

**BY-LAWS
GREENSBORO URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Greensboro Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "TAC".

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose and goals of this committee shall be:

1. To provide leadership and guidance for the coordination of the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in the Urban Area.
2. To keep the policy boards of the participating local governments informed of status and requirements of the transportation planning process.
3. To facilitate coordination and communication between policy boards and agencies represented on the TAC and TCC.
4. To facilitate coordination of metropolitan transportation planning with (a) transportation planning at the local, regional, and state level.
5. To assist in the dissemination and clarification of the decisions and policies of the policy boards; and for providing opportunities for citizen participation in the transportation planning process.
6. To make policy, program, and planning decisions vested to the Metropolitan Planning Organization by federal, state, and local law, regulation, and other authority.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

Section 1 - Number and Qualifications: As specified in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), TAC shall include representatives from the City, County, and State governing bodies directly related to and concerned with the transportation planning process in the planning area.

The appointment of agency designees will be to provide alternates or replacements for the positions listed below and will be at the option of the chief policy representatives of that agency. The voting membership shall include, but not be limited to, the following members:

- Three members of the City of Greensboro City Council
- Two members of the Guilford County Board of County Commissioners
- One member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation

- The Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration or his or her representative shall serve as an advisory, non-voting member not counted for the purposes of establishing a quorum.

Section 2 - Terms of Office: If the member is an elected official, that official's term of office on the TAC shall automatically expire upon the member leaving elected office. If the official is an appointed official, the term of office shall automatically expire upon that member leaving the appointed office.

Section 3 - Alternates: Each member agency may appoint an alternate to its representative provided each alternate also meets the same qualifications of membership. That alternate member may serve as a full voting member during any meeting where that board's representative is not in attendance. Proxy and absentee voting are not permitted.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 - Officers Defined: The TAC will have a Chair, responsible for presiding over meetings and for certain communication functions on behalf of the TAC. TAC may determine to create additional officers as needed without requiring a change of the bylaws. The Lead Planning Agency (LPA) will provide a staff member known as the MPO Planner to serve as Clerk of the Committee.

Section 2 - Elections: The TAC Chair shall appoint an alternate to serve in his or her stead as appropriate. Alternatively, the TAC Chair may determine to yield the position, either to a staff designee or through the mechanism of elections.

Section 3 - Terms of Office: If elections are utilized for the TAC Chair or other such officers as may be created, the term of office shall be one year with successive terms permitted. The Officers shall hold office until the election of a successor or such time as they vacate their TAC-associated position.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Regular Meetings: Meetings shall be held according to an annual schedule and may be cancelled on an as-needed basis. The regular schedule shall be kept on file with the clerk of the Lead Planning Agency. If the schedule is changed, the changes should be given to the clerk at least one week prior to the first meeting held according to the revised schedule.

Section 2 - Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called by the Chair. Whenever possible, at least seven (7) days notice shall be given. At least 48 hours prior to the meeting notice for such meetings, other than emergency meetings, should be posted at the door of the usual meeting room and mailed or delivered to such media outlets as have requested such notice. For an emergency meeting, notice shall be provided immediately after it has been provided to committee members.

Section 3 - Quorums: A quorum shall be constituted by the presence of at least 51% of the members at the beginning of the meeting.

Section 4 - Attendance: Each member shall be expected to attend each regular meeting and each special meeting provided at least seven days notice is given. Subject to his/her member agency's approval, a member may appoint an alternate to serve in his/her absence provided that the member informs the Clerk of the Committee prior to the meeting which the alternate will attend. This notification shall authorize the alternate to vote in the member's absence.

Section 5 - Agenda: The agenda is a list of considerations for discussion or action at a meeting. The agenda is developed and distributed by the Lead Planning Agency (LPA) Staff. Items on the agenda may (a) be identified by LPA staff, (b) may originate as a carryover from previous TAC meetings, (c) may be requested by any member of the TAC, (d) may be requested from any jurisdiction party to the MOU, or (e) may be requested by the Chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee. Additional items may be placed on the regular agenda during a meeting, as long as a majority concurrence of the present and eligible voting members is received.

Section 6 - Voting Procedures: The Chairman and any member may call for a vote on any issue, provided that it is seconded and within the purposes set forth in Article II and provided the issue is on the agenda as outlined in Section 5 of this article. Each voting member of the TAC shall have one vote. A majority vote of the members (or their authorized alternates) present and eligible to vote shall be sufficient for approval of matters coming before the Committee. The Chairman is permitted to vote. Abstentions shall be considered affirmative votes. By approval of the TAC, a member may withdraw from voting on an issue. No secret ballot voting is allowed. E-mail voting is not allowed, however written ballots are allowed provided they are signed by each voter and included in the meeting record after the vote is taken. Written ballots shall be kept available for public inspection until the meeting minutes are approved.

In the absence of any direction from these By-laws or other duly adopted voting procedures pursuant to certain approval actions, *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* will designate procedures governing voting.

ARTICLE VI – PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, shall govern the TAC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the MOU, these bylaws and/or any special rules of order the TAC may adopt.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS

Amendments to these By-laws of the TAC shall require the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of the TAC members present, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment has been transmitted to each member at least seven days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be considered and provided that such amendment does not conflict with the letter or fundamental intent of the MOU governing this document. In the event of any conflict, the MOU shall carry precedence over these By-laws. TAC bylaws adoption and amendment requires the approval of the TAC to become effective.

APPROVED by the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee on July 26, 2006:

I, Sandy Carmany, TAC Chair
(Name of Certifying Official) (Title of Certifying Official)

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Greensboro Urban Area TAC duly held on this, the 26th day of July, 2006.

Sandy Carmany
Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee

I, Jim Westmoreland, P.E., TCC Chair
(Name of Certifying Official) (Title of Certifying Official)

do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Greensboro Urban Area TCC duly held on this, the 26th day of July, 2006.

Jim Westmoreland
Chair, Technical Coordinating Committee

Subscribed and sworn to me on this, the 26th day of July, 2006.

Margie L. Chrismon
Notary Public

My commission expires 6-23-07.

