

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
MAY 18, 2017
4:15 P.M.
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Vice Chairman
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Mike Horn, Mayor, Town of Lewisville
Terry Renegar, Commission Chair, Davie County
Brent Rockett, Commissioner, Town of Bethania
Mike Rogers, Council Member, Village of Clemmons
John Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Randy Mendenhall, Mayor Pro Tem, Town of Walkertown
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Regina “Nora” Streed, Board Member, WSTA
Mark Baker, Mayor, Village of Tobaccoville
Fleming El-Amin, Commissioner, Forsyth County
Steve Jarvis, Commissioner, Davidson County, Alternate

PRESIDING: Mayor Larry Williams, Town of Rural Hall, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Geigle, FHWA
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Scott Rhine, PART
Elizabeth Jernigan, NWPRPO
Cary Gentry, FCOEAP
Richard Jones, Davidson County Transportation
James Upchurch, NCDOT
Paul Norby, CCPB
Art Barnes, WSTA
Greg Turner, Assistant City Manager
Margaret Bessette, CCPB
Evan Koff, WSDOT
Brenda King, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Byron Brown, WSDOT
Kelly Garvin, WSDOT
Morgan Simmons, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS: James H. Trogdon, III, NCDOT Transportation Secretary
Mary Cameron, Village of Clemmons
Lanny Farmer, Village of Clemmons
Tommy Griggs, Town of Rural Hall
Mike Combest, Village of Clemmons

Chairman Williams read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement.

Chairman Williams introduced Mr. Al-Amin the new Forsyth County representative, Tommy Griggs the Alternate for Rural Hall and Mike Combest the Alternate for Clemmons.

1. Citizen Comments

No one present.

2. New MPO Staff

Fredrick Haith introduced Evan Koff the new Transportation Planner for the Winston-Salem Department of Transportation.

Presentation by James Trogdon, NC Secretary of Transportation.

Secretary Jim Trogdon stated that he was appointed Secretary of the NC Department of Transportation in January 2017. He is a registered professional engineer with more than 30 years of experience in transportation. Secretary Trogdon further stated that he has several priorities he would like to discuss with the committee. The first is the transportation bond package that did not pass the House, he stated that he would like to work with the House to revise the package. Secretary Trogdon stated that he would like to improve upon project delivery for division and regional projects. He expressed his concern with the rising cost of projects and stated he would like to accelerate projects on the current TIP and continue to accelerate projects. Secretary Trogdon expressed his concern with North Carolina being the 9th most populous state in the country, but ranked 5th for motor vehicle fatalities. Secretary Trogdon stated he would like to review behavioral issues of drivers and review new technology available to decrease fatalities. Secretary Trogdon stated that there are 14 divisions in this State and each division has different challenges, but the project request criteria are the same for all the divisions. He stated he would like to improve upon the process. He further stated he would like each division to have the best tools and technology available. Secretary Trogdon expressed concern with the need for improved pavement and bridge rehab. He also expressed the need to look at future technology (including unmanned aircraft and autonomous vehicles) with regard to effects on policy and law. Secretary Trogdon requested those with any questions and/or suggestions to feel free to contact him.

Action Items

3. Consideration of the March 16, 2017 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Larry Williams.

MOTION: Denise Adams moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**4. Consideration of the Federal Transit Administration Formula Program 2017
5307/5340 Funding Allocation for North Carolina**

Presented by Morgan Simmons.

- Transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307 funds for operating and capital assistance.
- The FTA has announced that the Winston-Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a FY 2017 partial-year apportionment in the amount of **\$2,390,290**.
- Historically, local Section 5307 funds were allocated only to WSTA for capital and operating assistance because they were the only transit agency eligible to receive these funds.
- As of Fiscal Year 2016, other transit agencies in the MPO became eligible to receive 5307 funding based upon data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD).
- The transit operators currently eligible for the funding are Davidson County, PART (Piedmont Authority for Regional Authority) and WSTA (Winston Salem Transit Authority).
- Based upon direction given by NCDOT's Public Transportation Division (PTD) and funding requests from other eligible transit providers, MPO staff met with transit providers in the MPO on Monday, October 3, 2016 to develop an equitable distribution method for these funds.
- All agencies represented concluded that starting with FY 2017, 5307 funding will be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA in Chart 3A.
- Additionally, **\$55,000** will be deducted from the total apportionment for those activities traditionally eligible under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program.
- A formalized process has also been developed to outline the allocation steps for future 5307 allocation distribution among the eligible operators.
 - As requested by a TAC member at the March 2017 meeting, a section has been added to the process to provide summary information about NTD's collection requirements and process.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval.

SECOND: Denise Adams Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**5. Consideration of Amendments and Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2016-2025
Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- The NCDOT regularly updates the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) to include new projects and modify existing projects.
- Any STIP amendment for new statewide projects or projects within the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO, triggers the amendment of the MTIP.
- Modifications to the STIP do not require adoption but are provided for information.
- As required by the MPO's Public Participation Policy, the amendments and modifications to the Fiscal Year 2016-2025 MTIP were available for public review and comment for at least 30 days from April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017.
- Staff received zero comments related to additions, deletions, amendments and modifications to the MTIP.

MOTION: Denise Adams moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Todd

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

6. Consideration of a Modification adjusting the schedule of EB-5840 (Winston-Salem MUP, Green Street to Strollway) in the draft 2017-2027 STIP

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- The Multi-Use Bicycle and Pedestrian Path (MUP) adjacent to Business 40 will link Baptist Hospital with BB&T Ballpark, Downtown, Wake Forest Innovation Quarter and nearby residential neighborhoods and commercial areas.
- A portion of the MUP from the Green Street Pedestrian Bridge to the Strollway near Liberty Street was submitted in the State Strategic Prioritization Process.
- It was the Metropolitan Planning Organization's top bicycle and pedestrian project. The project scored well in the process and is included in the Draft 2017-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) as project EB-5840. Design is shown for FY 2018 and construction is FY 2021.
- One of the charges of the Business 40 Design Build Team is to design and construct roadway elements, such as retaining walls, to accommodate the future MUP. In reviewing the area in the vicinity of the Cherry Street Eastbound Ramp, the team has foreseen future difficulties in construction of the MUP Bridge over the ramp.
- They proposed to construct the bridge as part of the current Business 40 Project to take advantage of design and construction efficiencies. NCDOT and City staff concur with their assessment.
- If the construction phase of the project is moved from 2021 to 2020, the entire segment of the MUP from the Green Street Pedestrian Bridge to the Strollway Pedestrian Bridge could be accomplished in conjunction with the Business 40 Project. City Council approved a resolution requesting NCDOT to move the project to 2020 and authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with NCDOT for the required local match of \$405,200 on March 27, 2017.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Fleming Al-Amin

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

7. Consideration of an Amendment to remove EB-5811 (WSSU pedestrian bridge over the Salem Creek Connector) from the draft 2017-2027 STIP

Denise Adams made a motion that Item 7 be delay until the July 2017 TAC meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Regina Streed and unanimously carried.

Information for Future Action Items

8. Review of the Draft 2017-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Programming Process

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- The Strategic Transportation Investments law mandates ongoing evaluation and improvement to ensure the process continues to be responsive to North Carolina's diverse needs.
- This is accomplished through what is known as a "prioritization work group," which is primarily comprised of professional engineers and transportation planners.
- The data-driven process to update the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for 2017-2027 – called strategic prioritization – began in fall 2015 when NCDOT and local planning organizations gathered public feedback on projects and later submitted projects to be evaluated – or scored – for the plan.
- On January 4, 2017, NCDOT released the draft of the 2017-2027 STIP.
- The Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization staff solicited public comments from February 23, 2017 to March 31, 2017.
- Approximately 144 comments were received – most of the comments were regarding the Lewisville/Clemmons Road median project.
- All comments were forward to NCDOT.
- On April 18, 2017, NCDOT held a draft 2017-2027 STIP public comment meeting.
- The NCDOT Public comment period was from March 28, 2017 to May 16, 2017.
- NCDOT will review the public comments and make revisions to the draft STIP before the anticipated adoption in June 2017.
- The Board of Transportation is expected to approve the Final 2017-2027 State Transportation Improvement Program in June 2017.

9. Review of the Fiscal Year 2018 Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Call for Projects

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- NCDOT allocated \$1,944,463 in CMAQ funds to the Winston-Salem Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSMPO) for Fiscal Year 2018.

- The candidate projects are as follows:
 - City of Winston-Salem requested funds for WSTA night, Saturday and Sunday service in the amount of \$810,030.
 - Village of Clemmons requested funds for sidewalk on Market Center Drive in the amount of \$320,000.
 - Town of Lewisville requested funds for Lewisville-Clemmons sidewalk extension in the amount of \$581,316.
 - PART requested funds for the Winston-Salem Express Saturday Service in the amount of \$365,400.
- Total amount of funding requested is \$2,076,746.
- The projects will be brought back to committee for adoption in July.

Staff Reports (Presentation by Staff at Request of TAC Only)

10. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

No additional information to report.

b. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update

Presented by James Upchurch.

- The Town of Kernersville has met with the consultant that is completing its transportation plan study.

c. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

No additional information to report.

d. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No additional information to report.

e. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

No additional information to report.

f. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

Presented by Scott Rhine.

- There was a ribbon cutting for the Coble Intermodal Transportation on May 17, 2017.
- The grand opening is scheduled for July 3, 2017.

g. Title VI Compliance Update

No additional information to report.

h. MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- The next TAC meeting will be July 20, 2017.

i. Legislative Update

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- This is a new item included with the staff reports that is to provide information on transportation-related bills.
- Please feel free to make requests additional information and feedback regarding the item is welcome.

j. Ethics Liaison

Presented by Margaret Bessette.

- All committee members have submitted paperwork and met the April 17 State Ethics submission deadline.

11. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

ADJOURNMENT 5:10 pm.