

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
JULY 21, 2016
4:15 P.M.
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Bessette, City-County Planning Board, TAC Secretary
Dan Besse, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Vice Chairman
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem
Robert Clark, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Brent Rockett, Commissioner, Town of Bethania
Mike Rogers, Council Member, Village of Clemmons
Mike Horn, Mayor, Town of Lewisville
Tracey Shifflette, Alderman, Town of Kernersville
Myron Marion, Mayor Pro Tem, Village of Tobaccoville
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Leon Inman, Commissioner, Stokes County
Regina Streed, Board Member, WSTA
Scott Piper, Chairman, Airport Commission

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Rochelle Joseph, Town of Kernersville
Joe Geigle, FHWA
Jordan Payne, FCOEAP
Cary Gentry, FCOEAP
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Diane Hampton, NCDOT
Hermang Surti, NCDOT
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT
Connie James, WSDOT
Brenda King, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Ravin Gore, WSDOT
Byron Brown, CCPB
Ken Baker, WSDOT
Scott Rhine, PART

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS:

Dave Moser
Beverly Moser
J. Leigh Gill
Jeannine Hull
Beth Kennedy
Joy Mercantel

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

Toneq' McCullough introduced Brenda King, the new Transportation Financial Manager.

Toneq' McCullough introduced Byron Brown, the new Transportation Principal Planner.

1. Citizen Comments

Dave Moser, 4188 Fox Meadow Lane, Winston-Salem, expressed his opposition of Alternative 6 for the NC 109 project. Mr. Moser also expressed concern regarding whether the road upgrade was actually necessary.

Beverly Moser, 4188 Fox Meadow Lane, Winston-Salem, expressed her opposition of Alternative 6 for the NC 109 project. Mrs. Moser further stated that Alternative 1 would be the preferred alternative.

Leigh Gill, 580 Oaklawn Road, Winston-Salem, expressed his concern with Alternative 6. He further stated that he believes the data used to justify the project is incorrect. Mr. Gill also expressed concern with the NC 109 project now being divided into 3 different projects. (Mr. Gill's comments are attached.)

Jeannine Hall, 287 Panther Creek Court, Winston-Salem expressed concern over the lack of communication regarding the NC 109 project. Ms. Hall further requested that the committee assign no points to the project.

Beth Kennedy, 440 North Clodfelter Road, Winston-Salem, requested that the committee assign no points to the NC 109 project Alternative 6. She further stated that Alternative 1 is the better alternative. Ms. Kennedy also expressed concerns over the need for the NC 109 project. She also stated that due to health issues, she would need to sell her property and cannot due to the NC 109 project coming through her property.

Joy Mercantel, 844 Johnson Road, High Point, stated that she was at the meeting on behalf of her mother. She further stated that the NC 109 Alternative 6 project affects 94 acres of family property. She further requested the committee assign no points to the project or support Alternative 1 instead of Alternative 6.

Denise Adams stated those against the NC 109 Alternative 6 should project contact their State Representative. She further expressed her concern that future road projects can hold people's property hostage.

A discussion ensued regarding the "map act" and that only protected corridors are affected by the act.

A discussion ensued regarding cost of the project and Alternative 6.

Mayor Williams introduced Scott Piper with the Airport Commission.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the May 19, 2016 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Larry Williams.

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Allen Todd.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of Programming Available Federal Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Funds for Eligible Projects for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO

Presented by Matthew Burczyk.

- Matthew distributed a revised Fiscal Year 2017 CMAQ funding table which reflects the Technical Coordinating Committee's recommendation.
- On April 27, 2015, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) announced the release of federal CMAQ funds for the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO for Fiscal Year 2017.
- The funds are eligible to be programmed for projects in Fiscal Year 2017, which runs from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017.
- NCDOT allocated \$1,865,541 in CMAQ funds for Fiscal Year 2017.
 - Four candidate projects were submitted for funding consideration.
 - The Village of Clemmons requested \$384,000 for sidewalk on Harper Road from the Trinity Elms at Tanglewood north to the intersection of Village Point Drive and Harper Road, and \$600,000 for sidewalk on Peace Haven Road from Frank Morgan Elementary School to the Jerry Long YMCA.
 - The Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) requested \$372,000 for bus replacements.
 - The City of Winston-Salem requested \$2,106,459 to aid in the construction of the Business 40 multi-use path.

- At the meeting on September 17, 2015, the TAC programmed Fiscal Year 2017 CMAQ funding of \$1,445,541.00 for the Winston-Salem Business 40 multi-use path and \$420,000 for the Clemmons Peace Haven Road sidewalk.
- Per the request of the Village of Clemmons on May 31, 2016, MPO staff instructed NCDOT to cancel the Village of Clemmons sidewalk project on Peace Haven Road (C-5620C).
- The MPO must identify a replacement project and notify NCDOT within ninety days of project cancellation.
- CMAQ funds not identified for use after the ninety-day period window will revert to the overall North Carolina balance of CMAQ funding and be redistributed for future programming cycles.
- The TCC recommends programming the \$420,000.00 in available Fiscal Year 2017 CMAQ funds to PART for bus replacement.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval.

SECOND: Denise Adams.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Amendments and Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- A modification to assign Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds (C-5620B) for the Bus Replacement for Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation to the Non-Highway Public Transportation section of the FY 2016-2025 MTIP under TIP #TA-5198 was presented to the TAC for information on March 17, 2016.
- A second modification is needed to move Winston-Salem Transit Authority Section 5307 Operating Assistance funds under TIP #TO-5126 from FY 2015 to FY 2016 in order to access the funds through the FTA TRAMS system and match the Board of Transportation's STIP action taken on July 7, 2016.

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval.

SECOND: Denise Adams.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Consideration of the Prioritization 4.0 Regional Highway and Public Transit Local Point Assignments

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- From April 18 to July 29, the North Carolina Department of Transportation's (NCDOT) 14 divisions – as well as metropolitan and regional planning organizations – will rank regional level projects, which involves assigning what are called "local input points."

- NCDOT will then combine the local input points assigned by each group to generate the total score for each project.
- Total scores for regional projects are scheduled to be released in late 2016. A similar process will then take place for division level projects.
- The Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO has a pool of 1800 local input points at the regional level. The maximum number of points that can be applied to any given project at each level is 100.
- MPO staff evaluated the projects according to the TAC – approved Qualitative and Quantitative Criteria.
- The highest ranked Regional and Division project in each mode (Highway and Public Transit) received the maximum allowance of Local Input Points (100 points). The MPO and the NCDOT Division 9 Office coordinated and strategically assigned the remaining local input points. MPO staff initiated a public review period beginning on June 1, 2016, ending on June 30, 2016.
- All public comments, local point assignments, projects, and evaluations, are published on the MPO's STI webpage: <http://www.cityofws.org/departments/transportation/planning/sti-spot-prioritization>

A discussion ensued regarding the HO90022 project. It was stated that Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization (NWRPO) is committing 100 points toward the project.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the final ranking process, and that the draft STIP will be released in January.

A discussion ensued regarding the issue with citizen's property being 'held hostage' due to transportation projects that may or may not be completed.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the NC 109 project and the formula used to rank the projects

Pat Ivey stated that the State Transportation Improvement program is a good system as it gives more input to local municipalities and MPOs.

Denise Adams requested to hear from the jurisdiction affected.

Davidson County was not represented at the July 21, 2016 meeting.

Allen Todd indicated that there was support for the points to be applied to the NC 109 corridor project. Allen Todd reminded everyone that the vote was for all priority ranking projects within the WSMPO jurisdiction. Points were already allocated. This vote is for all projects within the WSMPO.

A discussion ensued regarding the Northern Beltway and specifically the section south of Interstate 40.

Dan Besse stated that the US 421 at Jonestown Road interchange upgrade is more needed than the beltway south of Interstate 40 and wondered if removing the 100 points from the beltway would bump up the US 421 project.

A discussion ensued regarding where to place to 100 points from the beltway project.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the NC 109 project. It was stated that it is not the committee's role to select alternatives for any project and that the committee's role is to review projects on a division level.

MOTION: Dan Besse moved approval of removing the 100 local input points from project HO90076-A (a portion of the Western Section of Northern Beltway, south of I-40) and assigning the points to project H152134, NC 65 (Bethania-Rural Hall Road from Glade Street to NC 66)

SECOND: Denise Adams.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

MOTION: Robert Clark moved approval of the resolution approving the list of Regional and Highway and Transit project receiving local input point, as amended.

SECOND: Denise Adams.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Allen Todd called the question.

Information Items (Presentation by Staff at Request of TAC Only)

6. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

No questions for staff.

b. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

No questions for staff.

c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No questions for staff.

d. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

No questions for staff.

e. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

No questions for staff.

f. Title VI Compliance Update

No questions for staff.

g. MPO Calendar of Activities

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- The next TAC meeting will be September 15.

h. Ethics Liaison

No questions for staff.

7. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

ADJOURNMENT 6:10 pm

Leigh Gill 580 Oaklawn Rd. Winston Salem, NC 27107

I'm speaking in opposition to NC 109 Alt 6. Would everyone who is opposed to this project please stand so our elected officials can understand our feelings.

The data used to justify this project is incorrect and the errors have been presented to this body on previous occasions. I can't help but wonder if voting in favor of such a project justified with incorrect data is in compliance with ethics guidelines provided by the North Carolina Ethics Commission

Prior to SPOT 4 NC 109 Alt 6 was listed in the DEIS and in SPOT 3 as a single project, the initial DEIS analysis report showed a cost of \$128 million dollars, the SPOT 3 cost was \$141 million dollars and now the SPOT 4 cost is projected at \$225 million dollars. The Winston Salem and High Point MPO's are scamming the SPOT 4 analysis system by listing the project as 3 different projects. This is the first time this project as been presented in this devious manner.

I ask you to please reconsider this project and give it no votes.

Thank you.