



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

March 23, 2016, 2:00 pm
2nd Floor, Greensboro Council Chambers
300 W. Washington Street

Action Items

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy Statement**
2. **Minutes of January 27, 2016:** *approved.*
3. **Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns:** *none.*
4. **Public Comments:** Chandler Hagen, Executive Project Manager for Bicycling in Greensboro (BIG), noted that BIG is partnering with GDOT to work on Bike Month activities. A calendar of events will be sent out to TAC members when it is completed for their information.
5. **Bike Month Resolution:** The Bike Month Resolution officially declares May as Bike Month and further declares May 16-20, 2016 as Bike-to-Work Week in the Greensboro MPO. *TAC unanimously approved the resolution.*
6. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Statewide Program Amendment: Signal Retiming (W-5700):** This Amendment allows NCDOT to provide for signal retiming work to be implemented at various locations on an ongoing basis. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
7. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Statewide Program Amendment: Safe Routes to School (SR-5001):** This Amendment provides funding for spot improvements in the vicinity of elementary and middle schools statewide. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
8. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: Lees Chapel Road Sidewalk (EB-5714):** EB-5714 is deleted with this action because Lees Chapel Road Sidewalk will be implemented as part of EL-5101 DL. The SRTS funding will be shifted to EB-5712 and EB-5716. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
9. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: East Lindsay Street Sidewalk (EB-5717):** EB-5717 will be deleted and East Lindsay Street Sidewalk will be combined with EB-5716, Holden Road Sidewalk, in a following modification. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
10. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: Holden Road Sidewalk (EB-5716):** The scope of and funding for Lindsay Street Sidewalk will be included with EB-5716. SRTS funding is increased for EB-5716 by using funds previously directed to the Lees Chapel Road Sidewalk project. *The TAC unanimously endorsed the modification.*
11. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: Lovett Street Sidewalk (EB-5712):** SRTS funding is increased for EB-5712, Lovett Street Sidewalk, using funding that was previously directed to Lees Chapel Road Sidewalk. *The TAC unanimously endorsed the modification.*
12. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: Update Transit Listings:** FY 2016 transit funding levels and listings are brought into alignment with the new FAST Act. Also FY 2015 funding is accounted for so that it can be drawn down in FY 2016. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*

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13. **FY 2015-2016 UPWP Amendment:** To accommodate completion of this year's work program, revisions are made to add \$25,000 in previously unobligated balance to the budget; move \$15,000 from special studies to other tasks; and to add this funding to three key work tasks. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
14. **FY 2016-2017 MPO Self-Certification:** The MPO certifies that its planning process is addressing the major issues facing the area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable requirements of various laws and regulations. *TAC unanimously approved the Self-Certification.*
15. **FY 2016-2017 Unified Planning Work Program:** Key initiatives and projects for the FY 2016-2017 UPWP include updating the conformity analysis & MTP; BiPed Plan implementation; updating the Long Range Public Transportation Plan; developing planning performance measures; model development; data collection; and project development activities. *TAC unanimously approved the FY 2016-2017 UPWP.*
16. **Prioritization 4.0 Methodology:** Three public comments were received on the MPO Project Ranking Methodology. NCDOT will release project scores and the draft statewide funded projects by March 31. The MPO will make a draft assignment of local points in April prior to public review in May. *TAC unanimously approved the MPO Project Ranking Methodology.*

Business Items

1. **State Ethics Act Filing Reminder:** The State Ethics Act filing deadline for MPO TAC Members is April 15. It is recommended that members files a few weeks early if possible.
2. **Bicycle & Pedestrian Updates:** Events are being developed for Bike Month 2016, including Open Streets, the Ride of Silence, and initiatives for Bike to Work Week. City staff are planning to implement bicycle facilities this fall on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, East Bessemer Avenue, Walker Avenue, and the Hamburger Square area. The first meeting of the reconstituted Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee took place on February 24.
3. **FAST Act Update:** The Federal Surface Transportation program was renewed for five years by the FAST Act. Overall funding is authorized to increase about 15% between 2015 and 2020 though further congressional actions will be required for that to occur. Two freight-related programs were created. The Transportation Alternatives Program has become a part of the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program. Tourism, disaster planning, and enhancement of intercity bus programs are also highlighted in the act.
4. **Division Engineer Updates:** The High Point Road project is expected to be finished by late spring. Paving has begun on the eastern and western portions of the Urban Loop. I-73 is expected to be open by this December. Bryan Boulevard and the taxiway bridge should be open by April 2017.
5. **Project Updates:** NCDOT held a meeting on February 29 to receive comments for noise walls on the portion of the Urban Loop from Battleground to Lawndale. Staff will meet with NCDOT on March 28 to look at proposed alignments for the Naco Road Extension. There will be a public workshop for R-4707, Reedy Fork Parkway, on April 21. There will be a project field inspection meeting for the portion of the Urban Loop from Lawndale to US 29 on April 6. Bids will soon be reopened for Downtown Greenway Phase 2e & 3a; Battleground-Benjamin-Cone intersection; and Battleground & New Garden intersection.
6. **Strategic Reports:** The MPO will be host the 2016 NCAMPO Conference at the downtown Marriott May 11-13, and TAC Members can be registered by staff if they are interested. GDOT is working in support of the effort to design an interchange for the megasite in Randolph County.

Other Items

1. **Board Member Update:** *none.*
2. **Regional Updates:** *none..*
3. **Wrap-Up:** TAC Member Cheryl McQueary requested a staff presentation on roadway maintenance by NCDOT and the City of Greensboro at the next MPO meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27.