



# Transportation Advisory Committee

## Meeting Summary

September 28, 2016, 2:00 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Greensboro Council Chambers  
300 W. Washington Street

### Action Items

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy Statement**
2. **Minutes of August 24, 2016:** *approved.*
3. **Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns:** *none.*
4. **Public Comments:** David Hampsten, volunteer with Bicycling in Greensboro, noted that the BiPed Plan Update includes recommendations for protected bike lanes on some City streets and asked if all relevant GDOT staff knows the differences between buffered and protected bike lanes. Tyler Meyer explained that the recommendations are still being evaluated. Staff involved in bike facility planning and design are aware of the difference between the facility types; more staff will become aware of these facilities and their differences as the implementation effort proceeds.
5. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: NC Clean Energy Tech Center - C-5702 B & C:** This Amendment incorporates additional funding for 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. \$1.5 million in CMAQ funds will be added in FY 2017 & 2018. *TAC unanimously approved the Amendment.*
6. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: Various Bridge Inspections:** This grouped project provides for bridge inspections work in each Highway Division. Bridge inspection program funds will be added in the *Statewide, Regional, and Division STI* tiers. *TAC unanimously approved the Amendment.*
7. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: M-0515 Property Appraisal Review:** This Amendment adds funding in the MTIP for the Right-of-Way Branch Appraisal Section's review of Local Public Agency projects, which includes reviewing right-of-way needs on constructions plans, property drawings, deeds, and property appraisals. \$250,000 per year in FY 2017 & 2018 in State Highway Trust Funds will be programmed for this project. *TAC unanimously approved the Amendment.*
8. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: R-4707 Right-of-Way Phase:** This modifies the right-of-way and utilities schedule, delaying it from FY 2017 to FY 2019, to allow additional time to complete the environmental document and to select a design alternative for R-4707, US 29 / Reedy Fork Parkway Interchange. The project description will also be modified from "to Bryan Park Road" to "north of Bryan Park Road". *TAC unanimously endorsed the Modification.*
9. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: R-4707A Bridge Replacement:** The construction schedule of R-4707A, which will replace the Reedy Fork Parkway Bridge over US 29 and construct tie-ins to the current interchange, will be delayed from FY 2018 to FY 2020. This delay will allow additional time to complete the environmental document and to select a design alternative and complete the right-of-way phase under R-4707. *TAC unanimously approved the Amendment.*

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10. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: U-5306 B Battleground / Westridge:** This modifies the construction schedule for this project, which will widen the intersection of Battleground Avenue and Westridge Road and add sidewalks and pedestrian crossing improvements in order to relieve traffic congestion and improve safety. The schedule will be delayed from FY 2016 to FY 2017 to allow additional time to complete right-of-way acquisitions and relocate utilities. *TAC unanimously endorsed the Modification.*
11. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: TD-5279 Depot Renovations:** GTA / the City of Greensboro have received a competitive grant award of \$960,000 for needed renovations to the J. Douglas Galyon Depot from the Federal Transit Administration. The City of Greensboro is responsible for the \$240,000 in local matching funds. This project will renovate the call center, ticketing and waiting areas, among other improvements, with work anticipated to begin in FY 2017. *TAC unanimously approved the Amendment.*
12. **MPO Local Points Assignment: Division Needs:** Local input points for Division 7 projects are due in October. The recommended point assignments and next steps in the Prioritization 4.0 process were reviewed. *TAC approved the Local Points Assignment for Division Needs with three in favor. Cheryl McQueary abstained as she has done at the other Division 7 MPOs and RPOs.*

## Business Items

1. **Division Engineer Updates:** The Eastern Urban Loop section (US 70 to US 29) is ahead of schedule, with paving underway. The Western Urban Loop section (Bryan Boulevard to US 220) is slightly behind schedule. The I-73 Connector is expected to be open to traffic in December. The Urban Loop section Battleground to Lawndale was let last week. A project to replace a bridge on Old Stagecoach Road that was removed by the Urban Loop is expected to be let on October 20.
2. **Project Updates:** The Downtown Greenway Phase 2e/3a will begin construction on October 10. Paperwork for Phase 1b1/1b2 is being finalized, and construction could begin by late October. The Battleground/Benjamin/Cone intersection project is expected to start construction in March 2017. The Battleground/New Garden intersection project is expected to start construction in February 2017.
3. **Strategic Reports:** The 2017 MPO Meeting Schedule is being drafted. GTA will be releasing an RFP in October for an update to the Long Range Public Transportation Plan, Mobility Greensboro 2040. GDOT will update the database of sidewalk conditions later this year. The MPO accepted the 2016 Marvin Collins Outstanding Planning Award from the NC Chapter of the American Planning Association for the 2015 BiPed Plan Update at the annual NC-APA conference in mid-September. The MPO held a successful Transportation and Health Tool Workshop with local and regional organizations on August 11. The Greensboro MPO has been highlighted in a case study by Transportation for America about the analysis used for the Transportation Alternatives Program and Prioritization 4.0. The Prioritization 5.0 Workgroup will begin meeting next week, and Tyler Meyer will attend as an NCAMPO representative. The EPA has revoked the PM 2.5 Standard for the MPO area, and thus a conformity analysis will not longer be required for the MTP and MTIP after October 24. The Piedmont Triad Regional Model has been updated and will be adopted after October 24. Phase 2 of the Freight Study is ongoing.

## Other Items

1. **Board Member Update:** Cheryl McQueary noted that Greensboro was identified as the best city to drive in by the Waze Mobile annual Driver Satisfaction Index. Division 7 is planning to have a public meeting on Division Needs points assignments. On December 8 the Board of Transportation will consider a resolution to name a portion of a local highway in honor of Congressman Howard Coble. On October 20 McQueary will give a transportation update for Division 7. NCDOT has a consultant working on a statewide freight study, and a draft should be available in December. The City transportation bond up for vote in November is important from an economic development standpoint and McQueary urged TAC members and staff to promote it.
2. **Regional Updates:** *none.*
3. **Wrap-Up:** *The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.*