

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
FEBRUARY 20, 2020
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
Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Denise Adams, Council Member, City of Winston-Salem,
Rick Cross, Mayor, Town of Bermuda Run
Tim Flinchum, Mayor, Town of Rural Hall
John Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Allen Todd, Mayor, Town of Wallburg
Wesley Hutchins, Council Member, Town of Walkertown
Rick Morris, Commissioner, Stokes County
Willie Clark, Member, WSTA Board of Directors

PRESIDING: Mike Horn, Mayor, Town of Lewisville, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Phillip Craver, NCDOT
Fredrick Haith, NCDOT
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT
Kirk Ericson, CCPB
Byron Brown, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Kelly Garvin, WSDOT
Jeff Fansler, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

Chairman Mike Horn read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement.

1. Public Comments

No one present.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the January 16, 2020 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Mike Horn.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Denise Adams.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. Consideration of a checklist certifying the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (MPO) Transportation Planning Process for fiscal year 2020-2021

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- The federal Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) requires the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in the state to annually certify to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) that their transportation planning processes are addressing the major issues of the urban area and are being conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of federal law.
- To guide this self-certification process, NCDOT has provided the attached checklist. Staff has reviewed the checklist and provided a response to each of the items.
- Staff believes the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO transportation planning process is adequately addressing the major issues of the urban area and is being conducted in accordance with all applicable provisions of federal law governing transportation planning.
- In the fall of 2016, the FHWA and FTA conducted a formal review of the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO's transportation planning process, and found that the process is being carried out in substantial compliance.

A discussion ensued regarding the self-certification process checklist.

Denise Adams requested staff review additional ways to reach all demographics for more community involvement in planning processes.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval.

SECOND: Denise Adams.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of the Winston Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Prioritization 6.0 Projects

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- The original Transportation Reform was initiated under Executive Order No. 2 in 2009.
- It mandates a professional approval process for project selection.
- In response, NCDOT created the Strategic Prioritization Process.
- The first version of the Strategic Prioritization Process (Prioritization 1.0) was used to support development of the FY 2012-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Significant changes have been made to the process and were driven by House Bill 817 also known as Strategic Transportation Investments (STI).
- The bill established funding tiers (Statewide, Regional, and Division) and allocations across all modes.
- Prioritization 6.0 involves three pieces of information: 1) a data driven, quantitatively scored estimate of project need, 2) MPO priority score, and 3) NCDOT Division priority score.
- The first step of Prioritization 6.0 is the identification of projects for evaluation and scoring by NCDOT's Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT).
- MPO staff issued a call for project from April 15, 2019 to May 17, 2019.
- The proposed list of existing and new projects to be submitted for P6.0 is included in the agenda package.
- Per our public participation policy, these projects went through a public comment period which lasted from January 7 through February 10, 2020.
- No comments were received.

It was confirmed for the committee that the project numbers are for referencing on the included map and not ranking purposes.

Denise Adams expressed concern with project Ref # 49 – construction of at grade crossing as part of the Akron Drive extension stating that there is not constituent support for the project.

MOTION: Allen Joines moved approval.

SECOND: Dan Besse.

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items for Future Action

5. Review of the Fiscal Year 2018-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments and Modifications for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO)

Presented by Byron Brown.

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is a listing of all the projects programmed for the Winston-Salem Urban Area.
- This list of projects is a subset of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and must match the State's Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Amendments, modifications and deletions of projects require the MTIP to be modified to capture those changes.
- As required by the MPO's public participation policy, the amendments and modifications will be available for public comment for 30 days (February 6 – March 9, 2020).
- This item will come back for action during the March 19, 2020 meeting.

6. Review of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Plan

This item will be brought back to the March committee meeting with additional information.

7. Review of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) Title VI Plan

This item will be brought back to the March committee meeting with additional information.

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

8. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

No questions for staff.

Chairman Horn congratulated NCDOT on the opening of Salem Parkway.

b. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update

No questions for staff.

c. Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Update

No questions for staff.

d. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

No questions for staff.

Chairman Horn noted there were no Code Orange days for 2019.

e. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No questions for staff.

f. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

No questions for staff.

g. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

No questions for staff.

h. Davidson County Transportation (DCT)

No questions for staff.

i. Title VI Compliance Update

No questions for staff.

j. MPO Calendar of Activities

No questions for staff.

k. Ethics Liaison

Presented by Kirk Ericson.

- Members have until April 15, 2020 to fill out their ethic requirements.
- Several members have already submitted their requirements.
- Staff will continue to remind members.

9. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

- Next TAC meeting will be March 19, 2020.

Staff was asked what can be done to educated the public regarding misleading articles.

ADJOURNMENT 4:45 pm.