



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

July 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 June 22, 2016:** *approved.*
3. **Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns:** *none.*
4. **Public Comments:** *none.*
5. **MTIP FY 2016-2025 Amendment: NC Clean Energy Tech Center - C-5702:** This Amendment will allow potential MPO-area grant recipients to apply for statewide CMAQ funds from the NC Clean Energy Technology Center for projects that utilize clean fuel technology. *TAC unanimously approved the amendment.*
6. **MPO Priority Needs List:** This list identifies key MPO transportation priorities for the the FY 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program, serves as a public statement of important priorities, and is a factor in the allocation of the MPO's local input points at the Regional Needs and Division Needs funding tiers. *TAC unanimously approved the list.*
 - Cheryl McQueary requested that Mike Mills of NCDOT Division 7 give a presentation at a future MPO meeting about the status of bridges in North Carolina.
7. **MPO Local Points Assignment: Regional Needs:** During public review process 22 people attended two public meetings and 18 comments were received on the draft point assignments. Bicycle, pedestrian, and public transportation were identified as the most important modes by the public. The MPO was able to put points on all Regional Needs projects. Regional Needs point assignments will be submitted to NCDOT by July 29. *TAC approved the Local Points Assignment for Regional Needs with four in favor. Cheryl McQueary abstained as she has done at the other Division 7 MPOs and RPOs.*

Business Items

1. **City of Greensboro Maintenance Presentation:** Dale Wyrick presented on the maintenance needs of streets, bridges, and sidewalks in the City of Greensboro. He noted that recent efforts by City Council to increase the resurfacing budget will have a significant impact on improving roadway conditions for all city residents.
 - Cheryl McQueary requested that Dale Wyrick (Field Operations) and Adam Fischer (Transportation) develop a plan to assess citywide sidewalk conditions and report back to the TAC in September.
2. **FY 2016 Program of Projects:** This is a list of proposed Federal Transit Administration grant requests to support bus and paratransit services in Fiscal Year 2016. The document is currently out for public review. It will be presented and a public hearing held at the August 24 TAC meeting. MPO adoption is a necessary step for anticipated Federal Transit grants for the Greensboro Transit Authority and Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services to be received.

3. **Division Engineer Updates:** The Urban Loop projects and the I-73 Connector are ahead of schedule. The Connector is expected to be open to traffic between 68 and 220 this fall. The section of the Connector between 68 and Bryan Boulevard will be open next spring.
4. **Project Updates:**
 - The Battleground & New Garden and Battleground/Benjamin/Cone intersection projects have been given the notice to proceed and work on them is expected to begin in August.
 - Staff are migrating data for the MPO Project Status Report into a new database to make it easier to access information and produce reports. A new report will be available at the next MPO meeting.
5. **Strategic Reports:**
 - The North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association has recognized the 2015 BiPed Plan Update with the 2016 North Carolina Marvin Collins Planning Award in the Regional/Implementation category. The award will be presented at a luncheon during the NC-APA conference in Asheville in September. Two complimentary lunch tickets are available and TAC members should contact staff if they are interested in attending.
 - The City of Greensboro has been selected to host a workshop on the Transportation and Health Tool, which identifies metrics for examining the health impacts of the transportation system. The workshop will be on August 11 from 8:45 am to 12:30 pm in the Bryan School of Business on UNCG campus. Staff have forward the invite to TAC members and they should email Daniel Amstutz if they plan on attending.

Other Items

1. **Board Member Update:** The North Carolina General Assembly has restored small construction funds to Board of Transportation members, at about \$175,000 per member. The state has increased funding to the airport program by \$14.2 million. The Piedmont Triad International Airport received a \$4 million grant from NCDOT to assist with the Haeco expansion. Statewide maintenance funds for roadways and bridges has also been increased by the General Assembly.
2. **Regional Updates:** *none.*
3. **Wrap-Up:** *The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 24.*