NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes - Final

1 Fenton Main St. Suite 201 Cary NC 27511

Technical Coordinating Committee

Thursday, February 1, 2024 10:00 AM Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: 32 - Sandi Bailey, Dylan Bruchhaus, Paul Black, Bradley Kimbrell, Bryan Coates, Travis Crayton, Tim Gardiner, Dennis Jernigan, David Keilson, Danielle Kittredge, Neil Perry, Darius Sturdivant, David Walker, Bynum Walter, Brandon Watson, James Salmons, Vice Chair Luana Deans, Jenna Shouse, Matt Day, Tracy Stephenson, Tracy Parrott, Emma Linn, Akul Nishawala, Kenneth Ritchie, Catherine Farrell, Chris George, Bronwyn Redus, Chris Garcia, David Talbert, Michael Clark, Barry Baker, and Jeff Jones

Absent: 17 - Phil Geary, Joe Geigle, Scott Hammerbacher, Meredith Gruber, Catherine Knudson, Michael Landguth, Jay Sikes, Andrew Spiliotis, Braston Newton, Het Patel, Anita Davis-Haywood, Bo Carson, Than Austin, Lucy Garcia, Bryan Chadwick, Jennifer Ganser, and Steven Mott

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Minutes

4.1 Minutes - January 4, 2024 TCC Meeting

Requested Action: Approve minutes

Attachments: January Minutes

Paul black motioned to approve the January 4, 2024 TCC minutes.

Emma Linn seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5. Regular Business

5.1 FY 2024 3rd Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Requests

Ben Howell, CAMPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend that the Executive Board approve the FY 2024 Q3 Wake Transit

Work Plan Amendment requests.

Attachments: Staff Report

FY 24 Q3 Amendment Requests Package

Benjamin Howell, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Howell provided a brief overview of the 3rd Quarter Wake Transit Work Plan Amendments. He stated that the item had been through the public comment period and been presented to TPAC.

Mr. Howell stated that TPAC recommended moving forward with these amendments. He stated that the amendments are being presented for consideration and recommendation to the Executive Board approval at their February Board meeting.

Mr. Howell informed the TCC of the 2 amendments being recommended. One from the City of Raleigh for improvements to route 21 Caraleigh, and another from the City of Raleigh for additional funding for the New Bern Corridor Bus Rapid Transit Facility.

He noted that when the Caraleigh project was submitted, additional money was requested. However, the project sponsor has determined that no financial change is needed and the amendment is only a scope change.

Mr. Howell stated that the amendments were available for public review from December 8th to January 5th. He stated that 35 comments were received. Most were in support of the amendments, and others were not related to the them. After review by CAMPO staff, input was considered to relation to the Work Plan but did not result to any changes to the amendments.

Chair Tracy Stephenson opened the floor for questions.

There were none.

Kenneth Ritchie motioned to recommend that the Executive Board approve the FY 2024 Quarter 3 Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Requests.

David Walker seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.2 US 401 Corridor Study - Final Phase

Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Endorse the US 401 Corridor Study recommendations.

Attachments: Staff Report

US 401 Corridor Study Executive Summary-2024-02-19

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Lukasina provided an overview of the 401 Study and it's history. He noted the recommendation for the existing U.S. 401 in Wake County. These primarily focused on widening and access management improvements through Fuquay-Varina.

Mr. Lukasina noted that the study was multi-modal in nature. Therefore, it also looked at other modes of transportation, identifying areas for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

He shared some recommendation in the Harnett County area, based on public feedback from the 1st three rounds of engagement. The study looked at a widening a 2 lane corridor at 55mph to a 4 lane at 45mph. He noted that two cross sections were looked at for Harnett County, which both concepts received public support.

Mr. Lukasina informed the TCC that there were many intersection improvements along the 401 corridor. He stated that they had strong public support for all intersection improvement recommendations.

Mr. Lukasina stated that there were many alternatives looked at for the future 401 alignment. He noted that final phases were completed at the request of the Executive Board, and helped push for public engagement this past Fall. He stated that support on this alignment had not been unanimous. There were strong feelings for and against all of the alternatives, primarily focused on property impacts.

Mr. Lukasina expressed that many responses stated that 45mph speed was too low, and that they preferred a 55mph or higher speed limit with a narrower corridor. He noted that in earlier rounds of engagement, that there was a desire to attempt minimizing the impacts of that future corridor, this was why a 45mph design speed alternative was created. He also noted that this project is still in planning phase.

Mr. Lukasina informed the TCC that the final report and recommendation is scheduled for a pubic comment period starting February 19th through March 20th. It will be presented to the TCC again in March for recommendation.

Chair Stephenson opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

This item was received as information only.

5.3 FFY 2025 LAPP Program

Chandler Hagen, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend approval of the FFY 25 LAPP Investment Program.

Attachments: Staff Report

FFY25 LAPP Recommended Investment Program

FFY25 LAPP Recommended Projects Map
FFY25 LAPP Selection Panel Discussion

Chandler Hagen, CAMPO, presented this item.

Chandler Hagen presented the FFY 25 LAPP Investment Program recommendations made by the Selection Committee in December. Based on Raleigh's late withdrawal from the FFY 24 LAPP Investment Program, the Selection Panel had recommended requiring Raleigh to confirm their ability to authorize the FFY 25 construction funding by the end of June 2024. In the event that Raleigh was unable to accept the FFY 25 award, the Selection Panel recommended an alternative FFY 25 LAPP Investment Program that would not fund Raleigh and would instead fund the next two highest scoring roadway projects (ranked 5 and 6).

Chair Stephenson opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

Cate Farrell, Town of Zebulon, noted that as a project recipient under the alternative FFY 25 LAPP Investment Program, the Town needed more time to appropriately plan for funding discussions that will take place in June. She suggested that Raleigh be given until the end of February to confirm their ability to accept the FFY 25 funding. She also explained that she had met with Raleigh and felt they should be able to reach a decision by the end of February based on their planned presentation to City Council in February.

Kenneth Ritchie, City of Raleigh, confirmed that they did hope to have direction by that date but could not guarantee that a decision would be made in February. He stated that it could possibly be delayed to the meeting in March.

Shelby Powell noted that the meeting in March would take place before the March TCC meeting, therefore Raleigh could expect to have an answer by the next TCC meeting.

Chris Lukasina noted that the Executive Board could choose to accept the Selection Panel's recommendations or the TCC modified recommendation.

Paul Black motioned to recommend approval of the FFY 25 LAPP Investment Program with a deadline of the March TCC meeting for decision from the City of Raleigh on the Six Forks Road Project.

Bynum Walter seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.4 Amendment #3 to FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program

(TIP)

Chandler Hagen / MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

TIP Amendment 3 CAMPO

Chandler Hagen, CAMPO, presented that item.

Ms. Hagen stated that this amendment includes changes from October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023, CAMPO and statewide CAMPO-eligible projects.

She noted that there are many moves from FFY 23 funding to FFY 24, and also added 3 FFY 23 LAPP projects that were funded with the funds remaining when the City of Raleigh could not accept their reward.

Chair Stephenson opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

This item was received as information only.

5.5 FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend the Executive Board adopt the FY 25 Unified Planning Work

Program.

Attachments: Staff Report

FY 2025 UPWP

RESOLUTION-OF-ADOPTION-2025-UPWP with Attestation

Resolution Certifying MPO Planning Process

Shelby Powell, CAMPO, presented this item.

Ms. Powell stated that the item is currently out for public review and comment, and that there had been no comments received yet. Public comment period ends February 21st.

She stated that since last month's presentation on this item, the budget range changed by 1cent. It is now \$0.74-\$0.77 per Capita Member Share, to add additional contingency into the budget for upcoming items.

Ms. Powell noted that public hearing is scheduled for February 21st.

Chair Stephenson opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

Barry Baker motioned to recommend the Executive Board to adopt the FY 25 Unified Planning Work Program. (UPWP)

Chris Garcia seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.6 **CAMPO Memorandum of Understanding**

Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information and review draft updates

Attachments: Staff Report

CAMPO MOU Updates

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Lukasina informed the TCC that the CAMPO Memorandum of Understanding needs to be updated to add Chatham County, Town of Coats, and the Town of Lillington as official members.

He stated that it also has to be updated to reflect changes in federal regulations, and

recognize weighted voting schedule update process.

Mr. Lukasina noted that they had modernized LPA language to be generic.

Chair Stephenson opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

This item was received as information only.

6. Informational Item: Budget

This item was received as information only.

6.1 **Operating Budget FY2024**

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

2024 Operating Budget Projection Q2

6.2 Member's Shares FY2024

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

2024 Projected Members Dues Q2

7. Informational Item: Project Updates

This item was received as information only.

7.1 Project Updates - February 2024

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: February Project Updates

7.2 Public Engagement Updates

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Public Engagement Updates

8. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Director:

Chris Lukasina announced that Evan Koff is now the new Senior Transportation Planner. The Senior Wake Transit Planner position is vacant and being advertised.

He stated that the Joint MPO Board with DCHC was yesterday, and that the slide presentation is available online.

Mr. Lukasina stated that there are a few Pop Ups events in support of updating the Locally Coordinated Human Services Public Transportation Plan coming up.

He stated that MPO 101 will be in March, and that dates are being finalized, be on the lookout for dates.

Mr. Lukasina stated that NC AMPO conference is April 7-19, 2024 in Newbern.

He reminded the TCC members that ethics filing requirement is now open and has a deadline of April to be completed.

Mr. Lukasina stated that information on the US-1 North, U-5307 project and the potential of tolling that corridor was presented to the Executive Board and that they decided to move forward with that project and take action in January.

He stated that the Executive Board had formally requested that NCDOT commence a study on a toll option on US-1 North.

NCDOT Division 6:

Darius Sturdivant announced that the R5705-new location around Angier is under construction and should be wrapped up around 2027/2028 time frame.

He announced that Drew Cox has been promoted to Eastern Deputy Chief Engineer and is now with the City of Raleigh. Lee Jernigan is now the acting Division 6 Engineer.

NC Turnpike Authority:

Dennis Jernigan stated that it is anticipated ground breaking in Spring, and opening in 2028. He will be retiring in June.

9. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting February 21, 2024 1 Fenton Main Street 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Suite 201 Cary, NC 27511

Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting March 7, 2024
1 Fenton Main Street 10:00am - noon

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