

**MINUTES**

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020  
5PM**

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT

Leonard Williams, Gibsonville (Chair)  
Bob Ward, Burlington (Vice Chair)  
Melody Wiggins, Graham  
Jamezetta Bedford, Orange County  
Eddie Boswell, Alamance County  
Ken Jacobs, Whitsett  
Ed Hooks, Mebane  
Mike Fox, NCDOT BOT  
Monti Allison, Elon  
Jim Butler, Burlington

BGMPO

Wannetta Mallette

NCDOT

Mike Mills, NCDOT Division 7

FHWA

Joe Geigle

OTHERS PRESENT

Lyuba Zuyeva, VHB  
Scott Rhine, PART  
Nathan Page, Graham  
Mike Nunn, Burlington  
Nolan Kirkman, Burlington  
Wassemah Cottie

Call to Order

Chairman Leonard Williams called the April 21, 2020 TAC meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. and introduced all members and guests. Chairman Williams then presented the agenda for adoption. No changes or corrections were made to the agenda. Chairman Williams asked speakers to limit comments to three minutes per speaker. No public comments were made.

Ms. Mallette read aloud the NC Ethics Statement for TAC members. No known conflicts of interest identified were identified.

Approval of Minutes from March 16, 2020 TAC Meeting

Chairman Williams requested a motion to approve the March 16, 2020 TAC meeting minutes. Ms. Jamezetta Bedford made a motion to approve the March 16, 2020 TAC meeting minutes. Mr. Eddie Boswell seconded the motion and all of TAC voted in approval.

### **STIP Amendment – Section 5307 FY20 Sub-allocation**

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.

A motion was made by Mr. Mike Fox to approve the sub-allocation plan and STIP amendment which was seconded by Mr. Bob Ward. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **BGMPO Draft P6.0 Project List**

Ms. Mallette presented the draft P6.0 project list and explained that the TCC made the motion to table the agenda item pending additional information from NCDOT regarding the scoring and evaluation of Regional Impact and Division Needs projects as projects can cascade down to the next funding level. Specifically, the TCC wanted to know if a higher Division Needs project would score higher than a lower scoring Statewide or Regional Impact projects once cascaded.

Mr. Eddie Boswell made a motion table the agenda item until the May 19, 2020 meeting. Mr. Ed Hooks seconded the motion and all of the TAC voted in approval.

### **2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan update**

Ms. Lyuba Zuveya provided an update of the 2045 MTP plan development. 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 be distributed through normal communication channels. The draft plan will be available for a 30-day public review period.

Ms. Zuyeva explained the Triad demand model is better at predicting higher level travel patterns and indicated future congestion along I-40/85 and some interchanges. VHB staff developed a future years projects' scoring methodology for highway and non-highway projects. VHB also projected increment future project funding for 2030 – 2045 in order to develop the MTP fiscally constrained project list and Comprehensive Transportation Plan 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 federal funding.

Chair Williams advised the TAC to provide their comments to VHB and directed VHB to revise the draft project list pending additional comments. Ms. Melody Wiggins made a motion to postpone the review of the draft future years' project list until after the May 12<sup>th</sup> public meeting. Mr. Boswell seconded the motion and all TAC members approved the motion.

### **NCDOT Board of Transportation Update**

BOT Chair Mike Fox provided the NCDOT update and said that state revenues have decreased significantly to the Covid-19 pandemic due to decreases in gas tax revenues and Department of Motor Vehicles fees. The drop in revenue from these sources will result in more than \$300 million in lost revenue for this fiscal year, which ends June 30. NCDOT's response to the estimated shortfall is to not fund new projects unless they are federal funded or required by bond, halting construction and furloughing contracted and temporary workers. NCDOT is expected to fall below the statutorily mandated cash floor of \$293 million and can no longer enter into new contracts. NCDOT is working with the Governor's Office and Legislative Branch to be a part of the state COVID-19 relief package under consideration in addition to federal relief funding.

### **FHWA Update**

No reports or updates were made.

### **NCDOT Division 7 Engineer Status Report**

Mr. Mike Mills provided a brief update 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.

Ms. Melody Wiggins voiced concerns about the possible delay of the Graham repaving project due to fiscal constraints. Mr. Mills explained that some projects are advancing but did not know the specifics of the Graham project at this time.

### **Adjournment**

Chair Williams requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Ward made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Boswell seconded. The TAC unanimously approved the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. The next TAC meeting is scheduled on **May 19, 2020**.