

MINUTES

BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE TUESDAY May 16, 2017 9AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sean Tencer, Elon
Nolan Kirkman, Burlington
Theo Letman, Orange County Transit
Amy Nelson, Burlington
Nathan Page, Graham
Aaron Holland, Graham
Daniel Danieleley, Burlington Airport
Montrena Hadley, Mebane
Cy Stober, City of Mebane
Brandon Parker, Gibsonville
Ben York, Village of Alamance
Libby Hodges, Alamance County
Lanny Rhew, Burlington
Ralph Gilliam, ACTA
Mike Mills, Division 7

BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Mike Nunn
Wannetta Mallette
Carley Maynard

NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Ed Lewis, Division 7
Michael Orr, TPB

OTHERS PRESENT

Brooke Kochanski, PART
Sarah McGuire, PART
Frank Glover, City of Graham
Ryan Allshouse, Graham
Peter Murphy, Orange County Transit

Call to Order

Chairman Kirkman called the May 16, 2017 TCC meeting to order and introduced all members and guests. Chairman Kirkman asked for any speakers from the floor to limit comments to 3 minutes per speaker. No speakers were present and no changes to the agenda were made.

Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2017 TTC Meeting

Chairman Kirkman asked for any comments or corrections to the minutes from March 21, 2017 TCC meeting. Nathan Page made a motion to approve the minutes and Abigaile Pittman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PART Express Route Changes Update

Brooke Kochanski, PART Manager of Marketing and Communications announced the grand opening of the new PART Transportation Center on May 17, 2017 and presented an update of PART system changes. The update included an evaluation of funding, capital investments, routes and ridership by service area. As a result, a new fare equalization structure was created for PART’s urban and rural routes. Proposed express route changes:

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| Route 1 Winston Salem | Discontinue Federal Building stop, add Innovation Quarter stop |
| Route 3 High Point | Designate fixed/timed bus stops along Hwy 68 |
| Routes 1, 2 and 3 | Extended weekday service to 9:30 p.m. |
| Route 4 Alamance/ Burlington | Additional AM and PM rush hour bus and discontinue Whitsett stop |
| Route 5 Amtrak Connector | Schedule will now coincide train schedule |
| Route 6 Surry County | Add stop at King, combine Route 12, and discontinue Novant Frontis and Kimel Park stops. |
| Route 8 Davidson County | Discontinued, vanpool offered |
| Route 10 Randolph County | Greensboro hospital stops discontinued, reduce headways, expand service |
| Route 13 Yadkin County | Discontinued, vanpool offered |
| Route 14 Davie County | Discontinued, vanpool offered |
| Route 17 Kernersville/ Winston-Salem Shuttle | Additional mid-day VA Center service |
| Route 18 - Kernersville/ PART Regional Hub | Additional mid-day service |
| Airport Shuttles | Extended service to 9:30 p.m. and Saturday service beginning September 30th |

The proposed changes will be presented at the next PART Board meeting on Wednesday May 17, 2017. PART is soliciting public comments until the date of the scheduled public hearing June 14, 2017.

Southern Loop Transportation Model Analysis

Michael Orr, NCDOT-Transportation Planning Branch (TPB) presented an overview of the Southern Loop planning level traffic study and the TPB’s revised recommendations. The TPB acknowledged the Graham City Council October 2016 resolution not to protect the Southern Loop’s right-of-way. The TPB conducted the analysis to assess the impact of the Southern Loop MTP-2040 highway system removal. The study scope was limited to the immediate vicinity of NC 49 to Cherry Lane (SR 2123) in Graham. The model

analysis indicated the Southern Loop's removal will diminish the level of service (LOS E) on a portion of NC-87 south of I-40 by year 2040. NCDOT-TPB advised the TCC to take no action to remove the Southern Loop from the CTP until after the CTP is revised in conjunction with the development of the next MTP (due for adoption in year 2020). The CTP update is expected to take 18 months.

Nathan Page confirmed that Graham City Council began the process of removing the Southern Loop from its planning maps and would not approve any alternatives proposed within city limits but is not opposed to NCDOT protecting the Southern Loop right-of-way.

Division Engineer Report

Mike Mills reported that the proposed widening of NC 62 public meeting held on May 15, 2017 was well attended and over 21 public comments were submitted. NCDOT will host another public meeting next Spring to present draft plans. Construction is expected to begin 2020.

Mr. Mills then provided an overview of BGMPO Project List. The list will be emailed to TCC members as the handout contained a few errors. The following projects were highlighted:

- Church Street @ Williamson and Church Street @ Graham-Hopedale Road intersection improvements are scheduled for construction, summer 2018.
- Mebane-Oaks @ I-40 interchange is funded and design work completed.
- The 119 Bypass (Section A) bid letting is scheduled on May 9. The project is on a very aggressive construction schedule.
- The 119 (Section B) will begin right-of-way acquisition, summer 2017 with contract letting in 2018

Other Business

Wannetta Mallette reported that the BGMPO is in the process of updating its website. RFP's were solicited last month and Granite Sky Civic Design was selected as the Consultant. The \$21,800 contract is pending NCDOT approval. The project is expected to begin June 2017 and take approximately 17 weeks to complete. TCC members are listed as project stakeholders and are requested to provide content and site review during the beta testing phase.

Ms. Mallette requested TCC members forward any additional SPOT 5.0 projects by June 1, 2017.

Mike Nunn presented the Link Transit update. Link Transit will celebrate its one-year anniversary on June 6, 2017 and will commemorate the event, June 5 - 9 with week-long promotions including "Fare Free Week" and giveaways at the Worth Street

transfer center. Link Transit exceeded 75,000 riders in April, and predicts over 80,000 annual riders by June; an average of 6,800 riders per month. Over 50% of the riders are using the Link Transit system for school, work, shopping and medical trips. The Red, Purple, and Orange routes are the system's highest demand routes. Transdev ranked Link Transit highest in safety of all of its similarly-sized systems in the region.

Link Transit offers riders the capability of tracking real-time bus route information via the TransLoc App, texting Link Transit the stop number to determine bus arrival times, or calling Link Transit Customer Service, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mr. Nunn said Link Transit future plans include:

- Accepting credit cards for fare payments
- More fare options - 30 day pass, etc.
- Additional bus shelters (an \$8,000 to \$10,000 investment)
- Sidewalk connection improvements, and
- Evaluating extension of weekday service hours and weekend service

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairman Kirkman adjourned the TCC meeting at 9:53 a.m. The next TCC meeting is scheduled on August 15, 2017.