

**MINUTES**

**BURLINGTON-GRAHAM URBAN AREA  
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019  
5PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bob Ward, Burlington (Vice Chair)  
Lee Kimrey, Graham  
Amy Galey, Alamance County  
Jamezetta Bedford, Orange County  
Jim Butler, Burlington  
Eddie Boswell, Alamance County  
Ron Klepcyk, Elon  
Ken Jacobs, Whitsett  
Ed Hooks, Mebane

BGMPO STAFF PRESENT

Wannetta Mallette  
Carley Maynard

NCDOT STAFF PRESENT

Mike Mills, NCDOT Division 7  
Tamara Njegovan, NCDOT Division 7

OTHERS PRESENT

Lyuba Zuyeva, VHB  
Scott Rhine, PART

FHWA STAFF PRESENT

Joe Geigle

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Ward called the August 20, 2019 TAC meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. and introduced all members and guests. Vice Chairman Ward then presented the agenda for adoption. No changes to the agenda were made. Vice Chairman Ward asked speakers from the floor to limit comments to three minutes per speaker. No public comments were made.

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 May 21, 2019 TAC Meeting**

Vice Chairman Ward requested a motion to approve the May 21, 2019 TAC meeting minutes. Mr. Ron Klepcyk made a motion to approve the May 21, 2019 TAC meeting minutes. Mr. Eddie Boswell seconded the motion and all of TAC voted in approval.

**FY2020 Amended UPWP**

The BGMPO is required by federal regulations to prepare an annual work program, the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which details planning activities conducted

with the use of federal transportation funds. The TAC adopted the BGMPO 2020 UPWP at its January 15, 2019 meeting. Since that time, revisions were made to reflect the annual allocation in addition to a statewide allocation of available PL 2018 closeout funding. The UPWP was amended to reflect formatting changes requested by NCDOT TPD.

Ms. Mallette spoke on the UPWP and FY20 allocation letter, informing the TAC members that the work program was amended to more accurately describe the work programs, carryover funding items, and special studies which will be conducted within the next fiscal year and respective estimated budgets. Ms. Mallette stated no changes were made to individual line item budgets. Ms. Mallette stated that the TCC recommended the TAC approve and adopt the amended FY 2019 - 2020 UPWP by resolution. Mr. Ed Hooks made the motion that was seconded by Mr. Jim Butler. All of the TAC voted in approval.

### **BGMPO Performance Targets**

Ms. Mallette provided a brief overview of the BGMPO Performance Targets. She said the MAP-21 and FAST Act established the framework for states and MPOs to integrate performance measures and targets into their transportation planning processes. The MPO is required to set and show demonstrable progress towards meeting performance targets and reflect those targets in their TIPs, MTPs and MPO Planning Agreements with transit agencies, NCDOT and other planning partners. MPO's can agree to adopt NCDOT's targets or commit to developing its own quantifiable performance measures. Ms. Mallette added that the state is required to establish performance targets in support of meeting these federal national performance goals. The MPO is required to coordinate with the state, NCDOT and transit providers when establishing performance targets. The states must adopt safety performance targets by August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The MPOs must establish their targets within 180 days of the state establishing and reporting its targets or no later than February 27<sup>th</sup> of the following year. The FHWA and NCDOT approved a BGMPO extension request in adopting its 2019 targets.

Mr. Hooks asked about accidents along I-40/85 in the vicinity of the Mebane Oaks Road interchange. Mr. Mills responded that NCDOT reviews every accident and fatality in the area Mr. Hooks was referring to and is aware where hydroplaning often occurs. NCDOT began using an open graded friction course on the final paved riding surface along the interstate. Mr. Mills said driver behavior and bald tires are also contributing factors.

Mr. Kimrey asked about the process of achieving the state's performance targets. Mr. Geigle explained that safety targets are set with the goal of reducing the state's fatality rate in half by 2030 and are based on annual targets tied to transportation improvement funding identified in the Strategic Highway Improvement Plan. Mr. Kimrey then asked

what impact new technological advances will have on meeting the state's targets. Mr. Geigle responded the safety plan is a short-range plan and the impact of technology is a number of years away and may have little to no impact. Mr. Kimrey then asked if any agencies have adopted their own targets because he does not feel comfortable endorsing any level of risk or fatalities. Mr. Geigle replied that cost and funding were factors in developing the state's targets and more funding is needed to achieve the goal of zero fatalities. Ms. Mallette added no other MPO in the state have developed their own performance targets due to time and cost constraints. She went on to say that she would task the MTP consultant with weighing the benefits of the BGMPO developing its performance targets. Mr. Geigle cautioned that if the MPO selects its own targets it would be subject to additional scrutiny that includes project selection during the Prioritization process. Mr. Geigle added that nothing precludes the MPO from adopting additional measures and programs above and beyond the state targets.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Kimrey made a motion that the TAC adopt NCDOT's performance targets for 2019. Mr. Eddie Boswell seconded the motion and all of TAC voted in favor.

### **Triangle Region Air Quality Conformity**

Ms. Mallette explained that the Triangle Transportation Conformity Determination Report (CDR) demonstrates that the BGMPO planning documents meet the clean air act and transportation conformity rule requirements. The CDR discusses the applicability of air quality regulations, the emissions budgets (i.e., thresholds for pollutant emissions), the financial, land use and transportation planning assumptions, and the methodology for calculating emissions for each county within the Triangle urbanized area. Ms. Mallette recommended the TCC release the draft CDR for public review in accordance with the BGMPO Public Involvement Plan. Ms. Mallette said that this was a rolling public review process among the three MPOs (BGMPO, DCHC MPO, and the Capital MPO).

Mr. Ron Klepcyk made a motion to recommend TAC release the draft Triangle CDR for public review. Mr. Ed Hooks seconded the motion and all of the TAC voted in approval.

### **BGMPO Title VI Plan Update**

Ms. Mallette presented the updated BGMPO Title VI Plan. The plan was developed to guide the MPO in its administration and management of Title VI-related activities. The Office of Civil Rights requested MPOs update Title VI Plans to be in compliance with current federal and state guidelines. The report is available on the BGMPO website at

[www.bgmpo.org](http://www.bgmpo.org). NCDOT completed its review of the draft BGMPO Title VI plan this May 2019.

Mr. Ken Jacobs made a motion that the TAC adopt and approve the BGMPO Title VI Plan by resolution. Mr. Jim Butler seconded the motion and all of TAC voted in favor.

### **SPOT 6.0 Update**

Ms. Mallette presented an overview of the Prioritization process and explained that the BGMPO P6.0 Project Submission Schedule was updated to reflect the SPOT Office extension for P6.0 online project submissions to May 1, 2020. The BGMPO window for P6.0 submissions is October 1 - December 20, 2019. Mr. Mallette said as it takes a lot of time for project entry, and she encouraged the TAC to submit their projects early. Ms. Mallette also informed the TAC that the NCDOT Board of Transportation adopted a revised Complete Street Policy and a complete streets form is required of all P6.0 submittals.

Mr. Ed Hooks made a motion that the TAC approves the MPO P6.0 Project Submission schedule. Mr. Jim Butler seconded the motion and all of the TAC voted in favor.

### **BGMPO Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update**

Ms. Lyuba Zuyeva began the 2045 MTP update by introducing a new member of the VHB project team, Sherri Dawson. Ms. Zuyeva then presented the TAC an overview of the current project status and a summary of existing conditions. The existing conditions report can be found on the project website [www.bgmpogettingthere2045.com](http://www.bgmpogettingthere2045.com). She also encouraged the TAC to complete the MetroQuest survey.

Ms. Zuyeva said VHB expects to have a draft plan available for public comment, February 2020. Ms. Zuyeva shared the importance of aligning the MTP update with the SPOT prioritization process and the PART Travel Demand Model project schedules.

Mr. Rhine explained the process of base year data collection in support of the travel demand model. The TAC is expected to adopt the base year and forecast control totals. The model also uses new project development information. The base year travel demand model will be available for use late October and the new version of the Piedmont Triad Regional Model is scheduled for use next early spring. There being no further discussion, the TAC thanked Ms. Lyuba for her presentation.

### **NCDOT BOT Update**

There was no NCDOT BOT update.

### **NCDOT Division Engineer Report**

Mr. Mills updated the TAC on the status of projects included in the NCDOT Division 7 Project Report. Mr. Mills informed the TCC that the traffic signal project on Buckhorn Road and the sidewalk project at Graham Hopedale Road between Wilkins Street and Ashland Drive were completed.

Mr. Kimrey questioned NCDOT cancelling public meeting to discuss the intersection project at Elm and Harden as there were concerns about the design concepts that show Walker Avenue as a cul-de-sac. Mr. Mills replied that NCDOT is experiencing budgeting issues and while the meeting was postponed the project schedule is not impacted.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Mallette reminded the TCC of the need to verify and validate the 2017 base and forecasted socioeconomic data and requested the TAC forward their proposed or planned developments since 2017.

The MTP Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019 at Impact Alamance, 1:30 PM.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, Mr. Eddie Boswell made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Lee Kimrey seconded the motion. All TAC members voted in favor. The TAC meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m. The next TAC meeting is scheduled on October 15, 2019.