



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

April 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 March 23, 2016:** *approved.*
3. **Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns:** *none.*
4. **Public Comments:** Laura Peoples, volunteer with Bicycling in Greensboro (BIG), noted her support for resurfacing funds in the Greensboro city budget in order to create more bicycle facilities.
5. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: Rail Projects:** This Amendment adds funding for five rail projects and adds six new rail-highway safety crossing projects that will be implemented by NCDOT at various locations on a statewide basis. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
 - Cheryl McQueary requested that staff provide a status update on the City's rail safety program for the TAC.
6. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: Y-4807 B Lowdermilk & Sykes Realignment:** This modification reschedules construction to FY 2017 from FY 2016 to provide more time for the project agreement to be finalized between NCDOT, NCRR, and the City of Greensboro. *TAC endorsed the modification with six in favor and one opposed.*
7. **Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan Amendment:** This Routine Amendment removes eligibility for sub-grantees to purchase vehicles with Section 5310 funds and is recommended by NCDOT and FTA. Sub-grantees can still compete for operating funds. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
8. **Resolution of Support: GTA Grant Application for Section 5339 Funds for Electric Bus Acquisition:** GDOT and GTA are pursuing acquisition of electric buses as replacement vehicles through FTA Section 5339 Low and No-Emission Vehicle grant funding. *TAC unanimously approved the resolution.*
9. **Resolution of Support: GTA Grant Application for Section 5339 Funds for Galyon Depot Renovations:** GTA is pursuing FTA Section 5339 grant funding to increase passenger capacity, improve transit operations, and provide for future ridership growth at the Galyon Depot. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*

Business Items

1. **Prioritization 4.0 Update & Next Steps:** Six Greensboro MPO Statewide Tier projects have been selected for funding based on the NCDOT draft scores. Regional and Division Tier draft scores were reviewed and more information about local point assignments and public involvement will be presented at the May MPO meeting.

Planning for the transportation future

2. **Bike Month Update:** Major Bike Month events are the First Friday Open Streets on May 6 on Elm Street in downtown Greensboro; Bike to Work Week is May 16-20 and Bike to Work Day is May 20; and the Ride of Silence is May 18.
3. **Division Engineer Updates:** NCDOT is updating its traffic noise policy. I-73 is expected to be open to traffic by this December. In June NCDOT expects to begin right-of-way acquisition for the Lawndale to US 29 portion of the Urban Loop.
4. **Project Updates:** The public meeting for R-4707, Reedy Fork Parkway Interchange, attracted 80 people and was successful in explaining the need for the project to the public.
5. **Strategic Reports:** The 2015 BiPed Plan will be brought to the Greensboro City Council for adoption at the May 17 meeting. 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. Adam Fischer commended staff on their work for the NCAMPO Conference and Bike Month.
 - The TAC requested that staff email the NCAMPO website and information to them.

Other Items

1. **Board Member Update:** Cheryl McQueary noted that concerns about noise walls at the local level are being heard in the NCDOT offices in Raleigh. She commended staff for the quick work on addressing the safety issues at the trails on North Church Street. NCDOT is working on improving project delivery and in particular getting the right-of-way process to move faster. In consideration of a potential new Greensboro transportation bond, getting information about the status of current projects to the public is something the City should focus on.
 - Cheryl McQueary requested that staff develop a monthly status report for locally-administered projects for the TAC, similar to the NCDOT status report, by the June MPO meeting.
2. **Regional Updates:** *none.*
3. **Electric Bus Update:** Eric Reynolds of Proterra, an electric bus manufacturing company, gave a presentation about the economic, operational, and environmental benefits of their electric buses. TAC Members were invited to test ride an electric bus that Proterra had brought to Greensboro at the conclusion of the meeting.
4. **Wrap-Up:** *The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 25.*