



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

January 27, 2016, 2:00 pm
2nd Floor, Greensboro Council Chambers
300 W. Washington Street

Action Items

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy Statement**
2. **Minutes of November 10, 2015:** *approved.*
3. **Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns:** *none.*
4. **Public Comments:** *none.*
5. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: B-4958 Bunch Road Bridge:** HB 97 STI revenue enhancements provide funding for NCDOT to accelerate this bridge replacement project from 2024 to 2018. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
6. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: I-5712, I-40 / Sandy Ridge Road Interchange:** NCDOT selected this MPO-identified project for funding under Prioritization 3.0 and now proposes to increase funding to based on recent cost estimates. Construction will shift from FY 20 to FY 21 for sufficient fund balance. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
7. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Administrative Modifications: Bridges, Roadways & Intersection:** This item will accelerate three bridge projects (Eversfield Road at Haw River, North Church Street at Haw River, and Knox Road at Little Alamance Creek); expand the project limits of two interstate maintenance projects; and shift construction of the Pisgah Church / North Elm intersection from FY 2018 to FY 2019. *TAC unanimously endorsed the modifications.*
8. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendments: Project Additions Under HB 97:** Thanks to Strategic Transportation Investments revenue enhancements in the State Budget (HB 97), seven previously unfunded MPO area Prioritization 3.0 projects will be funded: PTI taxiway improvements; Franklin Boulevard grade separation at the NCRR; Reedy Fork Parkway / US 29 interchange & associated Summit Avenue improvements; Battleground Avenue widening from Westridge Road to Cotswold Avenue; NC 68 widening from West Market Street to I-73; and US 29 at NC 150 interchange improvements. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
9. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendments: EL-5101 & U-5532 Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects:** Grouped projects can streamline project administration and implementation by reducing the number of TIP amendments & agreements needed. MPO area bicycle & pedestrian projects are grouped under EL-5101 and U-5532. An amendment is needed to bring the FY 2016 – FY 2025 STIP into consistency with previously approved short term funding actions and to provide for ongoing funding into the future. Short term projects include Lowdermill & Holts Chapel sidewalks & roadway modernization, Aycock Corridor & Walker Avenue Intersection Improvements; Downtown Greenway Phase 2; and a series of sidewalk projects including on English, Yanceville, Pisgah Church / Lees Chapel, West Friendly, Cone, Summit, and other roadways. Longer term projects that have already been approved for inclusion were identified. Future improvement locations will be brought for MPO approval prior to being added. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*

Planning for the transportation future

- 10. Smart City Challenge Grant:** The City of Greensboro will apply for this USDOT discretionary grant program. The winning City will receive approximately \$50 million to implement integrated transportation and information technology infrastructure. *The TAC voted unanimously to endorse the Smart City Challenge Grant.*

Business Items

- 1. Prioritization 4.0 Methodology and TIP Process Update:** P4.0 Projects have been submitted to NCDOT. The next step is to finalize the MPO's P4.0 methodology providing for the assignment local points. Public review is scheduled mid-February to mid-March. MPO approval will be requested at the March meeting. NCDOT will release P4.0 scores at the end of March.
- 2. FY 2016-FY 2017 Draft Unified Planning Work Program:** The FY 2016-2017 Draft UPWP identifies USDOT planning grants expected in SFY 2017 and identifies anticipated work items. The UPWP will be brought back for adoption in March.
- 3. Update on Division 7:** Cheryl McQueary provided an overview of NCDOT Division 7, highlighting key transportation infrastructure and projects throughout the Division.
- 4. Town of Sedalia Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Presentation:** The recently completed Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the Town of Sedalia as presented. Major priorities, projects, and goals were reviewed and discussed.
- 5. Division Engineer Updates:** there are three bridge replacement projects taking place in the MPO area at present; four interstate maintenance projects on I-40 and I-85 beginning in the spring; several spot safety projects; and ongoing work on the Urban Loop, I-73 Connector, and US 220 widening.
- 6. Project Updates:** *There were none.*
- 7. Strategic Reports:** TAC Members were reminded to file their Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) and Real Estate Disclosure (RED) forms by April 15, and earlier if possible. Also, the MPO will be host the 2016 NCAMPO Conference at the downtown Marriott May 11-13, and TAC Members are encouraged to attend.

Other Items

- 1. Board Member Update:** Additional revenues generated from higher than expected automobile sales will be directed towards safety projects, several of which have been identified in Division 7. NCDOT has published its 2015 Performance Report. Driver's licenses can now be renewed online.
- 2. Regional Updates:** PART's financial report has been returned with no findings of deficiencies. The Howard Coble Intermodal Center is currently under construction. PART is working on Phase 2 of the freight model project.
- 3. Wrap-Up:** *The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 24.*