

MINUTES

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021
5:00 PM**

HELD VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Leonard Williams, Gibsonville (Chair)
Bob Ward, Burlington (Vice Chair)
Melody Wiggins, Graham
Monti Allison, Elon
Mike Fox, BOT
Ken Jacobs, Whitsett
Steve Carter, Alamance County

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Rhine

BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Wannetta Mallette
Blake Cashmore

NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Stephen Robinson, Division 7
Daryl Vreeland, TPD

FHWA PRESENT

Suzette Morales

Call to Order

Chair Leonard Williams called the March 23, 2021 TAC meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. and welcomed all members and guests. Ms. Wannetta Mallette conducted the membership roll call and determined a quorum. Mr. Mike Fox requested future meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. to allow members time to login and the TAC agreed.

Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the draft agenda. Mr. Steve Carter made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Bob Ward. 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.

Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2021 TAC Meeting

Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Mr. Mike Fox made the motion and Ms. Melody Wiggins seconded the motion. The motion to approve the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes carried by unanimous voice vote.

FY22 Unified Planning Work Program

Ms. Mallette explained the revisions made to the draft FY22 UPWP during the public comment period ending March 15, 2021: deleting the US 70 West Special Study as the project will be fully funded by the DCHC MPO; changing the Highway Safety Plan funding category as the study was fully funded by NCDOT; identifying the Mebane Park and Ride relocation study as a FY21 carry-over project; and including the BGMPO Traffic Data Count program as a Special Study. The regional traffic count study was postponed from FY21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Ms. Mallette said the TCC approved the draft FY22 UPWP and requested TAC approval and to certify the UPWP adheres to the 3-C transportation planning process by resolution. Chair Williams opened and closed the public hearing after receiving no additional public comments. There being no questions or further discussion, Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the FY22 UPWP and certify the planning process. Mr. Carter made the motion seconded by Vice Chair Ward. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

2021 Transit Performance Measures and Targets

Ms. Mallette provided an overview of the BGMPO 2021 Transit Performance Measures and Targets developed in collaboration with its five regional transit agencies. MPOs have 180 days to set performance targets after receipt of transit agency safety plans. MPOs are then required to integrate transit safety targets within their TIPs and MTPs updated or amended after July 20, 2021.

Mr. Carter questioned the disparity of ACTA's and PART's 2019 - 2020 actual targets and the 2021 MPO targets. Mr. Scott Rhine explained transit agencies performance is tied to their respective transit asset management plans and agencies are required to demonstrate a state of good repair. As the Burlington-Graham region transit agencies operate both fixed and non-fixed route systems, the MPO had the option to set regional targets.

There being no further discussion, Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the BGMPO 2021 Transit Performance Measures and Targets. Mr. Fox made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Monti Allison. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

BGMPO Local Input Point Methodology

Ms. Mallette presented an overview of revisions to the BGMPO Local Input Points Methodology including the new SPOT local input points flex policy, the process for donating local input points between MPO's and Divisions, and the BGMPO local input

point allocation process. She explained the BGMPO can allocate a total of 1,400 points to Regional Impact and Division Needs projects. MPOs are required to use at least two criteria (one being quantitative) to evaluate and rank projects before assigning local input points. Ms. Mallette then outlined the remaining STIP development schedule. The SPOT Office is expected to release the quantitative scores of all projects by late summer.

There being no discussion, the Chair asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Wiggins made the motion to approve the BGMPO P6.0 Local Input Point Methodology. Vice Chair Ward seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

FY 2020 - 2025 TIP and 2045 MTP Amendments

Ms. Mallette presented the BGMPO TIP and MTP project updates made to align with recent STIP project amendments. The STIP Office is requesting MPOs implement a process to approve TIP amendments on a more frequent basis so that federal project funding is authorized as soon as possible. Ms. Mallette explained this may result in increasing the TAC meeting frequency.

Ms. Mallette reported the TCC approved the TIP amendments and directed staff to investigate the possibility of establishing a subcommittee to review transportation projects that require inter-jurisdictional coordination and planning in addition to approving TIP amendments.

Chair Williams called for the vote. Ms. Wiggins made the motion to approve the TIP and MTP amendments by resolution. Mr. Fox seconded the motion and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

NCDOT Board of Transportation Update

Mr. Fox reported that NCDOT's financial condition continues to improve, and smaller funded projects are advancing. NCDOT allocated approximately \$30 million to roadside environmental and litter pickup. He encouraged TAC members to sponsor or volunteer with the state's Adopt-A-Highway program. Mr. Carter inquired about reimbursement funding for detainees to assist with the county litter pickup program. Mr. Fox will determine the financial impacts and report back. He also expressed appreciation of local agencies willingness to assist with state efforts.

Agency Reports and Updates

FHWA: Ms. Morales informed the TAC of an AASHTO webinar that will explain the proposed changes to the criteria for defining urban areas based on the results of the 2020 Decennial Census.

NCDOT-TPD: Mr. Daryl Vreeland provided website links to the NC First Commission Report and the FHWA freight study “Current Developments in Connected and Automated Trucks”.

NCDOT-Division 7: Mr. Stephen Robinson announced the letting of I-40 @ Mebane Oaks Road interchange improvements and the completion of the Durham Street @ Elmira Street all-way stops intersection improvements. He reported that intersection improvements at S. Church Street and University Drive would be delayed until April 19, 2022 with an anticipated completion date in FY24.

BGMPO: Mr. Blake Cashmore reported the MPO is in the process of drafting the Highway Safety Plan RFP.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Williams called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fox made the motion, seconded by Mr. Allison. The meeting adjourned 6:30 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled on **May 18, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.**