



Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2019
10:30 a.m., Greensboro, NC
3rd Floor, GDOT Conference Room
Melvin Municipal Office Building

Attendance

Tyler Meyer	GDOT/MPO	Tamara Njegovan	NCDOT Division 7
Craig McKinney	GDOT/MPO	Michael Abuya	NCDOT TPD
Yuan Zhou	GDOT/MPO	Joe Geigle	FHWA
Jomar Pastorelle	GDOT/MPO	Gray Johnston	GTA/GDOT
Chris Spencer	GDOT	Scott Rhine	PART
Mike Mills	NCDOT Division 7	Scott Whitaker	Town of Summerfield
		Carey Barr	AECOM

Tyler Meyer called the meeting to order at approximately 10:30 AM.

Action Items

1. Approve Minutes of December 12, 2018

Chris Spencer moved to approve Minutes of December 12, 2018 meeting. Mike Mills seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2018 meeting.

2. FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: U-5754 US 29 / I-40 Ramp Improvements

Tyler Meyer presented the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: U-5754 US 29 / I-40 Ramp Improvements:

- This amendment deletes the right-of-way and utilities phases of the project since NCDOT has determined that those phases are not needed..
- The amendment also reduces to construction cost based on current cost estimates and accelerates the construction phase one year to FY 2019.
- Mike Mills commented that the main work on this project is to widen northbound US 29 ramp under the I-40 bridge to add two lanes. Eastbound I-40 through the interchange experiences a bottleneck caused by the ramp.

Planning for the transportation future

Scott Rhine moved to approve FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: U-5754 US 29 / I-40 Ramp Improvements. Michael Abuya seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: U-5754 US 29 / I-40 Ramp Improvements.

3. FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: U-5850 Randleman Road Widening

Tyler Meyer presented the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: U-5850 Randleman Road Widening:

- The MTIP modification for project U-5850 reflects a delay in the construction one year from FY 2020 to FY 2021, to allow more time for right-of-way phase. The right-of-way will still begin in 2019.
- Craig McKinney commented that this change is due to the coordination with SHPO, a church with a cemetery that is potentially historic.

Scott Rhine moved to approve FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: U-5850 Randleman Road Widening. Mike Mills seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: U-5850 Randleman Road Widening.

4. FAST Act Performance Measures, Safety 2019

Lydia McIntyre presented the 2019 Safety Targets:

- The MPO must establish its annual safety performance measure targets by February 26, 2019. As was done in last year, using NCDOT's targets is recommended since the MPO does not yet have sufficient data on hand to set its own target.
- NCDOT's target for 2019 is based on an updated rolling five year average based on 2013-2017.
- Joe Geigle noted safety targets are more aggressive this year than last year because the last year's results fell above their targets and NCDOT is still pursuing the Highway Safety Improvement Plan target of a 50% reduction in roadway fatalities by 2030

Michael Abuya moved to approve 2019 Safety Targets. Scott Rhine seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve 2019 Safety Targets.

5. Resolution of Support: FY 2020 SPR Funding Request for New Household Travel Survey

Tyler Meyer presented the item:

- The updated Household Survey will provide updated travel behavior data in the model area. This is important, as up to date data is essential for the model to simulate the behavior and travel patterns in the real world with a reasonable level of reliability and predictiveness. The current data is quickly becoming outdated, particularly in light of the changing travel patterns of recent years.
- Scott Rhine commented that NCDOT put in the notice on December 31 to call for funds for this project. This project will be used in many departments in NCDOT.

Scott Whitaker moved to approve the Resolution of Support: FY 2020 SPR Funding Request for New Household Travel Survey. Chris Spencer seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the Resolution of Support: FY 2020 SPR Funding Request for New Household Travel Survey.

6. Updated MPO supported sidewalks list

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- This item approves additional sidewalk projects in design for MPO directed federal funds under project U-5532 or other TIP numbers as appropriate.

- Short term projects on this list include Pear Street, Seminole Drive, and Bessemer Avenue. Pear Street fills an important gap improves access to Dudley High and Bluford Elementary, while the other two connect to the future A & Y Greenway.
- McKinney also commented that the Battleground Ave project on the list has already been funded under previous actions.
- Meyer commented that the Four Seasons Boulevard project has been approved also.

Scott Whitaker moved to approve the Updated MPO supported sidewalks list. Scott Rhine seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the Updated MPO supported sidewalks list.

Business Items

1. Transportation Improvement Program Update

Tyler Meyer presented the Transportation Improvement Program update:

- A summary of the results of the division needs competition under Prioritization 5.0 was presented along with the Draft 2019-2029 STIP.
- Schedule changes for carryover projects from the current 2018-2027 STIP will be noted at the next meeting.
- There will be a more comprehensive update during the next meeting including scheduling changes.
- The MPO area picked up more projects than had been forecasted: eight sidewalk projects and other projects have been added.
- One unexpected highlight is that the roadway safety improvement project on Summit Avenue at Wendover Ave has been added, though it is subject to reprioritization in the next round. Several intersection projects are also newly added.
- A project that has right-of-way within the first six years of the TIP are now committed project. Projects with right-of-way later than six years from the start of the TIP have to be reprioritized.
- The general schedule for the TIP update was presented. It includes an MPO discussion of the preliminary results with Division 7 in February-March, 2019, public input sessions in spring of 2019, approval of the 2020-2029 STIP in June of 2019, and MTIP amendments in August of 2019.
- Tamara Njegovan commented that project U-6100 now includes the Phillips Ave. Bridge project.

Other Items

1. Division Engineer Updates

Mike Mills presented the Division Engineer updates:

- There are four ongoing signal additions including Church St, Eckerson St, Archergate, and Hicone. The signal on US 70 and Birch Creek design is finished but is waiting on contractor approval.
- The project on US 70 from Mt Hope Church Road to Birch Creek Road is in the Right-of-Way phase.
- Several small projects are scheduled for 2019 including bridge projects, a left turn lane project at Pleasant Garden Road and Neely Road , and interchange safety improvements at I-40 and Elm-Eugene.
- Due to the funding constraints and issues, the widening project on I-40 from US 29 to Freeman Mill Road has been delayed by four years.
- A public meeting was held for the interchange improvements project on NC 150 and Browns Summit, was planned to start in December, 2019. That project has now been cancelled due to the future upgrade of US 29 to Interstate standards. That project is planned for right of way in 2025 and construction in 2027.
- There was a general conversation held about the new projects.

2. Project Updates

Craig McKinney presented the Project Updates:

- The Franklin Boulevard Grade Separation, project P-5709, will have a local officials meeting and a public meeting scheduled in the near future. The preferred plan is for Franklin Boulevard to go under the railroad. The other alternative would be to go over the railroad. The roadway underpass option would lead to a closure of the crossing for a 2+ year period, so it is important to make the public aware of that and get input regarding any concerns in connection with it.
 - Mike Mills noted additional public input is needed since it involves a one to up to three year roadway closure period depending on which alternative is used.
- Project U-5850 Randleman Road Widening will continue the five lane section to Elmsley Dr. The project team is planning to meet with SHPO to discuss the historic status of the church and cemetery from which there may cause changes to the project. There will be a public meeting on February 5, 2019 at New Goshen UMC from 4:00-7:00. There was a public officials meeting on January 22, 2019.
- There will be a public meeting for the Greene Street 2-Way Conversion on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 11:00-1:00 and 4:00-6:00 at the Co/lab.
 - Chris Spencer commented that the Greene Street 2-way conversion is being funded by the streetscape project Bond funding.
- There will be a public meeting for project U-6019 to add a three lane cross section on Air Harbor Road at Lake Brandt Road on February 7, 2019 from 4:00-6:00 at Covenant Grace Church.

3. Strategic Reports

Tyler Meyer presented the Strategic reports:

- Following up on a City request, NCDOT will name the Urban Loop between Bryan Blvd and Battleground Ave the J. Douglas Gaylon Freeway.
- The first NC Transportation Summit was held in early January, 2018.
 - Mike Mills commented that the event was good and included concepts for future transportation concepts.
 - Gray Johnston asked if the conceptual Hyperloop traveling between Charlotte and Raleigh in twenty two minutes was a correct figure. Mike Mills confirmed that it was.
 - A general conversation was held about the Hyperloop project.
 - A general conversation was also held about the presentations at the summit.
- Tyler Meyer noted the NCAMPO conference will be held at the Charlotte Convention Center in April, 2019.
- Tyler Meyer commented that the MTP (Metropolitan Transportation Plan) update is due September 2020. Work will start first on the Congestion Management Process update, and that will feed into the MTP Update. More information on the process and timeline will be shared at a later date.
- Michael Abuya commented that the revised CTP requirements should be ready now, or will be by next month and will have some differences than in the past. Abuya also commented about the Title VI plan.
 - Tyler Meyer clarified that the Title VI plan is to document regulatory compliance with the Civil Rights Act.
 - Scott Rhine asked if the Title VI plan would coordinate with GTA. Tyler Meyer said that like GTA, the MPO would use the City's Title VI coordinator. There are some differences though between FTA and FHWA requirements and procedures relating to Title VI.

4. TCC Member Updates

- Scott Whitaker said that the greenway project in Summerfield will include a sidewalk connection from the A&Y tunnel to Summerfield Road: about 600 ft. of sidewalk.

- Chris Spencer gave an update on electric scooters. In November, 2018 City Council passed an ordinance for a pilot program for electric scooters. Both Lime and Bird have been selected to participate in the pilot program, and will deploy 200 scooters each starting on January 28, 2019. There are new rules in place for the scooters that they cannot be ridden on the sidewalk and must be ridden on a street that is posted less than 35 MPH. There will also be a survey to evaluate safety and interest of the users. Tyler Meyer asked if the police intend to ticket people riding electric scooters on the sidewalks. Spencer commented that the police are looking to educate people first. Spencer also commented that bikes and scooters parked improperly can be impounded. Carey Barr asked about the fees. Spencer commented that the companies pay \$500 for a permit and \$50 per scooter.
- Gray Johnston gave an update on the electric buses ribbon cutting which was originally set for January 28, 2019 but has been rescheduled to February 21, 2019. Johnston will email members with more information. Tyler Meyer asked which date the buses will start service, Johnston confirmed that the buses will start service on January 28, 2019. Meyer asked about which routes the electric buses will service. Johnston commented that it will vary based on testing of each route, and it may change based on the season as the busses do not operate as well in the winter.
- Tyler Meyer commented that Gray Johnston is getting on board as a full time permanent employee. His start day in that new capacity February 1, 2019.

Wrap-Up

The next TCC meeting will take place February 27, 2019 at 10:30 am in the third Floor GDOT Conference Room. **The meeting was adjourned by Tyler Meyer at approximately 11:30AM.**