



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of March 27, 2019

10:30 a.m., Greensboro, NC

Third Floor, GDOT Conference Room

Melvin Municipal Office Building

Attendance

Tyler Meyer	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Mark Kirstner	<i>PART</i>
Craig McKinney	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Elizabeth Jernigan	<i>Greensboro Parks and Recreation</i>
Lydia McIntyre	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Carey Barr	<i>AECOM</i>
Tram Truong	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Oliver Bass	<i>Guilford County</i>
Yuan Zhou	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Bill Bruce	<i>Oak Ridge</i>
Gray Johnston	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Joe Geigle	<i>FHWA</i>
Chris Barbieri	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Dana Magliola	<i>NCDOT Logistics and Freights</i>
Jomar Pastorelle	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Claudio Figueroa	<i>VHB</i>
Mike Mills	<i>NCDOT Division 7</i>		
Scott Whitaker	<i>Summerfield</i>		

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

Action Items

1. Meeting Minutes

Craig McKinney commented that the organization name for John Fersner needs to be changed from F & D to E & I. Tyler Meyer confirmed that it will be changed.

Mark Kirstner motioned to approve the minutes of February 27, 2019. Tyler Meyer seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of February 27, 2019.

2. FY 2018/2027 MTIP Amendment: Ballinger Road Bridge (B-5553)

Project B-5553 includes replacement of the bridge over the tributary of Horse Pen Creek. The MTIP Amendment for project B-5553 reflects a change in funding source. 80% of the project will be funded with federal funds.

Mike Mills motioned to approve the FY 2018/2027 MTIP Amendment: Ballinger Road Bridge (B-5553). Mark Kirstner seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the FY 2018/2027 MTIP Amendment: Ballinger Road Bridge (B-5553)

3. FY 2019-2027 MTIP Amendment: Safety Projects (W-5707)

Project W-5707 is an umbrella project that enables flexibility for implementation. Project W-5707 provides funding for low cost safety improvement projects at various locations. The MTIP amendment reflects a proposed funding increase from NCDOT for FY 2019 funding.

Mark Kirstner asked Mike Mills about the eligibility requirements of a project to fall in to this program. Mike Mills commented that the projects have various activities but most projects are small scale. Kirstner asked if there were any pedestrian projects. Mills confirmed that some projects do include pedestrian improvements. Kirstner asked if there has been bus pullouts in these projects. Mills commented that he was not sure. Meyer notes that projects under this program are selected via the NCDOT's Highway Safety Improvement Plan methodology.

Mark Kirstner motioned to approve the FY 2019-2027 MTIP Amendment: Safety Projects (W-5707). Mike Mills seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the FY 2019-2027 MTIP Amendment: Safety Projects (W-5707).

4. FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: NC 68 Safety Improvements (R-5725) Fleming / Lewiston Intersection Improvement (U-6016)

Projects R-5725 and U-6016 both include safety improvements. The MTIP amendment for these projects reflect the shift in timing for the right-of-way and construction. Both projects will have right-of-way in FY 19-20 and construction in FY 20-21.

Scott Whitaker asked about the changes on NC 68 North and Oak Ridge Military Academy from this project. Mike Mills commented that during the local officials meeting the plan was to install a roundabout but recently the plan has changed and there will no longer be a roundabout on NC 68. Whitaker asked if it was an issue of traffic volume, Mills confirmed. Tyler Meyer asked about a timeline for the new plan. Mills commented that the timeline is still under development.

Scott Whitaker motioned to approve. Oliver Bass seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: NC 68 Safety Improvements (R-5725) Fleming / Lewiston Intersection Improvement (U-6016).

5. FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment Updated Transit Listing

This amendment reflects changes that are consistent with the MPO Transit Resource Allocation Plan and will be incorporated in to the program of projects and the FY 2020-2029 TIP. From this amendment, the estimated funding levels will be replaced with the final FY 2019 apportionment numbers and the project descriptions will be revised as well as shifts in funding between projects per current needs.

Mark Kirstner motioned to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment Updated Transit Listing, Mike Mills seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment Updated Transit Listing.

6. FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: College/ New Garden (C-5555E)

Project C-5555E is an MPO supported transit oriented sidewalk project on New Garden Road and College Road. This project requires additional funding for 80% of the right-of-way costs and 80% of the estimated construction costs. The additional funding will be covered by CMAQ funds left over from C-5555A and available STBGDA funds.

Mark Kirstner motioned to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: College/ New Garden (C-5555E). Oliver Barr seconded the motion. The CC voted unanimously to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Modification: College/ New Garden (C-5555E).

Business Items

1. NC Freight Policy & Engagement Update

Dana Magliola presented the regional freight advisory council project briefing:

In November of 2017 the statewide multimodal freight plan was completed. This plan was created to raise awareness of freight, inform STI about planning and prioritization, and establish an understanding of freight in North Carolina for today and the future. A statewide freight advisory committee was created in reaction to changes in the FAST Act. The statewide committee has decided to take a regionalized approach for several reasons including identifying freight system trends, needs, and issues, describing freight policies, and engage the statewide freight advisory committee. The state was divided in to six regions for regional freight advisory committees based on existing MPO/RPO boundaries, EDPNC regions, NCDOT Divisions, and Geographic and economic connectivity. Guilford County is in the Piedmont-Triad region. Participants will be a cross section of private and public freight stakeholders that will include similar representation of the community. Within the regional group there are three niche advisory councils for food, military/Department of Defense, innovation/ new technology. The Regional Freight Advisory Committee (RFAC) will be advisory in nature and will communicate and coordinate with neighboring RFAC's and relevant organizations. The RFAC will provide updates to the Statewide FAC on a regular basis. On April 11-13, 2019 the North Carolina Drone Summit & Flight Expo will happen in Greensboro.

Mark Kirstner commented that Montgomery and Caswell Counties economy and transportation might not match the other counties in the group. A general conversation was had about the two counties and whether they connect more with this or other regions. It was noted that talking with the counties would be advisable. An additional conversation was held about freight surveys and prioritization.

2. Vision Zero Greensboro Update

Lydia McIntyre reviewed recent activities of Vision Zero Greensboro. Individual working group meetings were used to develop goals, objectives, and strategies. A joint working group meeting will be held on April 3, 2019 to finalize the two year action plan. City Council approval of the action plan is scheduled May 21, 2019. One issue Vision Zero members have been monitoring closely and communicating support for is the proposed Hands-Free NC bill currently under consideration in the General Assembly. If the bill passes it will go in to effect in January of 2021. On another front, the Vision Zero group is applying for the Safe Routes to School grant. The Safe Routes to School Grant enables and encourages

children to walk and bike to school as well as facilitate planning development and implementation of projects. The funding for the grant is available for three years and ranges from \$50,000 to \$100,000 per year. The partners for this grant include Guilford county schools, Greensboro Police, Greensboro Parks and Recreation, NCDOT Division 7, Crumley Roberts, and the MPO. The next steps for Vision Zero Greensboro include internal city outreach, data analysis, media outreach, action plan approval, and a community kickoff.

Mark Kirstner asked if the school system is monitoring the parent drop off to see if there has been an increase in people walking and biking to school. Lydia McIntyre commented that an evaluation has been done for the Safe Routes grant.

3. Division Engineer Update

Mike Mills presented the Division Engineer updates. Contractors are continuing work on two sections of the urban loop from Battleground Avenue to Lawndale Drive and from Lawndale Drive to US 29. The section from Battleground Avenue to Lawndale Drive is planned to be opened later this year. The traffic scheduling project at US 70 and Birch Creek Road is forty percent complete. The signal at Church Street and Archer Gate will be in the flash mode in three weeks. The intersection at Hicone and Eckerson is complete and operational. The traffic light at US 70 and Golf House road in Sedalia has begun construction and is about forty percent complete. Construction on an installation of a left turn lane on Pleasant Garden Road at Neelley Road is happening. There are intersection improvements being planned for I40 Business and Elm-Eugene. The project in front of the new Publix distribution center is in the stage of buying right-of-way. A project for a turn Lane on Summerfield and 150 is planned for December, 2019. Interchange improvements are being planned at US 29 and NC 150 and Brown Summit.

Craig McKinney commented that Y-4807B Lowdermilk and Sykes realignment and Pine Street crossing closure is waiting for the phase two environmental report on two properties so the right-of-way will be delayed.

4. Project Updates

- Gallimore Dairy Road (U-4015 A): A Local officials meeting was held on March 7, 2019 and a Public meeting on March 21, 2019 for project U-4015 A.
- Grade Separation on Franklin Blvd. and crossing closure on O'Ferrell S. (P-5709): A locals officials meeting was held on March 14, 2019 and a public meeting to be announced in the future for project P-5709.
- Upcoming Events: On April 11, 2019 bids will open for a general sidewalk improvement project contract, a relatively small City funded sidewalk construction project. On April 18, 2019 bids will be opened for Project EB-5876 for Holden Road Sidewalks. Also on April 18, 2019 bids will open for project EB-5716 for sidewalks on Lindsay and Holden. The NCAMPO conference will be held on April 24 - 26, 2019. The next MPO TCC/TAC meetings will be held on May 8, 2019.

5. Strategic Reports

- Section 5310 Call for Projects: Section 5310 is a program for submitting projects based on public transportation individualized needs for paratransit services. A call for projects has been issued to eligible entities. The current time frame was presented. From April 15, 2019-May 15, 2019 there will be a call for projects, from May 16, 2019-May 24, 2019 the projects will be screened, on May 27, 2019 the projects will be ranked and given development recommendations, on June 26, 2019 the projects will be selected for funding.

- Updated Coordinated Plan: The public review period for the updated coordinated plan will be from April 15, 2019 to May 15, 2019. A public meeting will be held on May 7, 2019 at MMOB and the updated coordinated plan will be adopted on June 26, 2019.

Other Items

1. TCC Member Updates

There were none

2. Regional Updates

Mark Kirstner mentioned that there will be a light rail rally on March 29, 2019 from 1:30-3:00.

Joe Geigle mentioned that Eddie Dancausse has been promoted to the headquarters office George Hoops will be covering CMAQ until a new person is employed in the position. Geigle will also take responsibility of the DCHC which meets meeting time sometimes conflicts with the TCC meeting time.

Craig McKinney commented that in Wake County, Wake Medical has been approved by the FAA to use Drones to deliver blood supplies within their network. A general conversation was held about the Drones.

Elizabeth Jernigan mentioned that Parks and Recreation will be celebrating trails day on June 8, 2019 at 12:00 at Country Park.

3. Wrap-Up

The meeting was adjourned by Tyler Meyer at approximately 11:45 AM

