

## MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018  
5:00 PM**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Leonard Williams, Gibsonville  
Lee Lovette, Haw River  
Alan Branson, Guilford County  
Jim Butler, Burlington  
Bob Ward, Burlington  
Carissa Graves, Green Level  
Lee Kimrey, Graham  
Chris Rollins, Mebane  
Ron Klepcyk, Elon  
Eddie Boswell, Alamance County  
Ken Jacobs, Whitsett  
Mike Fox, NCDOT BOT  
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  
Mike Nunn, Burlington  
Brian Byfield, Ramey  
Cy Stober, Mebane  
Scott Rhine, PART

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Williams called the August 21, 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 May 15, 2018 meeting minutes or changes to the agenda. No changes were made to the agenda and there were no corrections to the minutes. Jim Butler made a motion to approve the minutes, Bob Ward seconded the motion. All TAC voted in approval.

### **Mebane 2040 Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update**

Cy Stober, Development Director, presented the Mebane 2040 Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) developed by Ramey Kemp & Associates. The CTP represents Mebane's first attempt to address future transportation needs in response to its rapid growth. Mr. Stober thanked the TCC and MPO for allocating planning funds to conduct the study and recognized Montrena Hadley as the catalyst for the planning effort. He then introduced Brian Byfield, Ramey Kemp & Associates Senior Transportation Planner, who provided an overview of Mebane's CTP planning effort and extensive stakeholder engagement. The transportation planning document will serve as a guide to ensure safety, convenience and multimodal access for Mebane residents and visitors. Mr. Byfield provided an overview of the 32 multimodal projects identified as implementation priorities. Mebane's City Council adopted the 2040 CTP in June.

Ms. Mallette reported the TCC recommended approval and adoption of the Mebane CTP as an amendment to the BGMPO CTP and the MTP.

Eddie Boswell made the motion to adopt the Mebane CTP as an amendment to the BGMPO CTP and MTP. Jim Butler seconded the motion. All of TAC voted in approval.

### **Triangle Region Air Quality Conformity**

Ms. Mallette explained that due to a recent federal lawsuit, the Triangle Region is required to demonstrate that the area will stay in attainment and comply with current air quality standards in MTPs and TIPs. The BGMPO is one of four organizations that need to demonstrate air quality compliance: 1) Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO; 2) NC Capital Area MPO; 3) Burlington-Graham MPO (for the portion of Orange County in BGMPO jurisdiction); and, 4) NCDOT (for areas of the air quality region outside of MPO boundaries). The draft Research Triangle Regional Conformity Determination Report is expected to be released in late September or early October for a minimum 30-day public comment period. The public comment period will conclude on November 14, 2018. As a portion of the BGMPO planning area includes Orange County, the TAC is requested to approve the MTP/TIP conformity determination resolution and authorize the TAC Chair sign the resolution on or after November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Mallette requested the TAC approve the resolution pending the outcome of the November public meeting. Ms. Mallette informed the TAC that the TCC recommended approval. Carissa Graves made a motion that TAC approve the conformity determination resolution and authorize the Chairman Williams sign the resolution on

or after November 14, 2018. Ron Klepcyk seconded the motion and all TAC members voted in favor.

### **Transit Asset Management Plan**

Ms. Mallette provided an explanation of the MAP-21 final rule that correlates transportation performance measures to financial investment and policy decisions. Transit agencies that receive federal funding and own, operate, or manage capital assets are required to create Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan. The TAC is requested to adopt resolutions supporting the transit provider TAM plans within the BGMPO jurisdictional boundary.

Scott Rhine, PART Executive Director, provided details about PART's proposed TAM plan. He explained that the TAM Plan is a planning tool used to predict the replacement of assets to maintain safety. He further explained the difference between Tier 1 and Tier 2 transit agencies. A Tier 1 transit agency has over 100 buses in operation at peak service or operates a rail system. The Charlotte Area Transit System is the only Tier 1 system in the state. All of the other transit systems are classified as Tier 2. Mr. Rhine further explained each Tier 2 provider must develop its own TAM Plan or participate in a group TAM plan. Transit agencies must either develop performance measures or adopt state targets and all agencies must upload their targets to the National Transit Database by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Under MAP-21, MPOs are required to coordinate with transit agencies to develop and report the state of good repair and performance targets within their jurisdiction. The systems that are under the state's group plan are - Link Transit, Orange County Public Transportation and ACTA; and two transit agencies, Go Triangle and PART, developed their own targets and have different reporting and adoption requirements.

Ron Klepcyk made a motion to approve the BGMPO resolution to adopt the TAM Plans and performance measures for Alamance County Transportation Authority, Burlington Link Transit and Orange County Public Transportation. Eddie Boswell seconded the motion and all TAC voted in approval of the resolution. Jim Butler made a motion to approve the BGMPO resolution to adopt the transit asset management targets and performance measures for Go Triangle and the Piedmont Authority Regional Transportation. Carissa Graves seconded the motion and all of TAC voted in approval of the resolution.

### **Draft Prioritization P5.0 Division Needs Project List**

Ms. Mallette explained the window for allocating local input points for SPOT 5.0 Division Needs projects is September 3 to October 31, 2018. She then presented the recommended draft BGMPO Division Needs project list. NCDOT requires letters of local match support for non-highway projects that will be programmed in the draft STIP. Ms. Mallette informed the TAC that the TCC and NCDOT recommended that the TAC delay allocating points until after the Division 7 Regional Needs project list is released by NCDOT later this month.

Ms. Mallette highlighted one Division Needs intersection project, Riverbend @ Johnson. The project was originally funded under the High Impact Low Cost (HI-LC) program and scored well at the Regional Impact level. Ms. Mallette stated the Graham Council modified the project scope to realign the intersection and include pedestrian and bicycle enhancements. The revised project scope now exceeds the HI-LC project funding cap. Graham is requesting the project be re-evaluated for Division Needs and assigned local input points by the TAC. Ms. Mallette reported the TCC approved Graham's request.

Mr. Mills explained that Division 7 has worked cooperatively with Graham and as the HI-LC proposed improvements would not address all of the intersection issues the Division agreed to cascade the project down to the Division Needs level. Division 7 will not delete the project from the HI-LC project list unless it is funded as a Division Needs project. Mr. Fox explained the process of STI project funding and the importance of the HI-LC program as a way to accelerate projects especially in rural communities. Mr. Mills agreed, stating the Division 7 budget for Division Needs projects is approximately \$13 to \$14 million.

Chairman Williams asked if action was required by the TAC at this time. Ms. Mallette responded there was no need to act during this meeting. The TAC can allocate points at its scheduled meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> in advance of the submission deadline. Mike Fox explained NCDOT Divisions would like to coordinate point allocation with MPOs and RPOs on Division Needs projects that cascade down from the Regional Impact project list so as to not waste points. There being no further discussion, the TAC agreed to delay assigning local input points until its October meeting.

## NCDOT Division Engineer Report

Mr. Mills presented an overview of the Division 7 Engineer report. Mr. Mills said the Haw River sidewalk project between Haw River Bridge and Stone Street is nearing completion and the Buckhorn Road traffic signal project was delayed due to delays in acquiring metal poles. He also highlighted the installation of the Flora Avenue @ Birch Bridge Road traffic signal and the installation of a new storm drain pipe as part of the N.C. 119 Mebane Relocation Project.

Mr. Kimrey inquired about the intersection improvements along NC 54 @ NC 49 in Graham. Mr. Mills responded that planning and design activities are underway. Mr. Mills explained that although the intersection is a good candidate for a roundabout and the improvement would greatly improve traffic operations, a roundabout requires a great deal of right of way. A public meeting is planned to obtain public comments and NCDOT will meet with elected officials at least 2 to 3 weeks prior to the public meeting to obtain their input. Mr. Kimrey stated that while the NC 54 @ NC 49 intersection improvement was identified as a need, it is his opinion that Walker Avenue is more of a traffic issue. Mr. Mills said the problem is trucks going to Haw River and drivers making left turns onto Walker Avenue.

## NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) Report

Hemang Surti provided the NCDOT-TPD report and an update of the CTP 2.0 status. Mr. Surti informed the TAC that CTP 2.0 release is pending TPD Committee approval. Mr. Surti requested the TAC begin submitting projects and recommendations in advance of the CTP 2.0 release. Mr. Surti explained that the CTP 2.0 is likely to take two years to complete before final adoption.

## Adjournment

Ms. Mallette reminded the TAC that the MPO will be updating the MTP in the upcoming months. The MTP is scheduled for adoption August 2020. The MPO solicited RFPs on August 22, 2018 and she expects to announce the consultant at the next TAC meeting.

There being no further discussion, Eddie Boswell made a motion to adjourn and Carissa Graves seconded the motion. All TAC members voted in favor. Chairman Williams adjourned the TAC meeting at 6:12 p.m. The next TAC meeting is scheduled on **September 18, 2018.**