



Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

December 14, 2016, 2:00 pm
2nd Floor, Greensboro Council Chambers
300 W. Washington Street

Action Items

1. **Conflict of Interest Policy Statement**
2. **Minutes of September 28, 2016:** *approved.*
3. **Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns:** *none.*
4. **Public Comments:** *none.*
5. **TA-4771 State Matching Funds Request: Fixed Route Replacement Vehicles:** GTA has secured \$2,109,887 in FTA Section 5307 funding to purchase four 40-foot clean diesel buses to replace four 35-foot diesel buses. The resolution supports GTA's request to NCDOT for \$173,755 in Urban State Matching Funds. *TAC unanimously endorsed the request.*
6. **TA-4767 State Matching Funds Request #1: Paratransit Replacement Vehicles:** GTA has secured \$511,397 in FTA Section 5339 funding to purchase nine replacement paratransit vehicles. The resolution supports GTA's request to NCDOT for \$42,115 in Urban State Matching Funds. *TAC unanimously endorsed the request.*
7. **TA-4767 State Matching Funds Request #2: Paratransit Replacement Vehicles:** GTA has secured \$450,610 in FTA Section 5339 funding to purchase seven replacement paratransit vehicles. The resolution supports GTA's request to NCDOT for \$37,109 in Urban State Matching Funds. *TAC unanimously endorsed the request.*
8. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: Correction to Description of R-4707:** NCDOT requests a modification of the project description for R-4707, US 29 / Reedy Fork Parkway Interchange, from "north of Bryan Park Road" to "Bryan Park Road" to reflect the correct planning and environmental scope of the project. *TAC unanimously endorsed the Modification.*
9. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: Schedule Change for Y-4807B Lowdermilk/Sykes/Pine:** NCDOT requests Modification to delay the right-of-way and construction schedule of Y-4807 B to realign Lowdermilk Street and Sykes Avenue into one intersection at East Market Street close the Pine Street crossing of the NCRR. This delay will allow additional time to complete on-site environmental investigations and finalize a multi-party project agreement. The MTIP will be modified to delay right-of-way to FY 2017 and construction to FY 2018. *TAC unanimously endorsed the Modification.*
10. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: Schedule Change for B-5553 Ballinger Road Bridge:** The schedule for this project to replace a bridge on Ballinger Road over a tributary of Horse Pen Creek is to be revised due to various delays relating to the design and the City's consultant selection process. NCDOT design approvals have now been secured and the consultant has been selected. Right-of-way will be moved to FY 2017 and construction will be moved to FY 2018. *TAC unanimously endorsed the Modification.*

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11. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Modification: Update Schedules for EL-5101 & U-5532 Bicycle & Pedestrian Projects:** EL-5101 and U-5532 are grouped projects providing for Greensboro MPO area pedestrian and bicycle projects. This modification will adjust funding to match short term project schedules, moving funds from FY 2016 to FY 2017 for projects with construction approvals still pending. *TAC unanimously endorsed the Modification.*
12. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: Program P4.0 Rail Projects for Planning & Environmental Work:** Three rail projects selected for funding under P4.0 under the Statewide and Regional Needs will be added to the MTIP for planning and environmental work. This will allow NCDOT to initiate the proposed work before the start of the FY 2018-2027 STIP. These projects are: P-5713 Hilltop Road Grade Separation; P-5714 Extension of Auxiliary Track and installation of Power Turnouts at Pomona Yard; and P-5719 Piedmont Service Expansion, Purchase of 5 Bi-Level Passenger Cars. *TAC unanimously approved the Amendment.*
13. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: Expand Scope of I-5812 - I-40 & I-85 Pavement Rehabilitation:** NCDOT requests the MPO amend the 2016-2025 MTIP to modify the scope and cost of project I-5812 in eastern Guilford County to include pavement rehabilitation of larger segments of I-40 and I-85. *TAC unanimously approved the Amendment.*
14. **FY 2016-2025 MTIP Amendment: Delete B-9000 Bridge Inspections:** NCDOT had determined to create a series of group projects to provide for bridge inspections work in each Highway Division, and the TAC previously took action to amend the MTIP to add project B-9000. However, based on FHWA guidance, NCDOT has concluded that B-9999 may continue and that doing so is preferable to replacing it with B-9000, and thus B-9000 can be deleted. *TAC unanimously approved the Amendment.*
15. **2017 MPO Schedule:** The MPO meeting schedule for 2017 has been adjusted due to several known meeting conflicts with the typical scheduling format. April to September meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesdays instead of 4th Wednesdays. *TAC unanimously endorsed the 2017 schedule.*

Business Items

1. **Division Engineer Updates:** The Eastern Urban Loop section (US 70 to US 29) is ahead of schedule. The I-73 Connector is not going to be open to traffic in December as expected, and is delayed until spring. McLeansville railroad grade separation project is expected to be completed in February 2017. The Neelley Road project is completed but NCDOT is going to be doing additional work above and beyond the original scope of work.
2. **Project Updates:** The City of Greensboro is hosting a public meeting on Thursday December 15 at St. Pius X Catholic Church to take feedback on a proposal to put bicycle lanes on N. Elm Street from Bellemeade Street to Cone Boulevard. The scope of the Aycock & Walker project has been adjusted to remove the center median and include additional sidewalk improvements based on field observations.
3. **Strategic Reports:** The Piedmont Traid Regional Model is being updated as part of Phase 2 of the Freight Study to improve the freight modeling component of the Regional Model. Division Needs scores for P4.0 have been released. The MPO had 17 projects funded: 8 bicycle and pedestrian, 8 highway, and one transit. The MPO has approximately \$78 million programmed in the Division Tier alone.

Other Items

1. **Board Member Update:** Cheryl McQueary noted the success of the STI law and that it is important to continue to support it. Small construction funds are still important and frequently go directly to rural projects. The Pomona Yard intermodal facility is a key freight facility in Greensboro. It is important to be transparent about the projects that will be funded by the Greensboro transportation bond.
2. **Regional Updates:** Marikay Abuzuaiter noted that the PART Board heard a very good presentation recently about Wake County's sales tax for transit referendum and requested this presentation be brought to the MPO.
3. **Wrap-Up:** *The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 24th.*