



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

June 22, 2016, 2:00 pm
2nd Floor, Greensboro Council Chambers
300 W. Washington Street

Action Items

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy Statement**
2. **Minutes of May 25, 2016:** *approved.*
3. **Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns:** *none.*
4. **Public Comments:**
 - Kista Mansell, Director, Transit Alliance of the Piedmont, noted the last event of the 2016 Transportation Speaker Series, “A Community Conversation on Transit,” is June 23 from 6-7:30 pm at HQ Greensboro with Councilmember Jamal Fox. TAC members were encouraged to attend.
 - Grady Peace, Greensboro resident, noted his support for the Downtown Greenway and thanked TAC members who are also members of City Council for awarding the contract for the Phase 3a & 2e section.
5. **MTIP Amendment: W-5707 Various Safety Improvements in Division 7:** This Amendment adds three grouped safety projects, divided by Strategic Transportation Investment tiers, with right-of-way and construction funding for FY 2016-2018. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
6. **Award Section 5310 *Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program Project Funding* :** Two eligible applications were received for \$217,819 in FY 2016 Section 5310 funds from Guilford County TAMS and GTA. TAC awarded \$50,000 in operating assistance to TAMS for elderly and disabled transportation, and \$167,819 to GTA for expanded SCAT hours. *TAC unanimously approved the resolution to direct Section 5310 funding as noted.*
 - Cheryl McQueary asked about the number of riders: in FY 2016 expanded SCAT hours (prior to 5:15 AM) served 3,763 trips and TAMS served 45,346 (Elderly & Disabled program) trips.
7. **Naco Road Functional Classification Request:** NCDOT project Y-5500GA will extend Naco Road parallel to the NCRR line, add a grade separated crossing of the NCRR tracks, and close five at-grade crossings. An MPO request is needed to initiate the functional classification of Naco Road as a Collector Street pending completion of YG-5500GA. *TAC unanimously approved the resolution to request that Naco Road be classified as a Collector Street.*
8. **Letter of Support for Piedmont Greenway Feasibility Study Grant Request:** the Piedmont Land Conservancy and Guilford County plan to submit an application for NCDOT Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian feasibility study funding for the planned Piedmont Greenway from US 220 to Triad Park (approximately 10 miles). The study is need to refine the proposed alignment and to develop detailed cost estimates. The Piedmont Greenway is a Tier 2 (mid-term) greenway priority under the BiPed Plan. A letter of MPO support will enhance the application. *TAC unanimously endorsed the letter of support for the Piedmont Greenway Feasibility Study Grant Request.*

Business Items

1. **Division Engineer Updates:** The main line is almost complete on the western Urban Loop from Bryan Boulevard to Battleground Avenue. Most of the grading and some paving is completed on the I-73 Connector. NCDOT staff took a tour of the taxiway bridge over Bryan Boulevard to review its progress. One of Hicone Road bridges is now open. The Neelley Road project in Pleasant Garden is almost complete.
2. **Project Updates:**
 - At the Naco Road Extension public meeting on June 7th four alternatives were presented. The blue route alternative would minimize impacts to the environment and area businesses, better accommodate future development, and facilitate the proposed Ward Road grade separation over the NCRR in the future. Environmental documents completion expected in late 2017. Final design, right-of-way and construction schedules are still to be determined.
 - I-5712, I-40 & Sandy Ridge Road interchange improvements, is being fast tracked. CE document completion is expected in 2018, with right-of-way to start January 2019, and construction in 2021.
3. **Strategic Reports:**
 - The first public meeting on MPO assignment of Draft Local Points Assignment was June 21. The second public meeting will be July 14. MPO meeting action is due July 27 to approve the Priority Needs List and finalize the MPO assignment of local input points for regional projects.
 - MPO staff have produced a report of locally administered MTIP projects currently in development. Staff will refine the report based on TAC comments and provide a report at each MPO meeting.
 - EL-5101 DG Randleman Road and Florida Street sidewalk construction is progressing well. Construction will start on U-5532 B Phillips Avenue contract in July. The last section of C-5555 A, W. Wendover, is in the final stages of completion.
 - Downtown Greenway project EL-5101 DO (Phase 2e & 3a) contract award is under NCDOT review; work should start later this summer. Locally funded project Downtown Greenway Phase 1b1 and 1b2 is currently under contract negotiations to determine whether to proceed or rebid. Bicycle facilities are included under this year's resurfacing contract on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, E. Bessemer Avenue, Walker Avenue, and at Hamburger Square.

Other Items

1. **Board Member Update:** the NCDOT Division 7 public information session on the draft assignment of local input points by the Division Engineer was held June 20. The public review period closes July 22.
2. **Regional Updates:** Mark Kirstner noted that the PART monthly update is in the packet.
3. **Wrap-Up:** *The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 27.*