

MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020
9AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Rollins, Mebane
Brandon Parker, Gibsonville
Tonya Caddle, Alamance County
Nishith Trivedi, Orange County (Vice Chair)
Cy Stober, Mebane
Pam DeSoto, Elon
Nolan Kirkman, Burlington
Mike Nunn, Burlington
Nathan Page, Graham (Chair)
Ralph Gilliam, ACTA
Scott Rhine, PART
Jay Heikes, GoTriangle
Dan Danieleley, BUY
Sean Tenser, Haw River
Glen LaBar, Link Transit
Allyson Coltrane, OCPT

BGMPO

Wannetta Mallette

NCDOT

Mike Mills
Tamara Njegovan
Stephen Robinson
Daryl Vreeland

FHWA

Joe Geigle

OTHERS PRESENT

Lyuba Zuveya
Don Bryson
Joe Seymour
Cottie Waseemah

Call to Order

Chair Nathan Page called the April 21, 2020 TCC meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and introduced all members and guests. Chair Page presented the agenda for adoption. No changes were made to the agenda. Chair Page asked if there were any speakers from the floor. No public comments were made.

Approval of March 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Cy Stober requested four corrections made to the minutes: correcting the spelling of his name; striking comments attributed to Mr. Chris Rollins; and restoring the Mattress Factory Interchange and Buckhorn Road rail projects to the draft P6.0 project list. Mebane rescinded its original request to remove the Buckhorn Road rail project due to a misunderstanding as to how non-highway projects are scored. Mebane will not officially support the Buckhorn Road rail project. Mr. Tenser requested correcting the spelling of his name.

There being no additional corrections, Chair Page requested a motion to approve the March 17, 2020 TCC meeting minutes as corrected. Mr. Stober made the motion and Ms. Pam DeSoto seconded the motion. All of TCC voted in approval.

Section 5307 FY20 Sub-allocation STIP Amendment

Ms. Mallette explained that the BGMPO is the recipient of FTA Section 5307 FY 2020 funds to support FY 2021 transit operating, capital and planning activities within its urbanized area. In cooperation with NCDOT Public Transportation Division, the BGMPO sub-allocated \$2,223,658 in Section 5307 funds among its eligible public transit providers that requested funding: Link Transit - \$1,348,221; ACTA - \$437,048; PART - \$304,602; and Orange County - \$133,787. Transit projects funded with FTA funds must be included in the BGMPO Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Ms. Mallette said that all regional transit providers were in approval of the allocation plan.

Chair Page called for a motion to recommend TAC approval of the BGMPO Section 5307 FFY 21 Sub-Allocation Schedule. Mr. Mike Nunn made the motion and Mr. Scott Rhine seconded the motion. All of TCC voted in approval.

BGMPO Draft P6.0 Project List

Ms. Mallette presented an overview of the BGMPO project submission process. Jurisdictions submitted a total of 94 projects for preliminary scoring and Prioritization 6.0 (P6.0) evaluation. At their March 17, 2020 meeting, the TCC and TAC directed staff to rescore all projects. Ms. Mallette worked cooperatively with NCDOT Division 7 staff to rescore highway projects against the P6.0 testing spreadsheet. Since the TCC March meeting, the SPOT Office issued additional bicycle, pedestrian and transit data entry guidance. The draft non-highway quantitative scores did not change based on the new guidance. Projects not funded at the regional level could still be considered at the division level due to cascading and local input points can be used to prioritize projects for funding. She announced that the SPOT Office extended the deadline for project submission to July 31, 2020. Ms. Mallette presented the revised BGMPO draft list of 17 projects representing the highest quantitative scoring in each funding category.

Mr. Stober questioned the impact of cascading on scoring. Mr. Stephen Robinson explained that P6.0 preliminary scores should not be compared to P5.0 scores as the quantitative criteria has changed. Mr. Stober requested guidance from the SPOT office in terms of defining a strategy for project selection. Mr. Robinson agreed to contact the SPOT office and recommended the TCC submit a balanced draft project list of regional and division level projects. Ms. Tamara Njegovan offered to provide the P5.0 scoring threshold for projects considered for further evaluation. Mr. Tenser questioned the rationale for segmenting the Jimmie Kerr project and agreed to discuss the project details

with NCDOT. Mr. Nish Trivedi questioned the impact of a NCDOT potential budget shortfall due to Covid-19 on P6.0 project funding. Chair Page responded the fiscal impacts cannot be determined at this time. Mr. Stober requested a GIS-based P7.0 project visualization and supported hiring additional MPO staff.

There being no further discussion, Chair Page requested a motion. Mr. Stober made the amended motion to table the agenda item approving the draft P6.0 project list until further information is obtained from the SPOT office regarding the scoring of division level projects and the TCC and TAC holding a May and June meeting to accommodate the BGMPO project submission schedule. Ms. DeSoto seconded the motion and all of TCC approved the motion.

2045 MTP Update

Ms. Lyuba Zuveya provided an update of the 2045 MTP plan development and remaining project schedule. She explained that project schedule delays were due to technical difficulties with the Triad model installation on VHB computers that led to delays in developing future year project recommendations. The final public input meeting is scheduled on May 12, 2020 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and a flyer and press release will distributed through normal communication channels. The draft plan will be available for a 30-day public review period.

Ms. Zuyeva explained that VHB found the Triad travel demand model better at predicting higher level travel patterns and that discrepancies in travel data were found when compared to HERE data possibility due to under counting at external stations. She added the model was not precise in predicting operational type improvements. Mr. Scott Rhine responded that the Triad travel demand model outputs are at the macro level and that a micro level/sub-area model is better suited for identifying operational deficiencies and that travel patterns between multiple regions require a more detailed model. Mr. Don Bryson added that a travel demand model serves as a screening tool and that regional attractions is not a reliable estimate against external attractions.

Ms. Zuyeva said that VHB staff developed a future years projects' scoring criteria for highway and non-highway projects. The fiscal constraint estimate was made from the previous years' STIP allocation. The MTP project timeline is broken into 5-year horizon year goals and committed projects were scheduled for year 2025. VHB also projected increment future project funding for 2030 - 2045 in order to develop the MTP fiscally constrained project list and Comprehensive Transportation Plan project list from unfunded projects. VHB also developed an interactive map with overlays for project identification including route names, specific improvements and funding year. VHB collaborated with PART to develop future transit improvements including expansion of

existing routes, new routes and capital improvements. However, the fiscal constraint sheet does not identify when transit projects will be adopted, additional local sources or future federal funding levels.

Chair Page informed Ms. Zuyeva that the link to the interactive map was not working and suggested temporary projects be removed from the MTP project list. Mr. Stober recommended testing the map visual display on cell phones.

CTP Update

Mr. Daryl Vreeland explained NCDOT is still in the process of collecting project data and expects the CTP adoption later this year. Chair Page inquired as to the receipt of Graham's GIS project data. Mr. Vreeland acknowledged receipt and replied that Graham's data will be added to the CTP GIS layer at a later date.

FHWA Update

No reports or updates were made.

NCDOT Division 7 Engineer Status Report

Mr. Mike Mills provided a brief status report of BGMPO Division 7 highway projects. He explained the contractor for the Mebane Oaks Road project did not meet their Minority Business Enterprise goals and NCDOT may re-let the project.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Trivedi made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Stober seconded the motion. All TCC members voted in favor. The TCC meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m. The next TCC meeting is scheduled on **May 19, 2020**.