

MINUTES

BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018 9AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Nunn, Burlington
Nathan Page, Graham
Nolan Kirkman, Burlington?
Abigaile Pittman, Orange County
Ralph Gilliam, ACTA?
Dan Danieleley, Burlington Airport?
Pam Graham, Elon
Montrena Hadley, Mebane
Cy Stober, Mebane
Brandon Parker, Gibsonville
Nishith Trivedi, Green Level (Phone)

BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Wannetta Mallette
Carley Maynard

NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Hemang Surti, NCDOT TPD
Mike Mills, NCDOT DIV 7
Joe Geigle, DOT-FHWA ?
Tamara Njegovan, NCDOT DIV 7?
Jon Arnold, NCDOT Div of Aviation
Sarah Lee, NCDOT SPOT
Ed Lewis, NCDOT D7

OTHERS PRESENT:

Aaron Cain, DCHC MPO

Call to Order

Chairman Mike Nunn called the October 16, 2018 TCC meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and introduced all members and guests. Chairman Nunn asked for any speakers from the floor to limit comments to three minutes per speaker. No public comments were made.

Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2018 TCC Meeting

Chairman Nunn asked for an approval of the September 18, 2018 meeting minutes or if any corrections were needed to be made. Chairman Nunn asked for a motion for the approval of minutes. Vice Chairman Page made the motion to approve the September 18, 2018 meeting minutes. Ms. Montrena Hadley seconded the motion and all of TCC 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 TCC 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 told the TCC they could also refer back to the website which has been a great way for them to get more feedback from the public: www.nc54west.com

Mr. Cain explained that their purpose was also to figure out how to accommodate all concerns. Mr. Cain shared the recommendation for NC 119 and Old Fayetteville Road was to add a Media U-turn. Mr. Stober questioned how they planned to functionally prohibit a left hand turn. Mr. Cain responded that it was not a physical barrier. Mr. Ed Lewis stated NCDOT was still in the process of reviewing. Mr. Mills questioned if they had received any negative feedback or concerns from the public workshops. Mr. Mills shared his concerns with the Media U-turn in that area with the Industrial Park getting larger; including the growth in the school and Honda plant. Mr. Mills also questioned how the public meeting was presented. Mr. Cain responded that there were a total of four public meetings between Carrboro, Rigmor House in Chapel Hill, Swepsonville, and Graham. Mr. Cain said their goals would be anything to improve traffic flow and to address any concerns with the school traffic and the industrial park area. Mr. Cain said the study has shown the Media U-turn to have the most benefits at Old Fayetteville Road and provides the least concerns. The consultants are recommending Phase 1 begin almost immediately for SPOT 6.0.

Mr. Mills questioned if anyone from the University is representing the study. Mr. Cain said that UNC was participating. He also said that Carrboro was looking into Transit Alternatives. Mr. Cain shared the concern that DCHC members had shown with widening a road that may potentially flood the streets. Mr. Mills suggested a big Park and Ride lot on the outskirts of town that everyone drive to and ride public

transportation in from there. Mr. Cain agreed and said they would need to get a location identified and a service provided. Mr. Mills also suggested the location be near Chapel Hill or East Carrboro. Mr. Mills questioned if Orange County had shown any concerns with widening the road. Ms. Pittman responded that Orange County was mostly echoing Carrboro. Mr. Trivedi said that Orange County will be providing their comments in November. Mr. Stober suggested the Park and Ride lot would need to accommodate the need for about four different Transit providers; meaning it would need to be a pretty significant Park and Ride site. Mr. Stober also questioned the 20% local match process to pursuing a bike lane- a cost that would be significant prefer to see a roadway for a bike in particular. Mr. Cain said a committee at NCDOT review current Bike Ped projects. Vice Chairman Page asked for a copy of the Pedestrians portions shared use. Mr. Cain said he would try to get those before the TAC meeting.

Data sources for Community Viz model update for the Triad Region

PART will host a Piedmont Triad Regional CommunityViz Project update on October 25, 2018, 1:30 p.m. at its headquarters. All of the parcel level data collection will be completed in all counties (rural and urban) by the date of the meeting.

Vice Chairman Page briefly discussed his concerns with Piedmont Together- SCS Data from what source- and the importance of developing accurate base data to better forecast Alamance County's traffic and needs. Ms. Mallette said Mark Kirstner last presented to the TCC the CommunityViz presentation. Ms. Mallette said it was her understanding the data collection started back last October 2017. Ms. Mallette explained it manually brings business data in house as well as the methodology. Mr. Stober questioned the Traffic Demand Module TAZ. Ms. Mallette responded that there is no funding towards CommunityViz as well as NCDOT- stand-alone by PART. Vice Chairman Page said he would send some emails over to PART to confirm because he believes what is being done and what was presented by PART is not the same.

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 September 18, 2018 TCC meeting, staff presented recommendations for local input points for Division Needs projects. The TCC 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 TCC 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.

Sarah Lee, NCDOT SPOT office presented to the TCC a brief overview of SPOT projects and aviation projects. Ms. Lee said her purpose of today was to educate the TCC members on where aviation fits in and to explain the STI Law Eligibility definitions for Aviation funding. Ms. Lee explained there is an \$18.5 billion dollar legislation cap on Division needs programmed to Aviation projects Statewide per year in STIP (a planning document). Vice Chairman Page asked just for clarity it was said Division 7 would have four projects going on at one point and time but this would have us receiving the total allocation from the State of North Carolina for the year 2025? Ms. Lee said no this is statewide projects; the spending cap is all projects across the State. Mr. Arnold responded the key was local project; that NCDOT sees no reason it shouldn't be submitted as is. Ms. Lee added the goal is to submit the complete project- if it gets in program- don't focus on the cost as much as to submit your needs. Mr. Stober questioned if you had to earmark those points for the next 5 years or just for the one cycle. Ms. Lee responded that is was just this one cycle, the goal was to boost this project for P5 and that you would start over completely for SPOT 6.0. Vice Chairman Page stated he thought there was some discussion made about the \$22.3 being the cost to NCDOT that there was some additional funds that might have been available from FAA or other entity would have provided 90% of the funds. Mr. Danieleley said no, STI funding is 100%. Vice Chairman Page questioned if the \$18.5 million has an impact on the Division allocation; which for Division 7 is currently 20 million. Mr. Mills responded that it was more around 15-16 million by the time it takes out STPDA money. Vice Chairman Page confirmed if they were to go this route would it subtract that 7.42 from that **quota**? Ms. Lee responded assuming that that was the only project in Division 7, than that would be the only project coming out of Division 7's Division Needs Project. Mr. Mills also responded by saying the Division normally supports other non-highway especially if it scores high they typically will put points on those projects. Mr. Lewis explained there was a committed window of each STIP- 5 year window. Mr. Danieleley said if the scenario were that it scored high -environmental assessments -smaller amount in the first year -master plan - spread out between several years.

Mr. Stober said he feels like he has a better understanding now- available highway funds in the next 5 years. Chairman Nunn said it was the same process; TAC has voted the projects all the way through. Mr. Stober responded that the timeline is very helpful in this matter as well. Ms. Graham commented that the Town of Elon would like an update as well. Ms. Mallette said there is a list of all scoring division needs- the next two projects that score the highest. Ms. Graham explained that Elon is now supporting the two Harden Street Elon projects. Ms. Mallette said BGMPO staff has received local commitment letters from City of Burlington, Town of Elon and Graham. Ms. Mallette explained to the TCC that staff is recommending the TAC allocate local input points (100 points each) to the Draft P5.0 Division Needs Project List by the November 2, 2018

deadline. Page commented 20% non-highway with exception of aviation P5.0 Division Project list? Mr. Cy Stober made a motion to recommend that the TAC allocate the local input points and Mr. Brandon Parker seconded the motion. All of TCC voted in approval.

Gibsonville Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative Resolution

The Town of Gibsonville is applying for a NCDOT 2019 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant to develop a Comprehensive Bicycle Plan. Since the grant requires BGMPO support by resolution, Mr. Parker asked that the TCC recommend TAC approval of resolution. Ms. Montrena Hadley made a motion to recommend to the TAC approval of the Gibsonville Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative Resolution. Ms. Pamela Graham seconded the motion and all of TCC voted in approval.

NCDOT Division Engineer Report

Mr. Mills briefly went over the NCDOT Division Engineer Report; stating no changes since last month's report. Ms. Pittman said she finds the DOT website challenging to read and questioned if the Division Engineer Report can be found somewhere on the website. Mr. Mills asked if there were any improvements they could work on or make it more readable he would try and do so. Ms. Pittman said as the planner for Orange County she would like to have the report earlier to present at her meetings.

NCDOT TPD Update

Mr. Surti reported CTP 2.0 was ongoing and no release of the map templates. Mr. Surti told the TCC that the last training session on the CTP 2.0 was held at the end of August. Mr. Surti was able to provide an example of what the map templates will look like in CTP 2.0. Mr. Surti suggested forming a steering committee amongst the TCC and then to follow a kick off of meetings to familiarize everyone with the new process.

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 the 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.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Dan Danieleley made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Montrena Hadley seconded the motion. All TCC members voted in favor. Chairman Nunn adjourned the TCC meeting at 10:23 a.m. The next TCC meeting is scheduled on **January 15, 2018.**