

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
OCTOBER 20, 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
Derwin Montgomery, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, Alternate
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Brent Rockett, Commissioner, Town of Bethania
Mike Rogers, Council Member, Village of Clemmons
Mike Horn, Mayor, Town of Lewisville
John Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Randy Mendenhall, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Myron Marion, Council Member, Village of Tobaccoville
Terry Renegar, Chairman, Davie County
Steve Jarvis, Chairman, Davidson County, Alternate
Tracey Shifflette, Alderman, Town of Kernersville
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Regina Streed, Board Member, WSTA

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Joe Geigle, FHWA
Jordan Payne, FCOEAP
Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Diane Hampton, NCDOT
Hermang Surti, NCDOT
Elizabeth Jernigan, NWPRPO
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT
Connie James, WSDOT
Brenda King, WSDOT
Fred Haith, WSDOT
Ravin Gore, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Byron Brown, WSDOT
Scott Rhine, PART
Jeff Cockerham, YVEDDI
Steve Hawryluk, Budget
Jeff Hatling, Town of Kernersville

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS: Leslie G. Frye
Gordon Hendrix
Beverly Moser
Patrick Reese
Nate Pendley
Laura Galloway
Leigh Gill
Craig Hendrix
Nat Swanson
Todd Miller, Vulcan Materials
Justin Upchurch, Vulcan Materials

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

Allen Todd stated that his family owns property along a potential corridor for the NC109 project and questioned whether or not that would be a conflict of interest.

Chair Williams responded that Mayor Todd should abstain from voting on agenda item 3 – local points assignments for division level projects. (Mayor Todd provided a completed Abstention from voting form to the TAC Secretary for the record)

1. Citizen Comments

Leslie Frye, 4201 Garden Spring Drive, Clemmons, NC expressed concern with the median project for Lewisville-Clemmons Road. He stated the project did not receive much publicity nor citizen comment. He also stated that there are several petitions circulating documenting objections to the project.

Gordon Hendrix, 6350 Cephis Drive, Clemmons, NC stated that he has worked in Clemmons for 49 years and installing a median that will force drivers to make U-turns to get to their final destination is dangerous. Mr. Hendrix further stated that most of the businesses in the area were unaware of the project and are opposed to it.

Beverly Moser, 4188 Fox Meadow Lane, Winston-Salem, NC expressed her concern with the NC 109 project, alternative 6. That option takes away more farmland than any of the other options and effects sustainable living in a negative way. She further stated that the project is no longer necessary since some of the traffic issues have been eliminated due to Highway 311.

Patrick Reese stated that he leases units from Mr. Hendrix and expressed his concerns with the median project for Lewisville-Clemmons Road. He stated the median will create a restraint of trade for the businesses in that area. Mr. Reese also questioned the reason for the median and where the request for the median originated because it was not by the community.

Nate Pendley, 5951 Frye Bridge Road, Clemmons, NC stated that his concerns regarding the median project for Lewisville-Clemmons Road is that the project is not business related but resident related and further stated that the median project is unnecessary.

Laura Galloway, 4164 Fox Meadow Lane, Winston-Salem, NC distributed a farmland conversion impact rating for corridor type projects handout. She expressed concern with the NC 109 project alternate 6 option and requested it be awarded zero points.

Leigh Gill, 580 Oaklawn Road, Winston-Salem, NC distributed a handout comparing Davidson county roads similar to NC 109 with regards to traffic patterns. He further stated that the data comes from NCDOT and shows that NC 109 is one of the safest roads, in the county, which is another example of why the NC 109 project alternate 6 should not be built.

A discussion ensued regarding the NC 109 project and possible conflicts of interest with the Town of Wallburg council members.

Craig Hendrix, 6350 Cephis Drive, Clemmons, NC stated that his father, Gordon Hendrix, has invested time and money in Clemmons and added that none of the business owners or residents in the area affected by the Lewisville-Clemmons Road Median Project were consulted and/or informed about the project. He further stated his objects to the project.

Nate Swanson, 236 Bermuda Run Drive, Bermuda Run, NC stated that he has no dog in the fight but suggested that further review and/or study of the road is necessary to allow for input from those directly affected by the median project.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the September 15, 2016 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Williams.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Derwin Montgomery.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of the WSMPO Prioritization 4.0 Division Highway, Public Transit, Bicycle & Pedestrian, and Aviation Local Point Assignments

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- As part of P4.0 Prioritization process, MPO staff provided a draft list of division-level point assignments to the TAC and TCC at their September meetings.

- TAC members/jurisdictions were provided the opportunity to select one division-level project to receive local input points. Local point assignments were due on September 23, 2016.
- The Town of Walkertown submitted the West Mountain Street road widening project, a \$26.9 million project, to receive their local input points. Since the West Mountain Street project had not been included in the draft list of local points, MPO staff reviewed the draft list and removed 3 projects, totaling approximately \$27 million. The list provided in the October TAC agenda book includes points for the West Mountain Street project, but not for the three other projects.
- After consultation with NCDOT, the Town of Walkertown retracted its request for the West Mountain Street project due to the need for further evaluation of the project.
- Fred distributed an updated P.4.0 Division Highway Projects Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO list, reflecting removal of points for the West Mountain Street project and the restoration of the three projects. The updated highway project point assignment list is the same as the list presented to the TAC in September.
- The Division Prioritization list includes point assignments for one bicycle and pedestrian project, one aviation project, and one transit project, along with the highway projects.

A discussion ensued regarding the Lewisville-Clemmons Road median project and it was stated that the Village of Clemmons endorsed the project and applied their 100 points toward the project.

A discussion ensued regarding the NC 109 alternate 6 project and that no points were assigned to the project.

A brief discussion ensued regarding point assignment.

A discussion ensued regarding the draft TIP.

A discussion ensued regarding the prioritization process.

Dan Besse requested the traffic safety information for the Lewisville-Clemmons Road median project.

MOTION: Mike Rogers moved approval.

SECOND: Allen Joines.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: Allen Todd

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

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- Transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Sections 5307/5340 funds for operating and capital assistance.
- The FTA has announced that the Winston-Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive a total of \$4,135,277 in Section 5307/5340 funding for operating and capital assistance in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 for transit services.
- Historically, Section 5307/5340 funds were allocated only to WSTA for capital and operating assistance because they were the only transit agency eligible to receive these funds.
- For FY 2016 other transit agencies in the MPO are now eligible to receive 5307/5340 funding based upon data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD).
- The number of eligible agencies may increase in future years.
- Additionally, activities traditionally eligible under the Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) program, which provides for job access for low-income individuals, continue to be an eligible activity for these funds.
- Based upon direction given by Public Transit Division and funding requests from other eligible transit providers, MPO staff met with MPO transit providers on Monday, October 3, 2016 to develop an equitable distribution method of these funds.
- All agencies represented concluded that due to established budgets for the FY 2016 year, all 2016 funds should be allocated to WSTA as in the past.
- However FY 2017 and future funding years should be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA in Chart 3A.
- Each year MPO staff will coordinate a joint allocation meeting with eligible agencies to confirm that the funding identified can be used by the agency and if so, staff would use that for recommendation to the TAC for distribution.
- Based upon the meeting and in order to continue to provide the financial support to WSTA and JARC agencies, staff recommends that the Section 5307/5340 funds be distributed to WSTA in the total amount of \$4,080,277 and \$55,000 to JARC agencies.
- JARC agency funding will not be individually funded in future years since funding will be distributed as identified previously.
- In order for WSTA and JARC agencies to receive the FY 2016 Section 5307/5340 funds, the 2016-2025 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) must be amended to include operating and capital assistance for WSTA and JARC agencies funded from 5307/5340 funds totaling \$4,135,277.

A discussion ensued regarding the data/formula used for apportionment.

MOTION: Mike Rogers moved approval.

SECOND: Regina Streed.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

- Next TAC meeting will be November 17, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT 5:20 pm.