

MINUTES
WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
FEBRUARY 17, 2022
4:15 P.M
FIFTH FLOOR, PUBLIC MEETING ROOM,
BRYCE A. STUART MUNICIPAL BUILDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allen Joines, Mayor, City of Winston-Salem
Denise Adams, Mayor Pro Temp, City of Winston-Salem
John C. Larson, Council Member, City of Winston Salem, Alternate
Brent Rockett, Mayor, Town of Bethania
Rick Cross, Mayor, Town of Bermuda Run
Mike Combest, Council Member, Village of Clemmons
Bill Apple, Mayor Pro Temp, Town of Kernersville
Michael Lane, Council Member, City of King
John Byrum, Mayor, Town of Midway
Eddie Horn, Councilman, Town of Rural Hall
Rick Morris, Commissioner, Stokes County
Willie Clark, Member, WSTA Board of Directors
Wesley Hutchins, Council Member, Town of Walkertown

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

STAFF PRESENT:

Pat Ivey, NCDOT
Fredrick Haith, NCDOT
Suzette Morales, FHWA
Scott Rhine, PART
Andy Bailey, NCDOT
Toneq' McCullough, WSDOT
Donna Woodson, WSTA
Jeff Fansler, WSDOT
Byron Brown, WSDOT
Matthew Burczyk, WSDOT
Kelly Garvin, WSDOT
Marlene Davis, WSDOT
Laura Whitaker, WSDOT
Matthew Duchan, WSDOT
Brenda King, WSDOT
Hunter Staszak, WSDOT
Phillip Craver, NCDOT

RECORDING SECRETARY: Laura Nixon, WSDOT

OTHERS

Larry Bell, TV13, Brian Mayhew, Brian Murphy

Chairman Horn stated that due to the pandemic, members of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) 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. Chairman Horn then requested that Kelly Garvin, TAC Secretary, take roll call.

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

1. Public Comments.

No one present.

Action Items

2. Consideration of the January 18, 2022, TAC Meeting Minutes.

- Bill Apple noted mistake of his title under Members Present in meeting notes.

Presented by Chairman Mike Horn.

MOTION: Michael Lane

SECOND: Denise Adams

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

3. 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) 2020-2029 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.
- Multi Use Path from Salem Parkway to the Strollway construction delayed from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.
- Brewer Road and Fairlawn Drive sidewalk construction has been delayed for additional design and planning
- 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 (30) days from December 6, 2021, through January 9, 2022. No comments were received.
- Staff replied that the section of the MUP adjacent to Business 40 should begin early summer.

MOTION: Allen Joines

SECOND: Rick Cross

VOTE: FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

4. Consideration of a Checklist Certifying the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WSUAMPO) Transportation Planning Process for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Presented by Byron Brown

- The Fixing America Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) 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.
- Staff has reviewed the NCDOT 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 2020, 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.

MOTION: John Larson

SECOND: Allen Joines

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

5. Adoption of Targets for Safety Performance Measures Established by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Amending the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Presented by Hunter Staszak

- Per the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) final rule (23 CFR, Part 490), the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) must coordinate the establishment of safety targets with the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) in the state. Last year, on January 21, 2021 the Winston-Salem TAC approved a resolution of support for the safety performance measure targets established by the State.
- In accordance with Federal guidelines, the review of progress toward meeting these goals must be tracked and recorded annually in the Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP) annual report. The measures and targets identified for 2022 include:
 - For the 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to reduce total fatalities by 12.17 percent from 1,428.8 (2016-2020 average) to 1,254.9 (2018-2022 average) by December 31, 2022.
 - For the 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to reduce the fatality rate by 13.78 percent from 1.226 (2016-2020 average) to 1.057 (2018-2022 average) by December 31, 2022.
 - For the 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to reduce total serious injuries by 19.79 percent from 4,410.2 (2016-2020 average) to 3,537.6 (2018-2022 average) by December 31, 2022.
 - For the 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to reduce the serious injury rate by 21.68 percent from 3.782 (2016-2020 average) to 2.962 (2018-2022 average) by December 31, 2022.
 - For the 2022 Highway Safety Improvement Plan (HSIP), the goal is to reduce the total nonmotorized fatalities and serious injuries by 17.93 percent from 592.2 (2016-2020 average) to 486.0 (2018-2022 average) by December 31, 2022.
- On August 31, 2021, NCDOT set the above targets for the state’s Safety Performance Measures (PM). North Carolina MPOs have 180 days (or until February 27, 2022) to either adopt the state’s targets or set their own targets. The WSUAMPO will adopt the State’s targets. This information will be amended in the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
- Brian Murphy and Brian Mayhew from NCDOT presented on the current safety trends in the state and in the MPO.

- Brian Mayhew (NCDOT) responded to “How do we get to the goal of 0 fatalities by 2050”. He stated that it was a change in infrastructure, continuous education, enforcement, and improved post-crash care.
- Mr. Mayhew addressed the question of penalties if the MPO doesn’t meet the goals. The penalties are at the state level not the MPO level. The State would assist MPO in more planning and institute new strategies and communicate these to MPO.
- Mr. Murphy (NCDOT) answered how VMT was determined. It is by traffic counts and estimating.

MOTION: Rick Cross

SECOND: Bill Apple

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

6. Consideration of a Request Authorizing the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) to Enter into an Agreement with the Eastern Transportation Coalition to access HERE Technologies Transportation Data for the Purposes of Transportation Planning and Engineering

Presented by Matthew Burczyk

- The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is a partner agency in the Eastern Transportation Coalition (the Coalition), which is a coalition of 17 states and the District of Columbia focused on connecting public agencies across modes of travel to increase safety and efficiency. As a member of the Coalition, NCDOT has access to transportation data through HERE Technologies, which is a data aggregation and representation company focused on providing transportation data to governments and businesses. NCDOT has invited Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) and member jurisdictions access to this freight, transit, vehicle, and first responder data to assist planning efforts at the regional and local levels.
- To access the data, each agency must sign a Primary Data Use Agreement with the Coalition. Once the Primary Data Use Agreement has been executed, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) can access the transportation data to improve transportation planning and decision making. There is no financial obligation for the WSUAMPO to enter into the agreement with the Coalition or to access the data.

MOTION: Denise Adams

SECOND: Michael Lane

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Information Items for Future Action

7. 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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- Future I-74 Noise wall construction misprint corrected to fiscal year 2022.
- Funding modification for PARTS, capital and operations to fiscal year 2026.
- As required by the WSUAMPO's Public Participation Policy, the amendments, and modifications to the FY 2020 – 2029 MTIP will be made available for public review and comment for at least (30) days from February 5th through March 9th, 2022

Staff Reports

8. MPO Staff Reports

No questions for staff.

a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update

No questions for staff.

b. WSUAMPO Transportation Project Update

No questions for staff.

c. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update

No questions for staff.

d. FHWA Update

Presented by Suzette Morales

- Funding opportunity through Bridge Formula Program – \$5.5 billion dollars every fiscal year from 2022 to 2026.
- And additional funding opportunity is the RAISE Grant.

e. Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Update

No questions for staff.

f. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update

No questions for staff.

g. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update

No questions for staff.

h. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update

No questions for staff.

i. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update

No questions for staff.

j. Davidson County Transportation (DCT)

No questions for staff.

k. Title VI Compliance Update

No questions for staff.

l. MPO Calendar of Activities

No questions for staff.

m. Ethics Liaison

Presented by Kelly Garvin

- Staff reminded members to complete the Ethics form by April 15th, 2022.

9. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting

- Next TAC meeting will be March 17, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:15 pm