

MINUTES

BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE TUESDAY, May 21, 2019 9AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Montrena Hadley, Mebane
Brandon Parker, Gibsonville
Dan Danieleley, Burlington Airport
Nishith Trivedi, Orange County
Cy Stober, Mebane (Vice Chair)
Amy Nelson, Burlington
Nolan Kirkman, Burlington
Mike Nunn, Burlington
Nathan Page, Graham (Chair)
Pam Graham, Elon

OTHERS PRESENT

Terry Arellano, VHB
Lyuba Zuyeva, VHB
Jesse Day, PTRC
Anna Leonard, PTRC

BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Wannetta Mallette
Carley Maynard
Julian Griffee, BGMPO Intern
Rob Killebrew, Link Transit

NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Mike Mills, NCDOT Division 7
Tamara Njegovan, NCDOT Division 7
Daryl Vreeland, NCDOT TPD

FHWA STAFF PRESENT

Joe Geigle

Call to Order

Chair Nathan Page called the May 21, 2019 TCC meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introduced all members and guests. Ms. Mallette gave a special introduction to BGMPO's new intern, Julian Griffee. Chair Page then presented the agenda for adoption. All TCC members approved the agenda. Chair Page asked if there were any speakers from the floor. No public comments were made.

Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2019 TCC Meeting

Chair Page requested a motion to approve the April 16, 2019 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Nishith Trivedi made a motion to approve as corrected. Vice Chair Stober seconded the motion and all of TCC voted in approval.

Revision to Approved FY2020 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Ms. Mallette explained that the UPWP is a work program of the MPO that is required by federal regulations. The UPWP details planning activities conducted with the use of federal transportation funds. Ms. Mallette reminded the TCC that the TAC approved the BGMPO 2020 UPWP at its January 15, 2019 meeting. Since that time, NCDOT notified the BGMPO that an additional \$65,261 in Federal PL funds was made available for planning purposes. Ms. Mallette shared in addition; certain projects and their corresponding budgets in the current FY 2019 UPWP have been identified to be carried over to FY 2020.

Ms. Mallette said that a memo was sent out to the TCC regarding all of the changes and modifications to BGMPO's UPWP with the inclusion of the \$65,261 in Federal PL funds. Ms. Mallette further explained the BGMPO is also requesting a modification of an additional \$50,030 for a DOT PL fund account.

There being no further discussion, Vice Chair Stober made a motion to recommend TAC approve and adopt the resolutions to amend the FY 2019-2020 UPWP and the FY 2019 carryover funding to FY 2020. Amy Nelson seconded the motion and all of TCC voting in favor.

Draft 2020-2029 MTIP

Ms. Mallette informed the TCC that the Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) was released for public comment back in January; staff also released a Draft Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) to the TCC and TAC for their comments. Ms. Mallette shared the Draft MTP which includes all of the P5.0 projects; the full TIP of all the projects in the BMPO was forwarded to the TCC for their review. Ms. Mallette said today the BGMPO has received no public comments and Staff is recommending TCC approval of the TIP and for pending public comments, Staff recommends the adoption of the STIP following adoption by NCDOT.

Mr. Trivedi suggested if TAC adopts now and the State changes, then TAC would have to amend it. Staff discussed the State Adoption has been delayed until further in the fall. Mr. Geigle the TCC/TAC cannot adopt now, prior to the State adoption; would not be able to advance or authorize any projects between now or until the new one. Chair Page said we would like to entertain a motion to table the agenda item until the NCDOT takes action upon the item. Mr. Trivedi made a motion to table the Draft 2020 - 2029 MTIP agenda item until after the NCDOT adopts. Amy Nelson seconded the motion and all of TCC voted in approval.

SPOT 6.0 Update

Ms. Mallette said she wanted to update the TCC on some recent changes at the SPOT office since the last TCC meeting in April. Ms. Mallette reviewed the SPOT 6.0 schedule changes and discussed briefly the MPO submission process. Ms. Mallette reminded the TCC that she sent out, two weeks ago, revised SPOT 6.0 project schedule; which reflects the delay in the deadline for submission projects from September 30, 2019 to December 20, 2019.

TCC discussed meeting following the TCC meeting October 29, 2019 for a NCDOT/BGMPO coordination to review any amendments to the project list. Chair Page requested BGMPO staff combine each resource email link into one email and share with the TCC members.

Piedmont Crescent First Mile Last Mile Connections

Ms. Leonard provided a presentation on the Piedmont Crescent First Mile Last Mile Connections. Ms. Leonard shared the Passenger Rail Project is a regional project in partnership with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council, Centralina COG, and Triangle J COG. Ms. Leonard explained that the grant works with key education and outreach partners to change how the Piedmont Crescent uses rail. Ms. Leonard said the primary focus is connecting travelers from their point of origin to their end destination with first mile and last mile solutions to make the travel experience effortless and enjoyable. The grant will extend through early 2020 and will conduct public education and training events including walkability and bikeability audits, mass-media marketing, and marketing with NCDOT explained Ms. Leonard. Ms. Leonard invited the TCC members to partner and support this project as well as take advantage of the training opportunities throughout the region.

TCC members reviewed and discussed the Passenger Rail Project. Chair Page suggested gathering public feedback on Link Transit; he felt they would find crossover users between Link Transit and the Amtrak. Mr. Killebrew shared Link Transit's Purple route services the Amtrak Station.

BGMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Ms. Arellano introduced herself to the TCC and said shew as representing VHB whom had been contracted by the BGMPO to conduct the MTP update. Ms. Arellano explained to the TCC what the MTP is and why it is being updated for the BGMPO area. Ms. Arellano also shared how the BGMPO MTP update fits in to the long-range

planning for the region. Ms. Arellano stated the ultimate goal was to have the MTP update adopted by the TAC by May 2020 to meet the August 2020 deadline.

Ms. Arellano informed the TCC that majority of the MTP development process could be found on the project's website www.bgmpogettingthere2045.com. Ms. Arellano said the website also included an interacted map.

Ms. Arellano introduced Lyuba Zuyeva with VHB as BGMPO contact for their MTP update. Ms. Arellano expressed to the TCC she was leaving the VHB firm in a week. Ms. Zuyeva may be contacted by email lzuyeva@vhb.com or phone (704) 594-8980.

NCDOT Division Engineer Report

Mr. Mills briefly provided an update on the NCDOT Division Engineer report. Mr. Mills explained that DOT was continually working on the Buckhorn road signal project. Mr. Mills said he spoke to the right-of-way agent in regards to the intersection improvements on Mebane Oaks Rd at Old Hillsborough Rd, even if they have to condemn they are going to push to try to get the right-of-way for the project. Mr. Mills said he just got word the other day that the interchange improvements at I-40/I-85 and Mebane Oaks Road have been delayed with a new let date of March 2020 but NCDOT will continue to purchase the right-of-way and move forward.

NCDOT TPD Update

Mr. Daryl Vreeland, TPD NCDOT introduced himself to the TCC and stated there was no update to the NCDOT TPD at this time.

Other Business

Ms. Mallette said just briefly she wanted to inform the TCC that there is a call for CMAQ funding. Ms. Mallette shared the request ends June 30, 2019, to use the unobligated in the CMAQ account.

Ms. Mallette invited the TCC to one of Impact Alamance's public breakfast where they will be hosting Chuck Marohn from Strong Towns June 21, 2019 8am to 10am.

Chair Page wanted to recognize Amy Nelson for her hard work with the City of Burlington over the years and acknowledge this was her last TCC meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Stober made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Graham seconded the motion. All TCC members voted in favor. The TCC meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m. The next TCC meeting is scheduled on August 20, 2019.