

## **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 13, 2023

**TO:** Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

**FROM:** Kelly Garvin, Assistant Director of Transportation  
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**SUBJECT:** Agenda for the July 20, 2023 TCC Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Salem Lake Marina | 815 Salem Lake Road, Winston-Salem, NC 27107

## **AGENDA**

1. Public Comments (Chairman, Jeff Fansler)

### **Action Items**

- Election of Officers (Chairman, Jeff Fansler)
2. Consideration of the May 18, 2023 TCC Meeting Minutes. (Enclosed) (Chairman, Jeff Fansler)
  3. Consideration of an Item to Return to In Person Meetings for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC). (Enclosed) (Chairman, Jeff Fansler)
  4. Consideration of the Prioritization 7.0 Submitted Projects for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO). (Enclosed) (Hunter Staszak)
  5. Consideration of an Update to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Joint Call for Projects Application Process and Project Selection Criteria for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO). (Enclosed) (Hunter Staszak)
  6. 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). (Enclosed) (Hunter Staszak)
  7. Consideration of an Amendment to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) to Remove the “311 Connector” Project. (Enclosed) (Chairman, Jeff Fansler)
  8. Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Winston-Salem, NC to Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC to Charlotte, NC Corridor Proposals Identified in the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division’s Application to the Corridor Identification and Development Program. (Enclosed) (Chairman, Jeff Fansler)

### **Information Items for Future Action**

9. Review of an Approval for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Greensboro MPO for the Continued Transfer of Planning Responsibility and Authority of the Portion of the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area (UZA) located within the Guilford County Limits. (Enclosed) (Kelly Garvin)
10. Review of an Approval for a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the High Point MPO for the Continued Transfer of Planning Responsibility and Authority of the Portion

of the Winston-Salem Urbanized Area (UZA) located within the Davidson County Limits. (Enclosed) (Kelly Garvin)

11. 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). (Enclosed) (Hunter Staszak)
12. Review of the draft Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WSUAMPO) 2024-2033 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) (Enclosed) (Hunter Staszak)

### **Staff Reports (Presentation by Staff)**

13. MPO Staff Reports (Enclosed)
  - a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update (Pat Ivey)
  - b. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update (Pam Cook)
  - c. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (Alex Rotenberry)
  - d. FHWA Update (Suzette Morales)
  - e. Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Update (Carter Spradling)
  - f. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update (Cary Gentry)
  - g. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update (Ben Woeber)
  - h. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update (Donna Woodson)
  - i. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update (Scott Rhine)
  - j. Davidson County Transportation (DCT) (Richard Jones)
  - k. Title VI Compliance Update (Marlene Davis)
  - l. MPO Calendar of Activities (Hunter Staszak)
  - m. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding Opportunity Report (Hunter Staszak)
  - n. Ethics Liaison (Kelly Garvin)
14. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting (Chairman, Jeff Fansler)

**Next meeting: September 21, 2023**

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# **TCC ACTION ITEM #2**

**MINUTES**  
**WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA**  
**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)**  
**May 18, 2023**  
**2:00 P.M.**  
**Bryce A Stuart**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pam Cook, Transportation Engineer III, Western Piedmont Planning Division, NCDOT  
Pat Ivey, Division 9, Division Engineer, NCDOT  
Amy Crum, Assistant Planning Director, Planning and Development Services  
Amy Flyte, Assistant Manager, Town of Clemmons  
Andrew Meadwell, Manager, Bermuda Run  
Mark Kirstner, Transportation Planning Manager, PART  
Stacey Tolbert, Assistant City Manager, Town of Lewisville  
Chris Jensen, Town Engineer, Town of Kernersville  
Cary Gentry, Director, Forsyth County Air Quality  
Steve Smotherman, Project Planner, Winston Salem - Forsyth County  
Reid Hutchins, City Planner, City of King  
Scott Leonard, Director Planning, Davidson County

**PRESIDING:** Jeff Fansler, Chairman, WSDOT

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Matthew Burczyk, Transportation Project Planner, WSDOT  
Marlene Davis, Title VI Coordinator, WSDOT  
Matthew Duchan, Transit Transportation Planner, WSDOT  
Hunter Staszak, Transportation Planner, WSDOT  
Brenda King, Financial Manager, WSDOT  
Suzette Morales, FHWA  
Fred Haith, Division Planning Engineer, NCDOT  
Phillip Craver, Corridor Engineer, NCDOT  
Richard Jones, Transportation Manager, Davidson County  
Alex Rotenberry, Sr. Regional Planner, Integrated Mobility Division, NCDOT

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Laura Nixon, WSDOT & Nateja Hale, WSDOT

Chairman Fansler welcomed all members.

**1. Public Comments.**

- No One present.

### **Action Items**

#### **Election of Officers**

- Chairman Fansler stated that with the retirement of the previous Chair that it is time to elect a new Chairman to the TCC Board. He opened it to the members for nominations.
- Matthew Burczyk nominated Jeff Fansler for Chairman.

MOTION: Matthew Burczyk

SECOND: Chris Jensen

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Abstained: None

- Chairman Fansler stated that now he was going to open the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman to the TCC Board members.
- After hearing none Jeff Fansler made the request to postpone the election of Vice-Chairman until vacant positions are filled and current employees return to work. The election of Vice-Chairman to be voted on at the next TCC meeting on July 20, 2023.

MOTION: Jeff Fansler

SECOND: Pat Ivey

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Abstained: None

## **2. Consideration of the May 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Presented by Chairman Jeff Fansler

MOTION: Stacey Tolbert

SECOND: Pat Ivey

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

Abstained: None

**3. Consideration of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Grant Program Fiscal Year 2023 Funding Allocations for the Winston-Salem Urban Area and Amending the Fiscal Year 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for Operating and Capital Assistance**

- No one present for Public Hearing.

Presented by Matt Duchan

- Transit systems located in urbanized areas of more than 200,000 in population are eligible to use Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 funds for operating and capital assistance. FTA announced an allocation of \$6,814,898 for Fiscal Year 2023.
- Currently, there are three (3) transit agencies in the MPO eligible to receive 5307 funding based upon data reported to the National Transit Database (NTD). Those agencies are Davidson County Transportation, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART), and Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA). 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 policies adopted by the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO in 2017, funding will be distributed in accordance with the percentages developed by FTA as shown in Table 3A. Based upon percentages in that table it is recommended that Davidson County Transportation (DCTS) receive \$244,776, Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) receive \$758,596, Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) receive \$5,756,526, and \$55,000 be used for traditional 5307-JARC programs.
- Each year, MPO staff coordinate a joint allocation meeting with eligible agencies to confirm that the funding identified can be used by the agency. Staff use that information for recommendation to the TAC for final approval and distribution. MPO staff coordinated a meeting with the three transit agencies and all three agreed with the funding recommendations provided. Staff is recommending approval of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).
- Matt Duchan replied yes, to Chris Jensen when asked if these were trending in a positive direction.
- Matt Duchan stated that the funds would go to JARC in response to Alex Rotenberry question.

MOTION: Mark Kirstner

SECOND: Amy Crum

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**4. Consideration of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5339 Bus and Bus Facilities Grant Program Funding Allocation for the Winston-Salem Urban Area for Fiscal Year 2023 and Amending the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP)**

Presented by Matt Duchan

- The Federal Transit Administration Section 5339 program is a formula-based grant program to replace, rehabilitate and purchase buses and bus facilities. The program provides available federal resources to eligible direct recipients that operate fixed route bus services or that allocate funding to fixed route bus operators. The program originated through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) which changed the program from discretionary to formula based. Funding is now designated to states and designated recipients in urbanized areas (200,000 people or more). The Winston Salem Urban Area is eligible to receive \$571,757 in FY 2023.
- The Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) is requesting to use the available funds to purchase three (3) TransAid Vans to replace aging fleet and the remaining funds for transit facility rehabilitation projects and capital maintenance.
- The public participation period was held for 30 days between April 13 and May 13, 2023.
- Following approval by the TAC, FTA Section 5339 will be included in the programming and amending of the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and the 2020-2029 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), followed by submission to FTA.

MOTION: Amy Crum

SECOND: Mark Kirstner

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

**5. Consideration of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Grant Program, Section 5307 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and Plans to Amend the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for Fiscal Year 2022.**

Presented by Matthew Duchan

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area receives federal transportation funds to assist eligible agencies in meeting the transportation needs of disabled and elderly populations in the urbanized area under the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities



(Section 5310) grant program. In FY 2022, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO (WSUAMPO) received \$530,832 in Section 5310 funding apportionment, with an additional \$63,446 in COVID relief funds courtesy of the CRRSAA Grant. Additionally, the Winston-Salem Urban Area MPO (WSUAMPO) allocated \$55,000 in funds to be awarded to agencies providing transportation for Section 5307-Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) purposes, with an additional \$115,076 in American Relief Plan (ARPA) funds. These funds are allocated to transportation sub-recipients through a competitive process.

- WSUAMPO received eight (8) applications for Section 5310 and three (3) applications for Section 5307-JARC for a total of \$870,500 and \$125,000, respectively. An external subcommittee from the City of Greensboro evaluated these applications based upon the criteria outlined in the 5310 and 5307 Program Management Plan. Prospective applicants were scored out of 100 points and received funding recommendations based upon their scores, requested amount and their ability to adhere to the criteria.
- The recommendation for funding allocations also includes recommended approval of an amendment to the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP).

#### **5A - (5310) VOTE**

MOTION: Pat Ivey

SECOND: Chris Jensen

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

#### **5B - (5307) VOTE**

MOTION: Amy Crum

SECOND: Donna Woodson

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

### **6. 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 Hunter Staszak

- 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 Update was adopted by the TAC on November 19, 2020.
- 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. Modifications to the STIP do not require adoption but are provided for information.

- 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.

MOTION: Pat Ivey

SECOND: Chris Jensen

VOTE:

FOR: Unanimous

AGAINST: None

### **Information Items for Future Action**

#### **7. Review of the Prioritization 7.0 Highway, Bicycle & Pedestrian, Public Transportation, Aviation, and Rail Projects for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization**

Presented by Hunter Staszak

- The State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) identifies the construction funding for and scheduling of transportation projects at the state level over a 10-year period. The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proactively updates the STIP every two years to ensure that it accurately reflects the state's current financial situation. Strategic Transportation Investments (STI) law mandates ongoing evaluation and improvement to ensure the process is responsive to North Carolina's diverse needs. To develop the 2026-2035 STIP, NCDOT will use a process called Prioritization 7.0 (P7.0) to identify, evaluate, and ultimately program projects.
- NCDOT's Data Driven Quantitative Scoring of Project Need.
- Prioritization 7.0 involves three key parts: 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 7.0 is the identification of projects for evaluation and scoring by NCDOT's Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT).
- Projects include 20 highway projects (four of which are categorized at NCDOT Division 9 Additions, for informational purposes), 22 bicycle and pedestrian projects, 4 transit projects, 1 aviation project, and 1 rail project. Additionally, there are 6 projects identified as carryovers, four from the previous round, and two projects for the newly designated carryover spots. The projects reflect the list of projects received during the call for projects from February 10, 2023 through March 31, 2023 and, upon adoption by the TAC, will be submitted to the Strategic Planning Office of Transportation (SPOT) for scoring in Prioritization 7.0.

- Phillip Craver responded to Chris Jensen that the cost estimates would be updated.

**8. Review of an Update to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Joint Call for Projects Application Process and Project Selection Criteria for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO)**

Presented by Hunter Staszak

- The Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) holds an annual call for projects for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP). In anticipation of future competitive CMAQ & CRP application cycles, MPO staff developed a new set of criteria to clarify how projects will be selected and better align the process with MPO objectives and the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP).
  - Maintains the importance of evaluating projects on emissions reduction. 50% up to 75% of a project's final score or rank is based on its emissions reduction as reported by Forsyth County OEAP.
  - Adds a quantitative "checklist" or scorecard-based assessment for spatial projects based on five key MPO objectives and areas of focus: congestion management, community health & safety, equity, project readiness, and connectivity & innovation. Up to 25% of a project's final rank is based on the score received in this section.
  - Clarifies the qualitative criteria by requiring applicants to submit project narrative responses to prompts related to the five key MPO focus areas outlined above. 25% of a project's final rank is based on the narrative section. Projects will be assigned a ranking in this area by a Project Selection Committee of at least five (5) members including at least one member each from Winston-Salem DOT, NCDOT Division 9, and the public.
  - The "Proposal for a Revised Application Process and Project Selection Criteria" reflects the proposed application and evaluation process, draft application package, and project criteria developed by MPO staff in coordination with the CMAQ & CRP Criteria Development Committee. Upon adoption by the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), this documentation will guide and govern the project selection process for CMAQ & CRP projects.
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- Alex Rotenberry asked is there any analysis to score emissions reduction in CRP?
  - Hunter replied yes, 50% to 75% would be on emissions reduction but it would also be on emissions reduction as it relates to cost.
  - Hunter Staszak further stated to Alex Rotenberry question regarding projects being scored by type, that we only receive about 5 projects, so they are scored together.

**9. 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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- 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.

**10. Review of an Amendment to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) to Remove the “311 Connector” Project.**

Presented by Matthew Burczyk

- The City of Winston-Salem owns a series of properties near Cline Street in the southeast ward for which the intention is to construct approximately 378 affordable housing units. Affordable housing has become one of the top priorities for the city, as housing costs continue to rise and housing stock, particularly the stock of affordable units, continues to trail demand. Fewer than half of all rental units in Winston-Salem are affordable to families earning 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) or less, meaning the city has a shortage of more than 16,000 affordable units. The City of Winston-Salem Community Development Department is pursuing options to construct multifamily or single family housing on the subject properties and intends to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals for private development of housing units on the properties. The private investment is to be supplemented with approximately \$9,500,000 in federal housing funds through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- To determine the applicability of federal funding investment, HUD requires the city to conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify potential environmental impacts of the proposal. One component of the EA requires a review of existing plans to determine if the housing proposal is consistent with the community's long-range goals and policies as articulated in its comprehensive plans. Through a review of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization's (WSUAMPO) Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP), Community Development staff identified the proposed “311

Connector” project to be in direct conflict with the housing proposal, which would prevent access to HUD funding for the project. The “311 Connector” project proposal includes the construction of a new highway facility between Interstate 40 and Salem Parkway, west of Salem Lake, which represented the original Northern Beltway alignment until the decision was made to shift the Beltway alignment further east.

- Community Development staff contacted WSUAMPO staff requesting a review of the proposed “311 Connector” and its removal from the CTP, which would make the proposed housing development eligible for funding through HUD. WSUAMPO coordinated with NCDOT Division 9 and the City of Winston-Salem and both parties concluded that the “311 Connector” project was no longer economically feasible because of the mobility benefits provided by the Northern Beltway project and because of the impact the new roadway would have on nearby neighborhoods. With NCDOT Division 9 and the City of Winston-Salem agreeing to remove the project from the CTP, the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) modeled the traffic impacts of removing the “311 Connector” and determined that doing so would have no significant impact on the existing roadway network. NCDOT TPD, therefore, supports removal of the “311 Connector” from the CTP.
- WSUAMPO staff, therefore, recommends removing the “311 Connector” project from the CTP. The proposed amendment to remove the “311 Connector” project from the CTP will be made available to the public for at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of action on July 20, 2023.
- Steve Smotherman stated that some of the right of way had been purchased for this connector. He is wondering if there is a way to use it to for a local connection to Sprague Street.
- Matthew Burczyk said that we could work with NCDOT Division 9 to work on that.

#### **11. Review of a Resolution Supporting the Winston-Salem, NC to Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC to Charlotte, NC Corridor Proposals Identified in the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division’s Application to the Corridor Identification and Development Program.**

Presented by Jeff Fansler

- In March 2023, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) submitted applications for twelve (12) rail corridors for consideration under the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)’s Corridor Identification and Development Program. Two (2) of these corridors would provide direct connection with Winston-Salem and our MPO communities: Winston-Salem, NC to Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC to Charlotte, NC.
- The Corridor Identification and Development Program was authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and provides funding for various development activities including scoping, scheduling, cost estimation, the preparation of a service development plan, and project development, to create a pipeline of intercity passenger

- rail projects ready for implementation in the future.
- The application submitted to the FRA in March 2023 by NCDOT included letters of support from Forsyth County and the City of Winston-Salem. The letters emphasized the value passenger rail would provide for citizens across our MPO, the continued growth of our communities and economies, and investments in equitable, sustainable, and multimodal transportation in our region.
- As the applications undergo review, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization wishes to also emphasize its support for the Winston-Salem to Raleigh and Winston-Salem to Charlotte corridors and urge the FRA to consider this vital transportation investment in our growing and innovative community.
  
- Chairman Fansler proposed an “In-Person meeting” in July and with a new time of 1:00 pm at Salem Lake.
- Alex Rotenberry requested a connection map.
- Chairman Fansler stated that staff would forward that to him.
  
- Chairman Fansler opened discussion about doing “In-Person” meetings vs. virtual meetings. He feels it beneficial to him and staff to have face to face meetings. Wants members to let him know their thoughts.
- Mark Kirstner stated that we need to be consistent.
- Pat Ivey agreed with consistently and preferred to meet in person and stated that with more involvement with P-7 it would be critical.
- Chairman Fansler said that staff would bring an action item to the next meeting for vote.

## **Information Items**

### **Staff Reports**

#### **11. MPO Staff Reports**

##### **a. NCDOT Division 9 Transportation Projects Update**

Pat Ivey – The Board of Transportation is not scheduled to approve the final 2024-33 STIP until their meeting in June.

2247 EB (Beltway) interchange at 52 is scheduled to be connected in August or September.

US 150, widening 2577A Hanes Mill Road, 2729 Old Hollow Road, widening 66 are all scheduled to be let later this year.

##### **b. WSUAMPO Transportation Project Update**

Hunter asked members if they would prefer a interactive map for locally administered projects instead of a list? This way the public could use it to see the status of projects in their area. Chairman Fansler requested a prototype to review.

**c. NCDOT Transportation Planning Update**

Pam Cook guided members through the NCDOT TPD Newsletter.

**d. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division**

Alex Rotenberry reminded members that there is a quarterly webinar on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**e. FHWA Update**

Suzette Morales updated members on the discretionary grants. The Wallet Crossing pilot program to reduce wildlife and vehicle collisions. This is open until August 1st. There is also a webinar on May 22<sup>nd</sup> on case studies for safety and NIPA. She also mentioned a grant for Nevi which is for specifically installing charging stations along the highways.

**f. Piedmont Triad Regional Council of Governments Update**

No questions for staff.

**g. Forsyth County OEAP Air Quality Update**

No questions for staff

**h. Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Projects Update**

Matthew Burczyk stated that the new coordinator will be here in a few weeks.

**i. Winston-Salem Transit Authority (WSTA) Update**

No questions for staff

**j. Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation (PART) Update**

Mark Kirstner informed members that there is an informal group called Piedmont Transportation Professionals and they are holding events for PE and AICP credits June 28<sup>th</sup>, if anyone is interested.

**k. Davidson County Transportation (DCT)**

Richard Jones announced that Davidson County is now officially a FDA direct recipient.

**l. Title VI Compliance Update**

No questions for staff.

**m. MPO Calendar of Activities**

Matthew Burczyk made note of the time change of the next TCC meeting and reminded all members that it would be an important meeting due to adopting P-7.

**n. Ethics Liaison**

Matthew Burczyk thanked everyone for their help in getting all members in compliance.

**o. Ethics Liaison**

Hunter encouraged members to read the article on DOT's new employees, Nateja Hale and Will Cave.

**12. Next Meeting/Adjourn Meeting**

- Next TCC meeting will be **July 20, 2023 at 1:00 pm - In Person at Salem Lake.**

**ADJOURNMENT: 3:15 pm**



# **TCC ACTION ITEM #3**

**Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Action Request**

**Meeting Date:** July 20, 2023      **Agenda Item Number:** 3

**Action Requested:** Consideration of an Item to Return to In Person Meetings for the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**      **Attachments:** Yes      No X

In March 2023, the TCC Chairman brought an item reviewing options to return to in person meetings. This item initiated the discussion for whether the Technical Coordinating Committee should resume in person meetings, remain virtual, or a scheduled mix of the two options. The TCC Chairman noted that because the TCC and TAC previously met in person to approve the continuation of virtual meetings on September 15, 2022, it was recommended that the approval of the return to in person meetings take place in person as well. The Chairman then moved for approval to meet in person at the May 18, 2023 to discuss the matter further.

During the May 18, 2023 meeting, members indicated their support for in person meetings and expressed a desire for consistency. After deliberation at the May 18, 2023 meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee, Chairman Fansler noted that an action item addressing these needs would be brought to the July 20, 2023 meeting of the TCC.

Staff recommend that the Technical Coordinating Committee resume in person meetings for all regularly scheduled meetings. Meetings of the TCC will continue to take place at 2:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the months of January, February, March, May, July, September, and November unless otherwise indicated. Due to varying availability of technology across facilities, meetings will not offer hybrid meeting options. However, where possible, staff will make an effort to provide a call-in line.

Through the remainder of the calendar year, the next two meetings of the TCC are scheduled as follows:

- Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – Engineering, Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building)
- Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – Engineering, Bryce A. Stuart Municipal Building)

**TAC Vote: Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote: For** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ITEM TO RETURN TO IN PERSON MEETINGS  
FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM URBAN AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING  
ORGANIZATION (WSUAMPO) TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)**

A motion was made by TCC Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ TCC Member for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, in March 2023, the TCC Chairman initiated a discussion about whether the Technical Coordinating Committee should resume in person meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, there was widespread support from the Technical Coordinating Committee to resume in person meetings for the regularly scheduled meetings of the body during the May 18, 2023 meeting of the TAC; and

**WHEREAS**, the TCC Chairman determined that an action item would be brought before the TCC at the July 20, 2023 meeting to resume in person meetings.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Technical Coordinating Committee will adopt the staff recommendation to meet exclusively in person for its regularly scheduled meetings.

Adopted on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July 2023.

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Jeff Fansler, Chairman  
Technical Coordinating Committee

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Kelly Garvin, Secretary  
Technical Coordinating Committee

# **TCC ACTION ITEM #8**

**Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Action Request**

**Meeting Date:** July 20, 2023      **Agenda Item Number:** 8

**Action Requested:** Consideration of a Resolution Supporting the Winston-Salem, NC to Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC to Charlotte, NC Corridor Proposals Identified in the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division's Application to the Corridor Identification and Development Program.

**SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:**      **Attachments:** Yes        No   X  

In March 2023, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) submitted applications for twelve (12) rail corridors for consideration under the USDOT Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)'s Corridor Identification and Development Program. Two (2) of these corridors would provide direct connection with Winston-Salem and our MPO communities: Winston-Salem, NC to Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC to Charlotte, NC.

The Corridor Identification and Development Program was authorized by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and provides funding for various development activities including scoping, scheduling, cost estimation, the preparation of a service development plan, and project development, to create a pipeline of intercity passenger rail projects ready for implementation in the future.

The application submitted to the FRA in March 2023 by NCDOT included letters of support from Forsyth County and the City of Winston-Salem. The letters emphasized the value passenger rail would provide for citizens across our MPO, the continued growth of our communities and economies, and investments in equitable, sustainable, and multimodal transportation in our region.

As the applications undergo review, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization wishes to also emphasize its support for the Winston-Salem to Raleigh and Winston-Salem to Charlotte corridors and urge the FRA to consider this vital transportation investment in our growing and innovative community.

**TAC Vote: Motion by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Second by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote: For** \_\_\_\_\_ **Against** \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION**  
**SUPPORTING THE WINSTON-SALEM, NC TO RALEIGH, NC, AND WINSTON-SALEM,**  
**TO CHARLOTTE, NC CORRIDOR PROPOSALS IDENTIFIED IN THE NORTH**  
**CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RAIL DIVISION'S**  
**APPLICATIONS TO THE CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**PROGRAM.**

A motion was made by TAC Member \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by TAC Member \_\_\_\_\_ for the adoption of the following resolution, and upon being put to a vote was duly adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has made available funding through the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development Program to guide intercity passenger rail development and create a pipeline of intercity passenger rail projects ready for implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) Rail Division submitted twelve (12) proposed corridors to the FRA Corridor Identification and Development Program for funding consideration; and

**WHEREAS**, two (2) of the proposed corridors provide a direct connection to Winston-Salem and MPO communities, including the Winston-Salem, NC to Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC to Charlotte, NC corridors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) provide recommendations for commuter rail service from Winston-Salem to Greensboro (WS-RR-06) in alignment with other adopted statewide plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Winston-Salem was once a major passenger rail hub in North Carolina, serving around twenty passenger trains per day, and as a growing hub for education, research, biotechnology, and business, would be again; and

**WHEREAS**, the restoration of passenger rail service in Winston-Salem is a regional priority and would provide improved access and mobility for the citizens of our MPO, offer a sustainable alternative to single occupancy vehicle travel, and connect more people with opportunities across North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Winston-Salem and Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO) have made and programmed significant investments in affordable housing and multimodal transportation surrounding potential future passenger rail corridors, including the restoration of the historic Union Station building with the restoration of future passenger service in mind; and

**WHEREAS**, the WSUAMPO wishes to amplify the letters of support submitted by the City of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County included in NCDOT's original application(s) to the FRA;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts a resolution supporting the Winston-Salem, NC to Raleigh, NC and Winston-Salem, NC to Charlotte, NC corridor proposals identified in the North Carolina Department of Transportation Rail Division's Application to the FRA Corridor Identification and Development Program.

Adopted on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.

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Mike Horn, Chairman  
Transportation Advisory Committee

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Kelly Garvin, Secretary  
Transportation Advisory Committee