



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes of May 9, 2018
2:00 p.m., Greensboro, NC
2nd Floor, Greensboro City Council Chamber
Melvin Municipal Office Building

Marikay Abuzuaiter	<i>TAC Chair</i>	Kaitlyn Jessee	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>
Tammi Thurm	<i>TAC Member, City of Greensboro</i>	Tyler Fulton	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>
Skip Alston	<i>TAC Member, Guilford County</i>	Jomar Pastorelle	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>
Justin Outling	<i>Former TAC Member, City of Greensboro</i>	Joe Geigle	<i>FHWA</i>
Mike Fox	<i>TAC Member, NCDOT BOT</i>	David Hampsten	<i>Bikesboro</i>
Nancy Vaughan	<i>TAC Member, City of Greensboro</i>	Ophelia Jones	<i>Town of Sedalia</i>
Dena Barnes	<i>TAC Member, Town of Summerfield</i>	Mark Schultz	<i>UNCG/BIG</i>
Mike Mills	<i>NCDOT Division 7</i>	Nicole Lindahl	<i>BIG</i>
Tyler Meyer	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Adam Fischer	<i>GDOT</i>
Lydia McIntyre	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Bryan Byfield	<i>RK&A</i>
Tram Truong	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>	Scott Rhine	<i>PART</i>
Craig McKinney	<i>GDOT/MPO</i>		

ATTENDANCE

Marikay Abuzuaiter called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

Introductory Items

1. Recognition of Justin Outling and Installation of Tammi Thurm

Marikay Abuzuaiter called Justin Outling to the front of the room to recognize his service on the Transportation Advisory Committee. He was presented with a replica street sign with his name printed

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on the signs from the committee. Tammi Thurm, the District 5 City Council Member, was recognized as the newest member of the Transportation Advisory Committee.

2. Conflict of Interest Policy Statement

Marikay Abuzuaiter read the Conflict of Interest Policy Statement required by the State Ethics Act: it states that it is the responsibility of each committee member to avoid conflicts of interest and if there are any to identify them now. No conflicts were raised by members.

3. Reports, Concerns, and Discussion from MPO Area Towns

There were none.

4. Public Comments

David Hampsten approached the podium and commented that he would like the public meetings to be publicized more. Hampsten recommended that the committee create a plan to encourage the public to attend the meetings. Marikay Abuzuaiter commented that efforts have been made and that the committee will continue to make efforts for more public participation.

Action Items

1. Approve Minutes of March 28, 2018

Mike Fox moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2018 meeting. Skip Alston seconded the motion. The TAC voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2018 meeting.

2. MTP Update for Fast Act Compliance

Lydia McIntyre presented the MTP update for FAST Act compliance:

- MPO and state transportation planning activities are governed by Federal law, as established and modified under multi-year surface transportation authorization acts. The current such act is the FAST Act.
- The FAST Act established new requirements and provisions for the MPO Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program documents, with a deadline for achieving compliance of May 28, 2018.
- The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) has been updated to incorporate these provisions and comply with these requirements.
- The changes to the MTP include implementing new planning factors, further consultation with an emphasis on tourism and disaster risk reduction, asset management, focusing on inter-city travel, and assessing performance measures.
- The changes were released to the public for 30 days. No comments were received.

Mike Fox moved to approve the MTP update for FAST Act Compliance. Skip Alston seconded the motion. The TAC voted unanimously to approve the MTP update for FAST Act Compliance.

3. MTIP Update for FAST Act Compliance

Lydia McIntyre presented the MTP update for FAST Act compliance:

- The Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) has also been updated to incorporate and comply with new FAST Act provisions and requirements.
- The changes to the MTIP note that the MPO has set safety performance measures and targets in cooperation with NCDOT, and that the projects in the TIP are intended to support these targets.
- Marikay Abuzuaiter asked if the changes made were to comply with federal regulations. McIntyre confirmed.

- The changes were released to the public for 30 days. No comments were received.

Mike Fox moved to approve the MTIP Update for FAST Act Compliance. Skip Alston seconded the motion. The TAC voted unanimously to approve the MTIP Update for FAST Act Compliance.

4. Public Participation Plan Update

Tyler Meyer presented the Public Participation Plan Update:

- New FAST Act provisions require updates for the MPO public participation plans by May 28, 2018.
- These provisions include an expanded definition of the intended audience for MPO public involvement activities. This includes making specific reference to inter-city bus operators and other transportation providers.
- The public participation plan also needed updating as it has not been updated for four years. The updates were general and include removing extraneous provisions and improving the discussion of optional versus mandatory public involvement provisions and their use.
- The changes were released to the public for 45 days. The MPO received no comments.
- Marikay Abuzuaiter commented that social media could be a constructive way to increase the public participation. She also noted that when using social media acronyms like MPO and TAC should be explained.
- Meyer said the point was well taken and that the revised participation plan does provide for and encourage broader use of social media in the future. Staff has already been experimenting with such strategies, including coordinating with the City Communications Office to publicize the Cotswold - Old Battleground meetings via the City's Twitter feed.

Mike Fox moved to approve the Public Participation Plan. Tammi Thurm seconded the motion. The TAC voted unanimously to approve the Public Participation Plan.

5. Performance Management Agreement

Lydia McIntyre presented the Performance Management Agreement:

- New federal regulations from FAST Act require a management and data sharing agreement for coordination and communication standards to improve performance measures.
- A new protocol has been created for how information will be communicated between MPO, GTA, PART, and NCDOT.
- Transit groups have finished the initial consultation and are now working on setting targets based on data trends.
- The performance management agreement creates protocol about how to set targets and measures between groups.
- Marikay Abuzuaiter commented that the Performance Management Agreement was discussed and approved the Performance Management Agreement at the PART meeting earlier that day.

Tammi Thurm moved to approve the Performance Management Agreement. Skip Alston seconded the motion. The TAC voted unanimously to approve the Performance Management Agreement.

6. FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: Statewide Projects (I-6004, I-6100, and P-5735)

Tyler Meyer presented the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: Statewide Projects (I-6004, I-6100, and P-5735):

- Meyer said that these projects were recently selected for implementation under the FY 2020-2029 TIP based on statewide needs. Although the 2020-2029 TIP will not be adopted for another year, NCDOT proposes to get started by adding them for planning and environmental study to the current FY 2018-2027 TIP.
- The projects include:
 - Project I-6004: This project upgrades the I-40/I-85 & Rock Creek Dairy Road interchange. Construction is set for 2026.
 - Project P-5735: This project changes the street grade separation from Norfolk Southern Main Line to Yanceyville Street. Construction is set for 2027.
 - Project I-6100: This project upgrades the interchanges and ramps on US 29 from Gate City Boulevard to south of I-785 for access management and safety improvements. Construction is set for 2028.
- Meyer commented that project I-6100 was identified as a new candidate project by MPO staff thinking through existing location with safety issues and functionally obsolete design characteristics. The incident last year where a tractor trailer truck ran off the roadside and crashed into a vacant house helped to call attention to the need for safety upgrades on the corridor, as did recalling an access management and safety study completed by GDOT years ago.

Mike Fox moved to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: Statewide Projects (I-6004, I-6100, and P-5735). Tammi Thurm seconded the motion. The TAC voted unanimously to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: Statewide Projects (I-6004, I-6100, and P-5735)

7. FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: PTIA Projects (AV-5701, AV-5707, AV-5708, AV-5711, & AV-5718)

Tyler Meyer presented the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment PTIA Projects (AV-5701, AV-5707, AV-5708, AV-5711, & AV-5718):

- As a part of P5.0 statewide airports, like PTIA, can submit projects to be funded up to \$500,000 if the projects score well.
- Meyer commented that the funding is a regular flow of supplemental money rather than a source typically used for funding an entire project.
- The 2018-2027 MTIP amendment consists of program adjustments, and the changes consist of altering project times and adding a few projects.

Mike Fox moved to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: PTIA Projects (AV-5701, AV-5707, AV-5708, AV-5711, & AV-5718). Skip Alston seconded the motion. The TAC voted unanimously to approve the FY 2018-2027 MTIP Amendment: PTIA Projects (AV-5701, AV-5707, AV-5708, AV-5711, & AV-5718).

Business Items

1. Vision Zero Update

Lydia McIntyre presented the Vision Zero Update:

- The City of Greensboro, in partnership with the MPO and others, has kicked off a Vision Zero initiative. As described at previous meetings, Vision Zero Greensboro provides an interdisciplinary framework for achieving substantial reductions in fatalities and serious injuries, with a long term goal of zero.
- MPO staff have been working through the early stages of the initiative over the last several months. City Council endorsed the initiative on March 20, 2018 and directed development of a Vision Zero Action Plan as a next step.
- The City hosted a Vision Zero Kick off summit on Friday, April 20 to bring partners together, increase awareness, and gain commitment to participation in the Vision Zero initiative.

- The summit included an overview of the initiative and breakout group session. The breakout sessions used structured discussions to explore key safety issues, trends, and possible causes and solutions. The results of these sessions are still being processed.
- When the data is analyzed, the educate phase of Vision Zero Greensboro will commence. This will include the use of interdisciplinary teams to address aspects of the safety problem and responses to it. It will also include the preliminary steps of the public education phase.
- McIntyre then announced the new Vision Zero website and showed a Vision Zero video including TAC members, City officials, organizational stakeholders, and members of the general public. This video was created by the City's Greensboro Television Network in collaboration with GDOT staff.
- Marikay Abuzuaiter thanked McIntyre and the committee for their work on Vision Zero.
- Tammi Thurm requested to have Vision Zero hand out materials that she could distribute to her rotary club.
- Abuzuaiter comments that social media would be useful for advertising Vision Zero.
- McIntyre noted that efforts for Vision Zero social media will be made.

2. **Prioritization 5.0 Scores, Draft Statewide Funding requests, and Regional Input Draft Scores**

Tyler Meyer presented the Prioritization 5.0 Scores, Draft Statewide Funding requests, and Regional Input Draft Scores:

- Prioritization 5.0 scoring results were released at the end of April, for Statewide, Regional, and Divisional needs funding competitions. At the same time, draft statewide needs funding decisions were announced. The following MPO area projects have been selected for draft statewide funding at this time:
 - Project I-6004: This project upgrades the I-40/I-85 & Rock Creek Dairy Road interchange. Construction is set for 2026.
 - Project P-5735: This project changes the street grade separation from Norfolk Southern Main Line to Yanceyville Street. Construction is set for 2027.
 - Project I-6100: This project upgrades the interchanges and ramps on US 29 from Gate City Boulevard to south of I-785 for access management and safety improvements. Construction is set for 2028.
 - U-6068: This project widens I-40 from exit 311 to I-40 business. The project is mainly in Forsyth County but enters Guilford County. Construction is set for 2028.
 - I-59981: This project widens I-40 business from the split to the loop to Winston Salem I-74. Construction is set for 2029.
- Meyer commented on the I-40 Business widening project timeline. He stated that it had been listed so late in the program because Business 40 will be the detour route during the widening of I-40 scheduled earlier in the program.
- Meyer noted that a more in depth list of projects will be presented at the meeting.
- He noted that the project to reconfigure US 220, Battleground Avenue, Lawndale Avenue, Westover Terrace, and Wendover Avenue to Fernwood Drive area was the top scoring project in region D which makes it likely to be funded.
- The NC 68 projects scored well; including one to upgrade the roadway to a superstreet from the High Point area through Triad Center Drive, and one on Oak Ridge for access management and safety improvements.
- Meyer then discussed the regional scores list and his rough projection of probable regional funding results. He explained that some project costs listed, such as for the Durham-Orange Light Rail Line, will be accounted for outside the funding region (which includes Divisions Seven and Nine). Once those costs are factored out, the projected funding cutoff line will fall a bit further down the list.

- Meyer then said the next steps. These are to include developing the draft priority needs list and; the draft local input point assignments. The public review period will follow, concluding with the approval of the regional needs local input point assignments by the TAC at the July meeting.

3. Transit Updates: Section 5310 Call for Projects, Draft Program of Projects

Tyler Meyer presented the Transit Updates: Section 5310 call for projects, Draft Program of Projects:

- The MPO issued a call for projects for Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program fund from April 1 to May 2, 2018.
- The Greensboro Transit Authority (GTA) requested funding for the Specialized Community Area Transit (SCAT) to purchase three new vans.
- The Guilford County Transportation and Mobility Services (TAMS) requested funding for operating expenses.
- The applications are under review, with funding recommendations in development. The funding will be awarded on June 20, and the respective changes to the MTIP will be made.
- The program of projects, which accounts for current year transit grants will be sent out for a 30 day public review and brought for adoption at the June 20 MPO meetings, along with a TIP amendment needed to update funding figures to the full-year FY 2018 appropriations.
- The GTA 2040 plan document is evidently nearing completion. A key next step will be a detailed board review at an upcoming GTA Board retreat.

4. Division Engineer Updates

Mike Mills presented the Division Engineer Updates:

- The loop section from Bryan Boulevard to Battleground Avenue is open. The loop section from Battleground Avenue to Lawndale Avenue is in progress and may be completed sooner than projected.
- A contract has been issued and a ground breaking scheduled for the short term for the last section of the loop from US 29 to Lawndale Avenue. The TAC members will be invited.
- Marikay Abuzuaiter commented about the lack of correct signage near the PTIA. Mills said that work is still being done on the signs in the area.
- Nancy Vaughan posed a question about how long the temporary message boards near the airport will be in use.
- Mike Mills noted that the project calls for overhead signage however there are some limitations on what cities can be listed as destinations on them.
- Mike Fox then explained the definition of destination cities and the importance of having city names on signage. He noted that there is work being done to put any needed information that can't be accommodated overhead on roadside signs and indicators on the street itself as appropriate.

5. Project Updates

Tyler Meyer and Craig McKinney presented the project updates starting with Project R-2577:

- Project R-2577 dates back to before the STI was enacted and when US 158 was on the list of 'intrastate projects.' The intrastate projects had a dedicated source of state highway trust funds.
- Now that STI is in effect, funding is dependent on the results of the prioritization process.
- Project R-2577 is a 19 mile project made up of three sections.
 - Section A is from I-40 to Belews Creek and is set for construction in 2022.
 - Section B is from Belews Creek to Anthony Road and is set for construction in 2026.
 - Section C is from Anthony Road to US 220 and is currently unfunded.
- The last section would require a Stokesdale Bypass. Future funding for the project would depend on future prioritization results. Two alternative routes for this bypass are currently under review.

- The southern bypass option drops down to Anthony road and continues to turn east across NC 68 then connects back to NC 158 east of Culp Industries.
- The northern bypass starts east of where the southern bypass would start then crosses NC 68 where it will create a new interchange then connects back to US 158.
- The next step will be for the merger team to finalize alignment and design elements. This will include the selection of the 'least environmentally damaging practicable alternative' for the Stokesdale Bypass.
- NCDOT held a public hearing for R-2577 in early 2018.
- Meyer then noted recent activities for the **Cotswold at Old Battleground Roundabout**.
- Meyer commented about the public meetings held for the Cotswold and Old Battleground roundabout. The first meeting was held on December 7, 2017 336 people attended and 598 responses were received between December 7 and January 5. Another meeting was held on March 1, 2018 113 people attended and 72 comments were received.
- As with feedback from the first public workshop and comment period around the turn of the year, many commenters expressed concerns over delays and inconveniences caused by Urban Loop related road closures.
- A majority of commenters support the full access roundabout project.
- Under the selected design alternative, the project will create a full access roundabout south of the urban loop near Old Battleground Avenue and the disjointed piece of Cotswold Terrace.

6. Strategic Report

Tyler Meyer presented the Strategic Report:

- Newest MPO Staffer Yuan Zhou just received her Ph.D. in Transportation Engineering.
- MPO Staffer Daniel Amstutz's wife had a baby and he will be out for the next six plus weeks.
- Meyer noted that work is underway to assess upcoming federal discretionary grant opportunities and which to apply for, including for much needed GTA replacement buses.
- Marikay Abuzuaiter asked if the grants for the bus replacements would go towards buying electric busses, and Meyer confirmed that it would.

Other Items

1. Board Member Update

Mike Mills announced the groundbreaking ceremony for the last section of the loop on May 17 at 2:00 PM.

2. Regional Updates

Scott Rhine presented the Regional Update:

- On June 4, Amtrak will expand Piedmont train service by adding an additional train each day between Raleigh and Charlotte. They hope to further increase frequencies by 2020 to allow a train every 90 minutes throughout the day on this route.
- In the future there will be a train that connects Charlotte, Raleigh, and Greensboro that will travel every 90 minutes.
- Businesses in the Brown Summit Area have requested transit services to improve access for employees. On June 6 there will be a meeting to discuss the matter with the businesses. The location is outside of the City limits but discussions with GTA are underway as well. PART's ridesharing and van pool programs might be an option.

3. Wrap-Up

- Marikay Abuzuaiter commended the staff on their work on the Cotswold/Old Battleground workshops.

Skip Alston moved to adjourn the TAC Meeting. Nancy Vaughan seconded the motion. The TAC unanimously recommended to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Marikay Abuzuaiter at 3:10 pm.