

**BURLINGTON – GRAHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY AUGUST 17, 2021, 5:30 PM
The meeting held remotely via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Leonard Williams, Gibsonville (Chair)
Bob Ward, Burlington (Vice Chair)
Monti Allison, Elon
Lee Lovette, Haw River
Ken Jacobs, Whitsett
Melody Wiggins, Graham
Carissa Graves Hunter, Green Level

GUESTS

Natasha Earle-Young
Patty Philipps, Mebane
Yvonne Maizland, Gibsonville

NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Stephen Robinson, NCDOT Division 7

FHWA STAFF PRESENT

Suzette Morales

BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Wannetta Mallette
Blake Cashmore
Mike Nunn

Call to Order

Chair Leonard Williams called the August 17, 2021 TAC meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests. Ms. Wannetta Mallette conducted the roll call of members and determined a quorum.

Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the revised draft agenda after a request was made to move agenda item #5 to agenda item #3. Mr. Bob Ward made the motion to approve the revised agenda, seconded by Mr. Monti Allison. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote. The NC Ethics Statement for TAC members was read and no known conflicts of interest were identified. Chair Williams recognized those wanting to make public comments. No public comments were made. Chair Williams then requested a motion to approve the May 18 and June 15, 2021 meeting minutes. Ms. Melody Wiggins made the motion to approve the May and June meeting minutes. Mr. Lee Lovette seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

2020 - 2025 TIP Amendments

Mr. Blake Cashmore presented the STIP amendments adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation during their July and August 2021 meetings. Mr. Cashmore explained EB-5879 is a sidewalk construction project that extends along US 70 from Graham Hopedale Road to Sellars Mill Road. The proposed change is to delay ROW acquisition to 2022. U-6014 is a Graham Hopedale Road highway project from West Hanover Road to Morningside Drive. The

proposed changes included delaying ROW acquisition to 2023 and revising the construction costs. Mr. Cashmore also presented seven additional statewide transit and CMAQ projects that were modifications or additions to the TIP. The TAC raised no comments or questions regarding the TIP amendments. Chair Williams asked for a motion to approve the July and August TIP amendments. Mr. Ward made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Wiggins. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NC Moves 2050 Resiliency Element

Ms. Natasha Earle-Young stated that in 2018, as part of State Executive Order 80, NCDOT was tasked with developing an Annual Resiliency Strategy Report and the NC General Assembly authorized funding for resiliency programming. One of the programs developed through these funds is the Flood Inundation Mapping and Alert Network (FIMAN-T). FIMAN-T is a state-wide system that allows local emergency response agencies to monitor and respond to active flood threats in real-time. As part of the NC Moves 2050 Plan, NCDOT will support community-based resiliency approaches. Secondary goals and objectives for these action steps were also developed that prioritizes enhanced coordination with MPOs. Ms. Earle-Young stated that 17 strategies were developed that will be enacted over the next 12 months as part of the resiliency program. One of these strategies is a vulnerability assessment of US 70 that will evaluate threats and recommend mitigation measures. Another strategy will be the requirement to incorporate resiliency considerations in MTP updates. Ms. Earle-Young shared a dashboard developed by NCDOT that displays the flood risk for primary roads across North Carolina. The data in these dashboards can be incorporated into the MTP and CTP project selection and prioritization process. Ms. Earle-Young added NCDOT is developing a flood inundation study of rail corridors across North Carolina. The resiliency data is found on the NCDOT Making Transportation Resilient webpage. Ms. Earle-Young concluded her presentation by outlining next steps, which include finalizing resiliency policy, conducting benefit-cost analyses of resilience projects, and continuing internal and external collaborative opportunities for resiliency planning. There being no questions, Chair Williams thanked Ms. Earle-Young for her informative presentation.

NCDOT Draft CTP Update

Ms. Mallette said draft CTP summaries and maps were forwarded to local governments for review and comments and there would be additional opportunity to add or revise projects during the public comment period tentatively scheduled in January. She requested the TAC provide their additional comments or projects to NCDOT-TPD.

Agency Reports and Updates

FHWA: Ms. Suzette Morales stated there was a proposal to change the definition for urban areas in the most recent census. The US Census Office received substantial input on this issue. The Census Office plans to finish reviewing comments, January 2022. After the official definition is adopted, FHWA will make their determinations for the MPOs and RPOs by Fall 2022. In addition, FHWA will review urban roadway classifications as minor collectors are not part of the federal aid program system. Ms. Morales also gave an update on the *RAISE*

program, which replaced the previous TIGER and BUILD grant programs. FHWA is currently reviewing grant applications and the results will be posted on the FHWA website.

NCDOT-Division 7: Mr. Stephen Robinson presented the Division Engineer report and highlighted a few projects since the last update: a new Greensboro/Chapel Hill Road @ Snow Camp all-way stop and new crosswalks at S. Church @ Edgewood and St. Mark Church @ Boone Station. Mr. Robinson also reported that SPOT 6.0 will be postponed after quantitative scores are released due to funding shortfalls. Workgroups are meeting to decide how best to move forward.

BGMPO: Ms. Mallette said the MPO and NCDOT approved the Highway Safety Plan (HSP) Scope of Services and awarded the contract to VHB, Inc. one of NCDOT's on-call consultants. The HSP project team met with the consultant to review the scope, answer questions, and approve a tentative project schedule. At the conclusion of the procurement process in September a project kick-off meeting will be scheduled in October.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Williams requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Ward made the motion, seconded by Ms. Wiggins. Following the vote, Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled on October 19, 2021.