



## TAC MEETING AGENDA

February 21, 2007 / 2:00 p.m.  
Blue Room  
(County Commissioners' Briefing Room)  
Old Guilford County Courthouse

### ***Action Items***

1. Approve Minutes of January 24, 2007
2. Annual MPO Self-Certification
3. Approve 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program
4. Consider Adoption of a Revised Travel Model Memorandum of Agreement
5. Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns
6. Citizen Comments

### ***Business Items / Potential Action Items***

1. 2007 NC MPO Conference Hosting Opportunity
2. Informational Update on NCDOT Transportation Planning
3. Update on Final Draft 2007 – 2013 MTIP and Triad Conformity Report
4. Project Updates
5. MPO Strategic Reports

### ***Other Items***

1. Board Member Report
2. Regional Transportation News
3. Wrap-Up

**Planning for the transportation future**

## Key Acronyms and Technical Terms Defined

Acronym or Term	Description
AATS	Airport Area Transportation Study. A study of the transportation infrastructure in the vicinity of PTIA, which developed recommendations for future improvements.
Conformity Analysis	Demonstration that when the projects planned in the MTIP and LRTP are implemented the area will not exceed allowable motor vehicle emissions budgets.
Conformity Finding	Statement that the projects contained in the MTIP are essentially consistent with those listed in the LRTP and that no new Conformity Analysis is needed to account for noted differences.
CMS	Congestion Management System. A program of strategies for monitoring, evaluating, and addressing traffic congestion. Required for Transportation Management Areas.
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program. A federal highway fund category for projects intended to improve air quality.
DENR	North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.
Emissions Budget	See Conformity Analysis.
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement. Technical review of impacts caused by a project on the environment. Required by NEPA.
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency.
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration (US Department of Transportation).
FTA	Federal Transit Administration (US Department of Transportation).
HTF	North Carolina State Highway Trust Fund.
MAB	Metropolitan Area Boundary. The boundary of the area within the transportation planning jurisdiction of an MPO.
Mobility Greensboro	GTA's Long Range Public Transportation Plan
MTIP	Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. Current MTIP covers FY 04-10, took effect October 1, 2003.
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act. Federal law that requires consideration of environmental impacts for all major expenditures of federal funds.
PTIA	Piedmont Triad International Airport.
RABA	Revenue Aligned Budget Authority. A budget-balancing provision of TEA-21.
RPO	Rural Planning Organization. RPOs are partnerships among non-MPO counties, established to provide rural areas a greater voice in state transportation decisions affecting those areas.
Section 104(f) PL	Funds distributed through the Federal Highway Administration for transportation planning tasks.
Section 5307	Funds distributed through the Federal Transit Administration for public transportation capital assistance, operating assistance, and planning needs.
SIP	State Implementation Plan. The modeling analyses and the state and federal regulations demonstrating that the air in an area will meet National Ambient Air Quality Standards.
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program—FY 04-10 STIP was adopted in June 2003.
STP-DA Funds	Statewide Transportation Planning funds that are Directly Apportioned to a TMA.
TEA-21	Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century. Current federal highway funding legislation.
TMA	Transportation Management Area: an urbanized area over 200,000 in population. The Greensboro MPO has been classified as a TMA as a result of Census 2000.
TPB	The NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch, formerly Statewide Planning Branch.
UA or UZA	Urbanized Area. The census-defined boundary that is the basis for establishing an MPO.
UPWP	Accounting document for use of planning grant funds; lists approved activities that these funds may reimburse. The UPWP guides transportation planning activities for the year.

# Transportation Advisory Committee

## Agenda Item Summary

February 21, 2007

### Action Items

1. **Approve Minutes of January 24, 2007** – N/A
2. **Annual MPO Self-Certification** – Annual self-certification is required in conjunction with Unified Planning Work Program adoption. This action certifies that the MPO is in compliance with applicable federal laws and associated procedural requirements.
3. **Approve 2007-2008 Unified Planning Work Program** – The UPWP provides for the receipt of annual planning grants administered by FHWA and FTA, identifies anticipated activities for reimbursement, and guides MPO and GTA planning activities for the year. MPO staff will present the new UPWP for approval.
4. **Consider Adoption of a Revised Travel Model Memorandum of Agreement** – This agreement covers the development, maintenance, usage, and updating of the Regional Model, which is used to predict future travel flows. Signatories include Triad-area MPOs, NCDOT, and PART. All signatories have model maintenance and development responsibilities. PART is the model custodian and will provide an extra level of model support functions. The agreement provides a basis for determining cost share, both for model development items (such as travel surveys) and extra maintenance activities of the model custodian. The resolution provides for execution of the agreement on behalf of the MPO through the TAC Chair's signature.
5. **Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns** – N/A
6. **Citizen Comments** – N/A

### Business Items / Potential Action Items

1. **2007 NC MPO Conference Hosting Opportunity** – The MPO may have the opportunity to host the 2007 North Carolina MPO Conference. MPO staff will discuss details and the possibility of an official TAC action to support hosting the conference.
2. **Informational Update on NCDOT Transportation Planning** – NCDOT staff will describe the Comprehensive Transportation Plan and the Statewide Transportation Plan and provide updates on the state's planning process.
3. **Update on Final Draft 2007 – 2013 MTIP and Triad Conformity Report** – MPO staff will present updates to the Draft MTIP and comments received during the initial public comment period. Staff will also brief the Committee on the Draft Conformity Report, an analysis of air

quality impacts. Both of these documents are scheduled to be released for a final public comment period before adoption.

4. **Project Updates** – MPO staff will provide updates on area projects, including U-2412 (High Point Road) and R-4707 (interchange at US 29 and Reedy Fork Parkway).
5. **MPO Strategic Reports** – MPO staff will provide responses to issues raised in previous meetings and discuss other topics, including the results of the TAC Quality Survey. TAC members, please note that traffic volume maps and key BiPed Plan maps are now included in your notebooks under *Reference Materials*.

## **Other Items**

1. **Board Member Report** – Please note the NCDOT Active Projects Report included with the meeting materials.
2. **Regional Transportation News** – N/A
3. **Wrap-Up** – N/A