



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 13, 2019 10:30 a.m., Greensboro, NC Third Floor, GDOT Conference Room Melvin Municipal Office Building

Attendance

Tyler Meyer	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Elizabeth Jernigan	<i>GSO Parks and Recreation</i>
Craig McKinney	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Stephen Robinson	<i>NCDOT Division 7</i>
Lydia McIntyre	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Mark Kirstner	<i>PART</i>
Tram Truong	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Scott Whitaker	<i>Summerfield</i>
Yuan Zhou	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Sean Taylor	<i>Oak Ridge</i>
Chandler Hagen	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Michael Abuya	<i>NCDOT TPD</i>
Gray Johnston	<i>GDOT/GTA</i>	Joe Geigle	<i>FHWA</i>
George Linney	<i>GTA</i>		

Tyler Meyer called the meeting to order at approximately 10:37 AM.

Action Items

1. Meeting Minutes

Elizabeth Jernigan noted that her agency was incorrectly listed as GSO Parks and Ride instead of GSO Parks and Recreation in the September 25, 2019 minutes.

Mark Kirstner moved to approve the minutes of September 25, 2019. Scott Whitaker seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of September 25, 2019.

2. Amend 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Lydia McIntyre described the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. It is a long-range document that is updated every four to five years. A new amendment is required to allow for new projects to be developed and existing projects to be modified. She asked that the TCC recommend for TAC approval.

Michael Abuya moved to approve the recommendation for TAC approval to amend the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. Sean Taylor seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the recommendation for TAC approval to amend the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

3. Adopt FY 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program

McIntyre described the 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP), a short-range document detailing a 10 year program updated every 2 years. The MTIP must match the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It includes a list of projects by mode with project descriptions, schedules, and funding sources.

Over one billion dollars' worth of projects have been funded. McIntyre noted that the majority of funding has shifted from the statewide tier to the regional tier. The most funding goes toward roadway projects, which Tyler Meyer noted include bicycle and pedestrian projects. Local funding is the largest transit funding source at approximately 40% of all funding sources.

McIntyre noted that project U-5898 will be deleted from the MTIP because of a delay in the project.

A 30 day public review period ended on November 7, 2019. A public meeting was held on October 15, 2019 from 4-7pm following a city council meeting. There were 15 people in attendance. No public comments were received at the meeting, but McIntyre said that people have emailed her with concerns and ideas regarding the MTIP thanks to her association with Vision Zero.

McIntyre asked for the TCC to recommend the TAC adopt FY 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

Mark Kirstner moved to approve the recommendation for TAC adoption of FY 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program. Michael Abuya seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the recommendation for TAC adoption of FY 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program.

4. FY 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment – Transit Listings

NCDOT adopted FY 2020-2029 STIP in September 2019. NCDOT inadvertently included incorrect GUAMPO transit listings. The new MTIP includes STIP transit listings to ensure consistency at time of adoption per USDOT requirements. The MTIP amendment corrects and updates the transit listings.

Sean Taylor moved to approve the FY 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment – Transit Listings. Mark Kirstner seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the FY 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment – Transit Listings.

5. FY 2018-2027 & 2020-2029 MTIP Amendments: TD-5279 & TA-4767

The Depot Renovation project is out for bids soon. Water damage from heavy rain in July shows a critical need for roof replacement at the Depot. The waiting area also needs to be reconfigured and the bathroom facilities need to be updated.

The roof replacement can be incorporated in the renovation if FY 2020 funds are shifted from paratransit vehicles. Each year, GTA anticipates funding that typically goes toward paratransit vehicle acquisition. However, thanks to the recent purchase of 16 new paratransit buses, the paratransit fleet condition allows additional replacements to wait until FY 2021 and the funding to be shifted to the roof replacement without negatively impacting paratransit services. In addition, having the same state-funding source streamlines the move without significant delay to the bidding schedule.

Gray Johnston mentioned that these improvements will contribute to the goal of the City to make the depot more of a destination.

George Linney moved to approve the FY 2018-2027 & 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment: TD-5279 & TA-4767. Mark Kirstner seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve FY 2018-2027 & 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment: TD-5279 & TA-4767.

6. FY 2018-2027 & 2020-2029 MTIP Amendments: Rail Projects Y-5807 & Z-5807

These amendments create two new “umbrella” projects that do not yet add funding. Funds will be added after the scope is determined. Y-5807 deals with closures of unsafe crossings. Z-5807 deals with safety improvements to crossings and includes studies to find where crossings are needed.

Michael Abuya moved to approve the recommendation for TAC approval of FY 2018-2027 & 2020-2029 MTIP Amendments: Rail Projects Y-5807 & Z-5807. George Linney seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the recommendation for TAC approval of FY 2018-2027 & 2020-2029 MTIP Amendments: Rail Projects Y-5807 & Z-5807.

Business Items

1. Division Engineer Updates

Stephen Robinson presented the following project updates:

- U-2581BA: The let start date was moved to January 21, 2020 from October 15, 2019 as a result of the current cash balance issue. A lot of the preliminary projects have been suspended for now.
- SS-4907CL: The let start date for the project was moved to April 2020 from September 2019.
- SS-4907CM: The let start date was moved to April 2020 from September 2019. The completion date was moved to July 2020 from March 2020.
- SS-4907CJ: The let start date was set for April 2020 and completion was set for May 2020.
- U-5754: The let start date was moved to June 16, 2020 from February 28, 2020.
- SM-5707G: Funds were approved in September 2019. The let start date was set for July 2020, and the completion date was set for November 2020.
- I-5964: The let start date was moved to October 15, 2020 from October 17, 2019, and the completion date was moved to FY 2022 from FY 2021.
- SS-4907CI: The dates have been added, but Robinson did not specify what they are.
- 48916: This project was added. It is located in Gibsonville.
- 489119: This project was added. It is located in Greensboro.
- SR-2334: The let start date was moved to March 5, 2021 from March 5, 2020. The completion date remains FY 2021.
- Y-4807B: The let start date was moved to June 18, 2021 from November 21, 2019. The completion date was moved to FY 2022 from FY 2021.
- R-5889: The let start date will be August 2026 and completion will be FY 2029.
- Scott Whitaker asked for clarification on the recommendation to put the approved Summerfield A&Y Greenway South project on hold until May 2020. Tyler Meyer and Craig McKinney clarified that this meant a delay in right-of-way authorization but should not delay the construction date.

2. Project Updates:

Tyler Meyer presented the following project updates:

- Portions of the Urban Loop had a dedication and ribbon cutting this past week to honor J. Douglas Galyon.
- The City completed its transaction with Norfolk Southern to acquire rail banking rights for the A&Y Greenway corridor from Spring Garden Street to the Target on Lawndale. The Downtown Greenway Phase 4 and A&Y Greenway from Spring Garden to Mitchell Water Plant at Benjamin Parkway is already designed. Bids are expected to open in November 2020, and construction is expected to start in March 2021.

- The City's contract for EL-5101DL Pisgah Church Rd/Lees Chapel Road and Yanceyville Street has been concurred with, which means the City can give the contractor notice to proceed. The EB-5518 Hill Street/Latham Park connector and U-5532 A Josephine Boyd Walker Avenue intersection improvement projects have gained NCDOT approval to be advertised for construction despite the cash crunch because they are high priority projects. [Editor's correction note: *construction funding was obligated, but permission to advertise had not yet been received for EB-5518 and U-5532 A.*] Reimbursement requests for these projects have been delayed in order to gain NCDOT approval for construction. GDOT may try to gain approval before May for the C-5555 E New Garden and College Road project as well for similar reasons.
- The P-5709 Franklin Boulevard project, construction of an underpass under the railroad, may also be pushed for approval for construction using the same delay in reimbursement requests since it is also a high priority project. In order to construct this underpass, a section of Burlington Road will be closed, which will reroute East Market Street up to Bessemer. This provides an opportunity to connect East Market Street to East Wendover. NCDOT is preparing to replace the Huffine Mill bridge and do ramp reconfigurations, so a next step for the City and GDOT is to analyze traffic numbers to make sure that is possible.

Craig McKinney presented the upcoming project events:

- The next BPAC meeting is November 15. The meeting will focus on reviewing resurfacing projects.
- On November 21, there will be a pre-bid meeting for the B-5553 Ballinger Road Bridge project.
- On November 21 from 4-7pm at Genesis Baptist Church (2812 E Bessemer Avenue), there will be a public meeting for the P-5709 Franklin Boulevard Grade Separation & Y-5500 GA Naco Road Extension projects.
- On December 5, there will be a bid opening for the B-5553 Ballinger Road Bridge project as long as all goes well on November 21.

3. Strategic Reports

The next MPO meeting is December 11.

The NCDOT is expecting the cash crunch situation to improve by May.

FY 2021 UPWP is under development for January review.

Section 5303 Transit Planning Funds are going to increase in FY 2021, which means MPOs will see increases to their 5303 funds over the next three years.

There will be a Transit Resource Allocation Plan update for December.

4. Prioritization 6.0 Process Update

Lydia McIntyre gave an update on the Prioritization 6.0 process. Step 1 identifies candidate projects. This step will conclude at the end of November. For those submitting projects, there is information provided on the status of previously submitted projects.

5. 2020 MPO Meeting Schedule Proposed

Craig McKinney showed the proposed dates for next year's MPO meetings. He noted that the August meeting does not fall on the usual fourth Wednesday of the month to account for a scheduling conflict for the TAC committee members.

Other Items

1. Member Update

George Linney mentioned that focus groups evaluating the GTA route changes in August provided comments and concerns about the changes and provided possible future improvements. GTA will continue to monitor ridership to see how to improve it. There was a large increase in October, which tends to be the best month of the whole year.

Chandler Hagen said that Greensboro's Safe Routes to School program has received its funding.

Sean Taylor mentioned that Oak Ridge is starting the engineering phase for the connection between the Cascades Trail, a portion of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, and the town park. Last year, the town received property deeds for one section of the trail from Linville Road to Pepper Road, and this year, the town is working on a sidewalk or natural path from Pepper Road to Haw River Road.

2. Regional Update

Michael Abuya mentioned a survey that is part of the NC Moves 2050 Plan running from October 2019 to February 2020. There will be an NCDOT customer survey available to allow customers to share feedback about how NCDOT is serving the community.

Mark Kirstner mentioned that PART is providing reformatted written reports that feature a "route of the month." He shared that the Route 4 Alamance Burlington Express broke 6,000 trips during the month of September. He also mentioned that he attended the FHWA/FTA Transportation Performance Management session in Atlanta. He said it focused more on processes than specific performance measures. From a transit standpoint, the Transit Asset Management (TAM) plan and a new safety plan are now a part of the management process. For MPO reporting, the FTA said that the NTD data and reporting will be released very soon and will include the summaries in the NTD report. He added that the base year has been updated for the Transportation Demand Model.

Joe Geigle said that he attended a regional workshop for MPOs in the South. He mentioned that the annual safety targets are due at the end of February.

3. Wrap-Up

Scott Whitaker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Kirstner seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Tyler Meyer at 11:35 AM.