

**MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
FEBRUARY 18, 2021
2:00 P.M.
SECOND FLOOR, CONFERENCE ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kirk Ericson, Assistant Planning Director, CCPB
Byron Brown, Transportation Principal Planner, WSDOT
Scott Buffkin, Manager, Village of Clemmons
Lee Rollins, Manager, Town of Bermuda Run
Scott Snow, Manager, Town of Walkertown
Cary Gentry, Senior Environmental Specialist, FCOEAP
Hank Perkins, Manager, Town of Lewisville
Kelly Bennett, Project Planner, Forsyth County
Pat Ivey, Division 9 Division Engineer, NCDOT
Kelly Garvin, Planning Development Coordinator, WSDOT
Mark Kirstner, Planning Director, PART
Chris Jensen, Engineer, Town of Kernersville
Donna Woodson, General Manager, WSTA
Daryl Vreeland, Urban Area Coordinator, NCDOT

PRESIDING: Toneq' McCullough, Chairman, WSDOT

STAFF PRESENT:

Suzette Morales, Planner, FHWA
Fred Haith, Division Planning Engineer, NCDOT
Richard Jones, Transportation Manager, Davidson County
Matthew Burczyk, Transportation Project Planner, WSDOT
Marlene Davis, Title VI Coordinator, WSDOT
Byron Brown, Principal Planner, WSDOT
Victoria Bailiff, Project Planner, WSDOT
Laura Nixon, Engineering Tech, WSDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Whitaker, WSDOT

OTHERS:

Jesse Day, Piedmont Triad Regional Council
Larry Bell, TV13

Toneq' McCullough stated that due to the Safe at Home Order issued by Governor Cooper, members of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) are participating virtually. All members will vote by roll call. A member will be recognized, at which time, the member will state his or her vote. Ms. McCullough then requested that Kirk Ericson, TCC Secretary, take roll call.

1. Public Comments

No one present.

Due to a lack of a quorum, information items were heard first.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the January 21, 2021 TAC Meeting Minutes

Presented by Chairman Toneq' McCullough.

MOTION: Pat Ivey moved approval of the minutes.

SECOND: Lee Rollins

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 2021-2022

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO went through a certification review in December of 2020 and has been certified by the Federal Highway Administration for the next four years.
- Federal Highway Administration staff will be available at our next meeting to discuss any findings.
- The MPO received a few recommendations and commendations.

MOTION: Donna Woodson moved approval.

SECOND: Hank Perkins

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments and Modifications for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO).

Presented by Byron Brown.

- The Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2027 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) is a comprehensive list of all transportation projects programmed for the Winston-Salem Urban Area and must be a subset of the Winston-Salem Urban Area 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and match Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) projects in the FY 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- The 2045 MTP and the Air Quality Conformity Determination Report (AQCDR) were adopted by the TAC on September 17, 2015.
- The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) regularly updates the STIP to include new projects and modify existing projects. Any STIP amendment for new statewide projects or projects within the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) triggers the amendment of the MTIP. STIP amendments for regionally significant projects that have significant project revisions or cross the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) 4-year funding period or modeling horizon years require an AQCDR.
- Modifications to the STIP do not require adoption but are provided for information.
- Included in the packet is a document that describes the additions, deletions, amendments and modifications to the Winston-Salem Urban Area FY 2020 – 2029 MTIP.
- As required by the WSUAMPO’s Public Participation Policy, the amendments and modifications to the FY 2020 – 2029 MTIP were made available for public review and comment for at least thirty days from December 21, 2020 through January 21, 2021.

MOTION: Kirk Erickson moved approval.

SECOND: Chris Jensen

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Consideration of an endorsement of Yadkin Valley Bicycle and Pedestrian plan

Presented by Mathew Burczyk.

- The Piedmont Triad Regional Council has led an effort over the last 15 months to create a bicycle master plan for the region that includes the counties of Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin.
- This region is popular among cyclists and has the potential to become a cycling destination for residents and visitors.
- The Yadkin Valley Regional Bicycle Plan (the Plan) focuses on three primary goals to be achieved by improving the quality and safety of bicycling through new and improved infrastructure, policies and programs, for all types of bicyclists:
 1. Increase transportation choices by improving connectivity of the bicycle network while increasing accessibility to key destinations throughout the region

2. Improve health and wellness by increasing access to bikeways, thereby offering more opportunities for recreation, active transportation, and physical activity
 3. Promote bicycle-related tourism and economic development for communities in Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin counties
- Representatives from counties, municipalities, transportation agencies, planning agencies, bicycling clubs, trail organizations, and multiple NCDOT divisions in the Yadkin Valley region have worked cooperatively for over a year on the Plan.
 - This effort has also included an open and participatory public input process, with hundreds of mapping comments and comment forms and in-person public outreach opportunities in each county.
 - This planning effort builds upon similar efforts within the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO to plan for bicycle transportation needs, including the Comprehensive Transportation Plan, Metropolitan Transportation Plan, and municipal bicycle and greenway plans and improves WSUAMPO efforts to plan for regional connectivity.
 - This plan does not replace local plans nor dedicate funding, but rather indicates a willingness to support the Plan’s recommended bicycle projects and programs.
 - The Plan is available on the project website: www.bikeyadkinvalley.com.
 - Jesse Day with the Piedmont Triad Regional Council is available for any questions.

MOTION: Lee Rollins moved approval.

SECOND: Cary Gentry

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items for Future Action

6. Review of the Fiscal Year 2020 – 2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) Amendments and Modifications for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO).

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- No comments were received.

7. Review of Request to Modify the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization’s (WSUAMPO) Federal Functional Classification (FFC) Network.

Presented by Byron Brown.

- Functional classification of a roadway describes the primary function or purpose of the roadway in relation to the area road network.
- Roadways can be assigned to one of several possible functional classes based on the character of travel services that each roadway provides.
- Federal functional classification (FFC) is used to determine a roadways eligibility for federal funding, key roadway design elements, and program and project prioritization.
- As traffic patterns change over time through either roadway construction or land use changes, roadway functions may change as well.
- Reclassifying roadways to match their current purpose helps to maintain a proper local street network hierarchy which reflects the importance of each roadway’s function in the network.
- Between November 23, 2020 and December 28, 2020 staff held an open call for request to modify the WSUAMPO's FFC network.
- The Streets and Highways subcommittee meet on February 9th, 2021 to discuss the proposed request.
- The following requests listed in the maps and tables have been reviewed and included are the subcommittees recommendations.

- Per our process, this will require action by the Board, from which these request will go to NCDOT and FHWA for further review and action.
- This item will be back for TAC action during the April 15th, 2021 meeting.

Staff Reports

8. MPO Staff Reports

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

Presented by Pat Ivey.

- Project U2729 – Widen Hanes Mill Road to multi-lanes with curb and gutter from Museum Drive to University Parkway – right-of-way acquisition has been approved, but will not be able to meet let date, will provide updated information at next meeting.
- Project 5824 – Widen NC 66 to multi-lanes from Harley Drive to Bellaire Circle – approval given to move forward with PE work.
- Project for US 158 widen to multi-lanes is underway.
- Northern Beltway project section AB is still underway to be let in December 2021
- Northern Beltway project section AA is still underway to be let in October 2022.

b. WSUAMPO Transportation Project Update

Presented by Kelly Garvin.

- Winston-Salem projects are moving forward.
- No word from STIP Unit since information submittal.
- CMAQ call will be on March 1, 2021. Victoria Bailiff is the contact person for any questions/project submittals.

c. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update

Presented by Daryl Vreeland.

Below are links to the items for the Transportation Planning Division staff update:

- Procurement walk-through
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/TransPlanManuals/Procurement%20walk%20through%20for%20TPD,%20MPO's,%20RPO's.pdf>
- NC First Commission
<https://www.ncdot.gov/about-us/how-we-operate/finance-budget/nc-first/Pages/final-report.aspx>
- Current Developments in Connected and Automated Trucks
https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/planning/freight_planning/talking_freight/january_2021/index.cfm

d. Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Update

Nothing new to report.

e. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

Nothing new to report.

f. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

Nothing new to report.

g. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

Presented by Donna Woodson.

- WSTA is partnering with Forsyth County Public Health to give free rides for Forsyth County residents to Covid-19 vaccine appointments.

h. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

Presented by Mark Kirstner.

- Version 5.2 of the regional modeler is available.
- Current version of regional modeler is being used by consultants, which is a major milestone.
- Staff hopes to add a socio-economic component to modeler by 2022.

i. Davidson County Transportation (DCT)

Nothing new to report.

j. Title VI Compliance Update

Nothing new to report.

k. MPO Calendar of Activities

Nothing new to report.

l. Ethics Liaison

Presented by Kirk Ericson.

- Members have until April 15, 2021 to submit forms to complete ethics requirements.

9. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

- Next TCC meeting will be March 18, 2021.

The Town of Rural Hall has replaced Tim Flinchum with John McDermon as member for TCC committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT 2:40 pm.