

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
SEPTEMBER 15, 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
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
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
Brenda King, WSDOT
Scott Rhine, PART

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS: Mike Combert, Village Clemmons
Beth Kennedy
Gary Kennedy

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

1. Citizen Comments

No one present

Action Items

2. Consideration of the July 21, 2016 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Williams.

MOTION: Denise Adams moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Regina Streed.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information for Future Action Items

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

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- Fred distributed spreadsheets for the Prioritization 4.0 projects.
- On August 24, 2016, NCDOT released preliminary scores for projects evaluated at the regional level.
- The scores are based on data as well as "local input points" – rankings based on local input that NCDOT and metropolitan and regional planning organizations collected across NCDOT's 14 local transportation divisions in June and July 2016.
- STIP project number R-2247EA, a section of the Winston-Salem Beltway Western Section from NC 67 to south of US 52, was the only project in the Winston-Salem MPO area to receive funding at the regional level.
- From September 1, 2016 to October 31, 2016, metropolitan and regional planning organizations will rank division 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.
- The Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO has a pool of 1800 local input points at the division level.
- The maximum number of points that can be applied to any given project at each level is 100.
- MPO staff will evaluate the projects according to the TAC approved Qualitative and Quantitative Criteria.
- The highest ranked Regional and Division project in each mode (Highway & Public Transit) received the maximum allowance of local input points (100 points).

- MPO staff and the NCDOT Division 9 Office will coordinate and strategically assign the remaining local input points.
- The public review period will begin on September 5, 2016 and end on October 19, 2016.

A discussion ensued regarding the Northern Beltway.

A special meeting will be held in October to adopt the Prioritization 4.0 documents.

4. Review of proposed Federal Rulemaking on “Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination and Planning Area Reform” in the Federal Register

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- On Monday, June 27, 2016, the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) published a Notice of proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on “Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Coordination and Planning Area Reform” in the Federal Register.
- The complete rule is available at: <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/06/27/2016-14854/metropolitan-planning-organization-coordination-and-planning-area-reform>
- Changes to the definition of Metropolitan Planning Area would clarify that it must include the entire urbanized area, plus the contiguous area forecast to become urbanized within the 20 year planning horizon.
 - In practice, Metropolitan Planning Area has been synonymous with the MPO boundary.
 - But in statute, the Metropolitan Planning Area is intended to be the entire urbanized area. In complex areas, the statute envisions there could be multiple MPOs within one metropolitan planning area.
- Governors and MPOs would determine whether multiple MPOs are warranted within a single Metropolitan Planning Area, based on the size and complexity of the area.
- Multiple MPOs within a metropolitan planning area would jointly develop planning products including a single metropolitan transportation plan, TIP, and performance targets.
- In order to improve State coordination with MPOs, States and MPOs would be required to maintain a current planning agreement, which would include a dispute resolution process, and would be required to coordinate on analyses of areas within the metropolitan planning area.
- The Transportation Advisory Committee Chairman, Larry Williams, sent a letter expressing concern regarding the rule. The letter is included with the September agenda book.

5. Review of a Funding Request for a Broad Street Connector Feasibility Study

Presented by Fredrick Haith.

- Funding for transportation planning studies are included in the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) in section II-B Planning Process.
- These studies utilize STP-DA and PL, Section 104 (f), funds.
- In the past, staff has requested proposals for studies and included them in the work program, but has not requested additional approval once projects are programmed for funding.

- In keeping with programming for construction projects, staff is implementing a change in the current process by bringing planning studies to the TAC for approval prior to municipalities entering into Municipal or Intergovernmental Agreements.
- Staff is requesting the approval of funding for one project requested for the 2016-2017 UPWP:
 - Broad Street Connector Feasibility Study (Winston-Salem): New Route - Connector from Broad Street to Peters Creek Parkway, tie into Broad at 1st Street and connect to Peters Creek Parkway at Brookstown Avenue. The amount requested is \$200,000.
 - Funding of the study will be included as an action item on the November TAC agenda.

Council Member Besse requested a map for the project.

6. Review of an amendment to the WSMPO Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) - relocation of the proposed Redland Road Interchange to approximately one mile east on I-40

Presented by Pat Ivey and Hemang Surti.

- Davie County is requesting that the Comprehensive Transportation Plan be modified to remove a proposed interchange location at Redland Road and replace with a new interchange identified as “Baltimore Road Extension” interchange.
- This new location is reflective of the Davie County Transportation and Feasibility Study being prepared by Kimley Horn.

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

7. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

Presented by Pat Ivey.

A discussion ensued regarding the Salem Creek Connector.

A discussion ensued regarding the progress of the Business 40 project.

A discussion ensued regarding the NC 109 project.

b. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

No new information.

c. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No new information.

d. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

No new information.

e. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

No new information.

f. Title VI Compliance Update

No new information.

g. MPO Calendar of Activities

No new information.

h. Ethics Liaison

No new information.

8. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

Presented by Chairman Williams.

- Special Meeting to be held on October 20, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT 4:55 pm.