://portal.vhb.com/clients/02799/38587.01/Shared%20Documents/NC%2054%20Final%20Draft%20Report%20\(10012018\).pdf?Web=1](https://portal.vhb.com/clients/02799/38587.01/Shared%20Documents/NC%2054%20Final%20Draft%20Report%20(10012018).pdf?Web=1)

Mr. Aaron Cain presented an overview on the NC 54 West Corridor Study and the different divisions of corridor needs between different counties (Alamance/Orange). DCHC MPO is the lead agency in the study and also are the ones that contracted VHB. Mr. Cain reminded the TAC that he presented an overview of the 20+ mile corridor between Graham and Carrboro back in January. The corridor runs from Old Fayetteville Road in Carrboro to 1-40 Woody Drive in Graham. Mr. Cain said the goal would be to make it as multi-modal as possible. Mr. Cain explained that DCHC was open to taking public and staff input and they could also refer back to the website [www.nc54west.com](http://www.nc54west.com)

Mr. Boswell expressed his concerns with NC-119 Intersection; stating there are a lot of traffic concerns especially trucks. Mr. Cain said this could be addressed as they got closer to implementing the process. Mr. Boswell also mentioned the concerns of more traffic being created with a potentially new school being added to the area. Mr. Branson also shared his concerns stating that being part of a trucking industry he did not support this idea; from a safety stand point it did not look good for truck drivers. Mr. Boswell agreed and adding the same concerns go for school bus drivers. Mr. Lewis said the study was for NCDOT to get an idea of what could work and look at other options as well.

### **Allocation of Local Input Points for BGMPO P5.0 Division Needs Projects**

The deadline for allocating local input points to SPOT 5.0 Division Needs projects is November 2, 2018 for non-hurricane impacted MPOs/RPOs. At the August 21, 2018 TAC meeting, staff presented recommendations for local input points for Division Needs projects. The TAC made the decision to delay allocating points until its October 16, 2018 meeting. The BGMPO Division Needs project list with SPOT scores is attached for TAC review and point assignment. NCDOT requires letters of local match support

for Division non-highway (bike/ped/rail/transit) projects that are programmed in the Draft 2020-2029 STIP.

Ms. Mallette reminded the TAC at the last meeting she presented a draft list for the Allocation of local input points for division needs projects and stated the TCC recommended the TAC delay allocating the points until this October meeting at the request of Elon's representative. Ms. Mallette told the TAC that the Town of Elon had pulled one of their 9 highway projects, sidewalks on University Drive at Huffman, due to the cost. Ms. Mallette stated subsequent to that staff moved up the next project on the list that received the highest number of points according to the prioritization process; that project is Graham's project sidewalks on Harden Street to Ivy Road. Ms. Mallette explained the TCC recommended the TAC allocate 100 points each to the draft project list. Ms. Mallette said BGMPO did receive a local match commitment from the Town of Elon and City of Burlington and Graham in support of their non-highway projects. Carissa Graves made a motion based on TCC's recommendation to allocate the local input points. Eddie Boswell seconded the motion and all TAC voted in approval.

Ms. Mallette wanted to reminded the TAC the time for submitting your candidate projects for SPOT 6.0 will be within the next 6 months; so if the TAC had any projects that you would like to have evaluated for SPOT 6.0 BGMPO staff will be taking recommendation beginning in April 2019.

### **Gibsonville Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative Resolution**

Chairman Williams shared the Town of Gibsonville is applying for a NCDOT 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant to develop a Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. Chairman Williams explained that the grant requires BGMPO support by resolution. Mr. Alan Branson made a motion to approve the supporting resolution...Ms. Carissa Graves seconded the motion. All of TAC voted in approval.

### **NCDOT Board Member Update**

Mr. Michael Fox was not present. TAC moved on to the next agenda item.

### **NCDOT Division Engineer Report**

Mr. Mills presented an overview of the Division 7 Engineer report. Mr. Boswell asked how the storms have affected the Division projects. Mr. Mills explained with the FHAA funds provided and the NCDOT "Rainy Day Funds" Hurricane Florence and Tropical

Storm Michael had little impact on the projects. Mr. Mills expressed the Division has been able to keep rolling on with the project list. Mr. Mills also commented all the debris should be cleared away before the Thanksgiving Holiday and that Duke Power did an amazing job.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Mallette gave a brief update on the BGMPO 2045 MTP Update. Ms. Mallette stated the BGMPO staff has received three proposals including VHB, Aecom and Ramey Kemp and Associates. Ms. Mallette explained BGMPO staff should be done with the evaluation process within the next two weeks and will let TCC know their final decision electronically.

Ms. Mallette also shared the NCDOT Bike and Ped Grant Application Deadline has been extended to 5:00pm, Thursday, November 15th. Also Ms. Mallette said if anyone in the TCC would be interested in signing up for the City of Burlington/ Impact Alamance Mark Fenton Workshop for November 28-29, 2018 she would be sending out an evite and encouraged all to join at least one of the sessions.

Chairman Williams read out loud a letter from a citizen of Mebane, NC sharing concerns for traffic congestion near Hawfields Middle School at NC 119. Since the Council Member of Mebane Mr. Ed Hooks was not present during the time of meeting; Chairman Williams stated he would follow up with him by phone.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, made a motion to adjourn and seconded the motion. All TAC members voted in favor. Chairman Williams adjourned the TAC meeting at 6:04 p.m. The next TAC meeting is scheduled on **January 15, 2018.**