

MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019
9AM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sean Tencer, Haw River
Montrena Hadley, Mebane
Brandon Parker, Gibsonville
Nishith Trivedi, Orange County
Cy Stober, Mebane (Vice Chair)
Amy Nelson, Burlington
Nolan Kirkman, Burlington
Mike Nunn, Burlington
Nathan Page, Graham (Chair)
Amy Nelson, Burlington
Tonya Caddle, Alamance County

BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Wannetta Mallette
Carley Maynard

NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

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

FHWA STAFF PRESENT

Joe Geigle

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Kirstner, PART

Call to Order

Chair Nathan Page called the March 19, 2019 TCC meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and introduced all members and guests. Chair Page then presented the agenda for adoption. Mr. Sean Tencer requested that Item #3 *Town of Haw River PL Fund Request* be tabled until after more information is obtained from area transportation projects and plans. All TCC members approved the amended agenda. Chair Page asked if there were any speakers from the floor. No public comments were made.

Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2019 TCC Meeting

Chair Page requested a motion to approve the January 15, 2019 TCC meeting minutes. Mr. Nishith Trivedi made a motion to approve as corrected. Mr. Mike Mills seconded the motion and all of TCC voted in approval.

City of Mebane PL Fund Request

Vice Chair Cy Stober, Mebane Development Director, made a funding request in the amount of \$40,000 in MPO PL planning funds to develop the NC 119 Corridor Plan.

The purpose of the study is to improve projected level of service conditions along NC 119 between Trollingwood Hawfields Road and NC 54 and minimize impacts to Hawfields Presbyterian Church as the result of new roadway improvements. Vice Chair Stober explained that the NCDOT STIP project (U-6013) to widen NC 119 from Lowe's Boulevard to Trollingwood Hawfields Road will create congestion to south according to the 2040 Piedmont Regional Travel Model. Any new roadway improvements are expected to include bicycle and pedestrian friendly design for improved multimodal access.

Vice Chair Stober said the City of Graham and Alamance County are in support of the project at the staff level. Public engagement efforts will include a minimum of three public meetings and target property owners that may be impacted by the project. The City of Mebane acknowledges that a 20% PL funding local match is required. Vice Chair Stober also agreed to submit one project invoice before July 1st.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Tencer made a motion to recommend TCC approve City of Mebane's request for \$40,000 in PL planning funds to conduct the NC 119 Corridor Plan. Ms. Tonya Caddle seconded the motion and all TCC voted in approval.

Draft BGMPO Criteria for Identification of P6.0 Projects

The BGMPO window for accepting P6.0 projects is April 1 - May 31, 2019. Chair Page explained that the TCC P6.0 Subcommittee developed the criteria for candidate project submissions that align with existing NCDOT project scoring criteria. Chair Page explained that the P6.0 matrix can be used as a screening tool for project selection and that local jurisdictions would be able to rely on their own data. In addition, the TCC Subcommittee recommends establishing a project submission cap due to the number of projects the MPO received in the past.

Mr. Tencer asked if the P6.0 matrix would be financially burdensome for smaller jurisdictions. Chair Page responded additional staff time may be required but he does not anticipate any additional cost using the tool. Ms. Wannetta Mallette added that last year the MPO developed a project data sheet that members completed with whatever information was readily available. Ms. Mallette said the more data the jurisdiction can provide including purpose, need, and specific project type the likely the project will be evaluated favorably under SPOT criteria. Mr. Ed Lewis stressed the importance of being specific as to the location, logical termini and corridor segmentation.

Mr. Geigle questioned the volume to capacity ratio, highway width, and paved shoulder width criteria point category limits. Chair Page replied that paved shoulders should meet NCDOT design standards and the minimum width for a paved shoulder to

accommodate bicycles is 4 ft. He added there are a number of rural roads that are substandard. Chairman Page agreed to provide a corrected highway matrix that tabulates points. He briefly described the MPO SPOT project submittal process and said it would be beneficial for BGMPO staff to have an idea of the number of project submissions. Chair Page requested the TCC submit a few projects using the screening tool.

Mr. Nolan Kirkman expressed concern that the screening tool would limit the number of project submissions. He recommended not limiting project submittals and using the matrix to screen a few projects. After further discussion, Vice Chair Stober made a motion to table *Agenda Item #5 Draft BGMPO Criteria for Identification of P6.0 Projects* until the next TCC meeting. Mr. Trivedi seconded the motion and all TCC voted in favor.

Local Match Resolution for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

Mr. Nish Trivedi presented a resolution in support of eliminating or reducing the local match requirement for independent bicycle and pedestrian projects. He said the effort is promoting a change in STI law and not NCDOT funding allocations. Mr. Trivedi said he is unaware of any NC MPOs passing similar resolutions. He said that the RPOs plan to forward their resolutions to the NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Division. Mr. Nunn recommended tabling the resolution until more information is known. Vice Chair Stober made a motion to table *Agenda Item #6 Local match requirement Resolution for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects* until. Mr. Nunn seconded the motion and all of TCC voted in approval.

NC Moves 2050

Mr. Andy Bailey announced that NCDOT is conducting an update to its long-range transportation plan that will guide North Carolina's future transportation policies and investments. NC Moves 2050 is envisioned to create a more responsive, diverse and inclusive transportation system to keep people and freight moving safely and efficiently across the state. Mr. Bailey presented an overview of the planning process to date. Mr. Bailey told the TCC its opinion is critical and NCDOT is soliciting public comments until April 30, 2019 at ncdot.gov/ncmoves. Mr. Bailey then facilitated a Q & A session.

NCDOT Division Engineer Report

Mr. Mills briefly reviewed the March 2019 Division Engineer Report. He also announced two public meetings - Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Hawfields Presbyterian Church regarding the widening of NC 119 from Trollingwood-Hawfields Road to

Lowes Boulevard from 4 - 7 p.m. and the widening of NC 62 from I-40/85 to US 70. Mr. Mills also received a request for sidewalks in Saxapahaw that he directed to Ms. Caddle.

NCDOT TPD Update

Mr. Bailey announced the release of NCDOT Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) templates. He expects to provide the schedule for the CTP update at the next TCC meeting.

Other Business

Two BGMPO projects will be considered for High Impact/Low Cost project funding - NC 61 @ NC 100 intersection improvements and NC 49 @ Green Level Church Road/James Boswell Road realign offset side streets.

The City of Burlington on March 5, 2019 approved the VHB contract in the amount of \$126,179.18 to conduct the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) update. A Stakeholder Kick-off Meeting is scheduled on April 17, 2019 at Impact Alamance, 133 E. Davis Street, Burlington. TCC volunteers were asked to serve on a MTP Steering Committee.

The annual NCAMPO conference will be held April 24-26, Charlotte, NC.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, Mr. Mills made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Nunn seconded the motion. All TCC members voted in favor. The TCC meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m. The next TCC meeting is scheduled on April 16, 2019.