



TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Minutes of August 27, 2014
10:30 a.m., Greensboro, NC
3rd Floor GDOT Conference Room
Melvin Municipal Office Building

ATTENDANCE

Tyler Meyer	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Michael Abuya	<i>NDOT - TPB</i>
Lydia McIntyre	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Ted Partrick	<i>COG - Eng. & Insp.</i>
Craig McKinney	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Alex Rosser	<i>PTIAA</i>
Daniel Amstutz	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Bill Bruce	<i>Town of Oak Ridge</i>
Tram Truong	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Scott Whitaker	<i>Town of Summerfield</i>
Hanna Cockburn	<i>GSO Planning</i>	Scott Rhine	<i>PART</i>
Mike Mills	<i>NCDOT - Div 7</i>	Jesse Day	<i>PTRPO</i>
Tamara Makhiouf	<i>NCDOT - Div 7</i>	Senanu Ashiabor	<i>Intermodal Logistics Consulting</i>
Les Edgar	<i>Guilford County Planning</i>		

Tyler Meyer called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

1. Approve Minutes of June 23, 2014

Ted Partrick moved to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 meeting. Michael Abuya seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 meeting.

2. MTIP FY 2012-2018 Amendments: AV-5708 PTIA Taxiway over I-73 & B-5553 Ballinger Road Bridge Replacement

Tyler Meyer presented the MTIP Amendments requested by NCDOT to add construction funding to project AV-5708 in FY 2015 and apply funds to the Ballinger Road Bridge replacement project in for right-of-way in 2016 and construction in 2017. NCDOT has approved projects AV-5708 and B-5553 for statewide tier funding under Prioritization 3.0.

Jesse Day inquired the amount of local share needed to match the \$15 million under AV-5708 project and Meyer clarified that the amount would be provided by PTIAA. Alex Rosser also clarified that the AV-5708 project was only for the taxiway to the bridge.

Ted Patrick inquired about the source of local funds for the B-5553 project and Meyer noted they would

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come from state highway funding.

Hanna Cockburn moved to recommend the MTIP FY 2012-2018 Amendments: AV-5708 PTIA Taxiway over I-73 & B-5553 Ballinger Road Bridge Replacement to the TAC for approval. Scott Rhine seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to recommend the MTIP FY 2012-2018 Amendments: AV-5708 PTIA Taxiway over I-73 & B-5553 Ballinger Road Bridge Replacement to the TAC for approval.

3. Prioritization 3.0 Local Points Assignment

Lydia McIntyre presented the local point assignments by MPO Staff and the NCDOT Division 7 office for Regional and Division Tier projects to send to NCDOT for federal and/or state funding as part of the Prioritization 3.0 process. McIntyre reviewed step four of the Prioritization methodology that outlines the quantitative and qualitative analysis for assigning the 1700 available points across all modes at both the regional and division tier with a maximum of 100 points per project, for a minimum of 17 projects for each tier. Division 7 projects will be partnered with Division 9 projects. Points can be donated to and by neighboring MPOs but no points have been requested or suggested for donation. McIntyre noted the assignment of local points involves six weighted factors and the largest of the six weights is based on the project's relative performance in NCDOT's quantitative scoring process. The project matrix evaluation is designed to consider how each project performs based on the impact of each factor: green indicates the project has a positive impact on the factor, yellow indicates the project has little or no impact on the factor, and red indicates the project has a negative impact on the factor.

The Draft Assignment of Local Points was released to the public for review from July 18th - August 18th. The MPO held a public meeting on July 22nd with approximately 8 attendees. The MPO received 47 responses, 43 from the public survey and 4 written comments over the public review period. A large percentage of respondents were from Stokesdale. McIntyre reviewed a summary of public responses and noted the greatest needs were identified as roadway improvement/maintenance, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and safety awareness, and increasing public transportation. The written comments were against projects R-2577C (US-I58 widening and bypass) and I-4924 (Airport Connector). McIntyre noted over 50% stated they disagreed with the assignment of local points and a majority of the reasons stated was because they were against R-2577. McIntyre and Meyer noted the comments were probably directed against the entire project itself and not necessarily the assignment of points.

Dan Amstutz requested clarification on the ranking average of the survey responses and McIntyre noted the values had been weighted in order for the ranking average to be calculated correctly.

Les Edgar inquired if the comments indicated the projects R-2577C and I-4924 were unneeded or unwanted. McIntyre noted the comments were mixed and the MPO response said the need was based not only on current conditions but on future predictions.

Mike Mills noted he felt the comments from the Stokesdale residents were against the entire project. At the public hearing the residents had appeared divided between directing the traffic north or south of Stokesdale. But a few months ago the Mayor of Stokesdale sent Cheryl McQueary a letter requesting that the project be pulled from the list since it did not score well under Prioritization 3.0. NCDOT needs to respond because they will honor the MPO request to remove the project but the section in Forsyth County scored well and is moving forward. Meyer noted the project used to be eligible for State Highway Trust Funds which supported the development all the way to the Great Dismal Swamp but is no longer scoring well under the Strategic Transportation Initiative. Mills noted the interchange at 68 and 220 creates heavy freight traffic out of Virginia on NC 68 West between Stokesdale and 220. Mills noted the need to consider a project on NC 68 between US 220 and Stokesdale for Prioritization 4.0. McIntyre noted it is a project in the LRTP up to the Guilford County line. Les Edgar noted the project should take into consideration the continuing subdivision development continues in the area of the US 158 alignment. The project is funded for environmental study and further MPO support is needed. Craig mentioned that environmental study could provide direction on the future alignment.

McIntyre reviewed maps of the projects recommend at the regional and divisional tier. Day requested clarification on the final score for the I-4924 Airport Connector. McIntyre noted she would confirm the

calculation of the final scores.

McKinney noted that the Stokesdale project was showing both the B section and C section (bypass) but the bypass was not assigned points. McIntyre and Mills noted that probably would not have prevented comments because they comments indicated they wanted to eliminate the entire project. McIntyre noted comments against US-158 cited that it wasn't necessary due to limited budgets and the project would destroy existing neighborhoods. The comments against the Airport Connector echoed those concerns in addition to the criticism that it would divide farmlands.

Scott Rhine requested more information on the comments from Stokesdale regarding public transportation. He noted the requests may stem from needing more service options on the highly travelled corridor of Highway 68, which would come to a County question of additional funding. Rhine requested when comments come in to the MPO regarding PART that they be forwarded to PART staff.

Bill Bruce inquired if the order of the project rankings would change based on the previous question from Jesse Day on the scoring calculation. McIntyre confirmed that the changes would be made in both documents.

Scott Rhine moved to recommend the Prioritization 3.0 Local Points Assignment to the TAC for approval. Michael Abuya seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to recommend the Prioritization 3.0 Local Points Assignment to the TAC for approval.

Please note the scoring calculations were incorrect as shown during the meeting. The scores were revised before the TAC meeting. In addition, the updated scores were emailed to TCC members and will be posted to the MPO site for the public.

4. Priority Needs List

Lydia McIntyre presented the Priority Needs List, which identifies key projects for the MPO area and serves as a straightforward method to communicate essential priorities.

Mike Mills moved to recommend the Priority Needs List to the TAC for approval. Scott Whitaker seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to recommend the Priority Needs List to the TAC for approval.

5. STP-DA and TAP Program Adjustments and MTIP Amendment

Tyler Meyer presented proposed STP-DA and TAP Program Adjustments that including deletion of project U-5523 Florida Street Extension and modifying schedules and funding amounts for project EL-5101 *Greensboro Urban Area MPO Pedestrian & Bicycle Projects* and schedules for U-5532 *Pedestrian, Bicycle, and Transportation Alternatives Program eligible Projects*. Changes to EL-5101 will accommodate construction of the Downtown Greenway Phase 2. Changes to U-5532 will accommodate sidewalks and curb & gutter improvements on East Lee Street from Willow Road to Florida Street.

Mike Mills moved to recommend the STP-DA and TAP Program Adjustments and MTIP Amendment to the TAC for approval. Ted Partrick seconded the motion. The TCC voted unanimously to recommend the STP-DA and TAP Program Adjustments and MTIP Amendment to the TAC for approval.

Business Items

1. Transit Representation

Tyler Meyer stated that MAP-21 requires enhanced transit representation on MPO Policy Boards. USDOT enacted a "transit representation rule" in June to detail what this involves. In a nutshell it requires direct transit representation on the TAC. The reasons stated are concerns about adequate representation for transit as well as to better enhance multimodal performance based planning at the MPO level. The regulation establishes an October 1 deadline for modifying MPO Boards.

The requirements for this representation include that the representative "consider the needs of all eligible public transportation providers that provide service in the metropolitan planning area." Also "a

representative of providers of public transportation should not also attempt to represent other entities on the MPO. For example... a local elected official... [should not seek to] represent his or her local jurisdiction's interests on the MPO [ahead of his or her transit representation responsibilities].” Furthermore, the representative should “have equal decision-making rights and authorities as the other members that are on the policy board”. Finally, “[the MPO should] develop bylaws that describe establishment, roles, and responsibilities of transit representatives. “

Meyer said that three options have been identified for fulfilling these requirements: (1) convert an existing Greensboro City Council seat; (2) add a new Greensboro City Council seat; or (3) add a GTA Board member. The preliminary recommendation given was to convert an existing Greensboro City Council seat.

Meyer said the TAC would discuss the item at their 2 PM Meeting and this was just for the purposes of keeping TCC in the loop.

2. Project Updates

Craig McKinney presented the following project updates:

Interchange US 421 at Neelley Road (U-2612B): Construction signs are posted and the project is underway.

Eastern Urban Loop (U-2525B): Crews are still working on utility adjustments and construction zones should be posted soon. Work should commence soon after.

3. Strategic Reports

Daniel Amstutz presented information from Watch For Me NC campaign including a kick-off event at the August City Market. Registration is open for the NC Bike Summit that will be hosted at UNC Greensboro from October 9th - 12th.

Lydia McIntyre presented information on the enhancement of the Piedmont Triad Regional Model. The MPO is moving forward with a consultant and the Center of Global Logistics for a Freight Modeling Project. This enhancement will be instrumental in evaluating performance measures for Prioritization 3.0.

Other Items

1. NCDOT Update

Attention was drawn to the current project status report.

2. TCC Member Updates

TCC members noted attention to current news.

3. Wrap-Up

The next TCC meeting will take place on September 24th at 10:30 am in the 3rd Floor GDOT Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned by Tyler Meyer at 12:00 pm.