

MINUTES

BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 9AM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Ward, Burlington (Vice Chair)
Leonard Williams, Gibsonville (Chair)
Don Tichy, Village of Alamance
Jamezetta Bedford, Orange County
Carissa Graves, Green Level
Eddie Boswell, Alamance County
Ron Klepcyk, Elon
Ken Jacobs, Whitsett

OTHERS PRESENT

Nathan Page, Graham
Nishith Trivedi, Orange County
Terry Arellano, VHB
Lyuba Zuyeva, VHB
Jesse Day, PTRC
Anna Leonard, PTRC
Jim Sikes, Elon Resident
Bill Mann, Elon Resident
Kay Sykes, Elon Resident
Alaina Kennedy, Elon Resident
Jack, Elon Resident

BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

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

NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Mike Mills, NCDOT Division 7
Ed Lewis, NCDOT Division 7
Tamara Njegovan, NCDOT Division 7
Andy Bailey, NCDOT TPD

Call to Order

Chair Williams called the May 21, 2019 TAC meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. and introduced all members and guests. Ms. Mallette gave a special introduction to BGMPO's new intern, Julian Griffee.

Chair Williams then presented the agenda for adoption. The TCC recommended the TAC table Agenda item #4. TAC also took action to move Agenda item #9 Division Engineer Report to Item #3 due to Mr. Mills having another obligation to attend. Mr. Don Tichy made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Eddie Boswell seconded the motion and all TAC members approved the amended agenda.

Chair Williams asked if there were any speakers from the floor. Elon residents of Shallowford Church Road and Spanish Oak Road presented to the TCC members transportation concerns rising in their neighborhood due to the Timmons Group developer proposing to develop the property into 47 single-family lots in two phases. The residents of Elon were allowed the floor 3 minutes per speaker. Each resident expressed their concerns for the upcoming changes to their quiet neighborhood. They did not feel their neighborhood could accommodate the increase in traffic and had many concerns for traffic safety one changes took place. Residents proposed a gate be put in place at the end of their street to stop traffic from using their neighborhood as a cut through street. Mr. Mills said that it would be difficult to restrict traffic from going through the neighborhood; it is a state maintained road and legally cannot restrict developer of apartments from using it. Mr. Mills suggested increasing the number of speed limit signs on that road.

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

Approval of Minutes from April 16, 2019 TAC Meeting

Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the April 16, 2019 TAC meeting minutes.

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.

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 TAC that they 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 MPOs may or may not complete projects this fiscal year because it requires a \$25,000 local match.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Ron Klepcyk 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. Ms. Carissa Graves seconded the motion and all of TAC voting in favor.

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.

The TAC had no questions regarding the SPOT 6.0 update.

Draft BGMPO Criteria for Identification of P6.0 Projects

Mr. Page presented the draft BGMPO criteria for identification of P6.0 projects. Mr. Page explained the BGMPO window for accepting P6.0 projects is July 1 - August 30, 2019. Mr. Page stated that the P6.0 subcommittee approved criteria for BGMPO candidate project submissions at its April 16, 2019 meeting. Mr. Page encouraged TAC members that the matrix can be used as a screening tool to better evaluate whether their projects would score well. Mr. Page said TCC discussed recommending a submission cap of 10 projects per mode. Ms. Mallette stated Staff and the TCC recommend the option of the matrix to use as a screening tool for SPOT 6.0.

Ms. Mallette recommended adoption and approval of the matrix as a screening tool for member jurisdictions. Mr. Ron Klepcyk made the motion that TAC adopt and approve the BGMPO P6.0 criteria and candidate project submission list as a screening tool for member jurisdictions. Mr. Eddie Boswell seconded the motion and all of TAC voted in approval.

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 TAC members to partner and support this project as well as take advantage of the training opportunities throughout the region.

TAC members reviewed and discussed the Passenger Rail Project.

BGMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update

Ms. Arellano introduced herself to the TAC and said she was representing VHB whom had been contracted by the BGMPO to conduct the MTP update. Ms. Arellano explained to the TAC 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 TAC that majority of the MTP development process could be found on the project's website www.bgmppogettingthere2045.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 TAC 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 TPD Update

Mr. Andy Bailey, TPD NCDOT introduced himself to the TCC stating Mr. Vreeland had another obligation to attend and at the time there was no update to the NCDOT TPD.

Other Business

Ms. Mallette reminded the TAC of the P6.0 Project Submission deadline, August 30, 2019.

Mr. Page invited the TAC to the Impact Alamance dinner featuring Chuck Marohn, June 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m and also the breakfast June 21, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Ron Klepcyk made a motion to adjourn and Ms. Carissa Graves seconded the motion. All TAC members voted in favor. The TAC meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. The next TAC meeting is scheduled on August 20, 2019.