NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes - Final

One City Plaza 421 Fayetteville Street Suite 203 Raleigh, NC 27601

Technical Coordinating Committee

Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:00 AM **Conference Room**

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: 69 - Than Austin, Ken Bowers, Jason Brown, Dylan Bruchhaus, Fontaine Burress, Richard Campbell, Rich Cappola, Jennifer Collins, Travis Crayton, Russell Dalton, Pamela Davison, Bob Deaton, Sean Flaherty, Tim Gardiner, Phil Geary, Joe Geigle, Mike Gordon, Meredith Gruber, Scott Hammerbacher, Tansy Hayward, Jay Heikes, John Hodges-Copple, Megen Hoenk, Jonathan Jacobs, Irene Johnson, Justin Jorgensen, David Keilson, Danielle Kittredge, Erin Klinger, Gaby Lawlor, Scott Levitan, Aaron Levitt, Kevin Lewis, Mark Locklear, Tim Maloney, Kevin Murphy, Jason Myers, Braston Newton, Jeannine Ngwira, Akul Nishawala, Terry Nolan, Neil Perry, Stephanie Richter, Jason Rogers, Bill Sandifor, Lisa Schiffbauer, Meg Scully, Larry Smith, Mark Spanioli, Andrew Spiliotis, Tracy Stephenson, Darius Sturdivant, Courtney Tanner, Jeff Triezenberg, Gerry Vincent, David Walker, Scott Walston, Bynum Walter, Brad West, Kevin Wyrauch, Nick Morrison, Sean Ryan, BRANDON WATSON, Paul Black, Daniel Spruill, Meade Bradshaw, James Salmons, Andrea Neri, and Alan Coats

Absent: 11 - Bryan Coates, David Eatman, Michael Frangos, Benjamin Howell, Paul Kallam, Catherine Knudson, Michael Landguth, Julie Maybee, Michael Moore, Jay Sikes, and Zach Steffey

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Public Comments

Matthew Poling signed up for a public comment.

Vice Chair Tracy Stephenson opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Poling greeted the TCC, then made the following questions:

-SPOT 3 was developed approximately 8/9 years ago in 2013/2014. The U5751project is the only SPOT 3 project that doesn't have committed funding?

-SPOT 4 was released in 2017 and SPOT 5 was approved by the Executive Board in October of 2019; Why are there SPOT 4 & 5 projects programmed and committed in the STIP ahead of SPOT 3 projects?

- What is the process for projects to be swapped and committed within the STIP?

Mr. Poling stated that the Town of Fuquay-Varina request CAMPO staff to present an explanation for why the U5751 got passed by and is the only SPOT 3 project not committed, while there are SPOT 4 and 5 projects that are.

Mr. Poling also stated that the Town of Fuquay-Varina has been aggressive with transportation projects. In 2015 & 2021, they passed \$15 and \$20 million dollar transportation bonds. Despite of the unprecedented growth and increase in vehicular traffic, this funding is still not meeting the overall needs of the area. With regards to major project funding, Mr. Poling stated that there still has been no major DOT project programmed in the STIP for their jurisdiction. The U5751 project would not only protect Town's money but also CAMPO's funding, as most of the intersections that had been upgraded would benefit greatly from this project and would relieve congestion at these intersections.

he further stated that the U5751 project doesn't only serve the Fuquay-Varina area but also the rest of the CAMPO region south of the Town that is trying to get to Wake County employment centers.

The U5751 project supports and protects the improvements that the Town has implemented along the 401 corridor and helps to extend the benefit of all the improvements made with the partnership of CAMPO.

Mr. Poling concluded his public comment.

Vice Chair Stephenson commented that members of the TCC would like some feedback from CAMPO Staff in a future meeting.

4. Minutes

4.1 Minutes - September 1, 2022 TCC Meeting

Requested Action: Approve minutes

Attachments: September TCC Minutes

Jason Myers requested an edit to the verbiage in the MPO Director Staff Report section of the September meeting minutes.

Jason Myers motioned to approve the meeting minutes after a minor clarification/edit is

made by CAMPO Staff.

Luana Deans seconded that motion.

Vice Chair Stephenson moved this item to the slate vote.

This item was approved, with corrections, by unanimous vote.

5. Regular Business

5.1 Projects I-4739/I-5111- Transportation Improvements

NCDOT staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

Tracy Parrott, NCDOT, presented this item.

Mr. Parrott introduced himself as the Deputy Division Five Engineer and informed the TCC that this is an update of the current status of the I-4739 project. He shared a few statistics on the almost 14-mile project. The I-4739 contract was awarded in June of 2018 at a value of just over \$360M with ST Wooten Corporation as the contractor.

He informed the TCC that the project involves adding two lanes of travel, in each direction, on I-40; To do that there are some improvements needed at interchanges. Major plans were completed in the Spring of 2019, allowing right-of-way acquisitions and utility relocations to begin. That's largely being completed now, with an exception of a few utility relocations. Mr. Parrott informed the TCC that right-of-way cost came in around \$23M, and the anticipated overall construction costs would be somewhere around \$432M.

Mr. Parrot stated that the I-5111 project included replacing the U-6093 Rock Quarry Rd Bridge, to create enough width underneath for the I-40 widening. It was accomplished in multiple stages.

The Jones Sausage Road Interchange over I-440 would accommodate the I-440 widening, therefore the contract was let with that bridge remaining in place. As the project progressed through design, a few things happened that necessitated a review of the bridge in consideration of some options. This included the Amazon Distribution Development on Jones Sausage just south of the interchange as well as upcoming industrial development to the north of the interchange.

Those things caused NCDOT to take a look at the interchange function. A decision was made to retain the existing bridge but to convert it to a diverging diamond interchange. He stated that the biggest advantage to this interchange type is that it allows for free flow left terms to and from the ramps. This ultimately simplifies the signal operations at the crossing locations which benefits the operation of the interchanges and the capacity interchanges as a whole.

Mr. Parrott then discussed the US-70 Business Interchange, stating that early in the project the contractor reconstructed the ramp from 70 Business Westbound to I-440 Westbound. That also included changing the access from 70 Business Eastbound to I-440 Westbound; taking away the loop that was in the top right quadrant, replacing it with a left turn onto the ramp from 70 Business Westbound to I-440 Westbound. He stated that after that went into place, construction focused on the new main-line bridges for Westbound I-440. He explained that all traffic is now on both East and Westbound I-440, allowing the contractor to focus on construction of the main-line bridges that would eventually carry Eastbound I-440 in the final configuration.

Mr. Parrott noted that traffic on I-440 and the bulk of the project, is along the median and the outside widening is continuing on the project, which has really been opened up by the interchanges and overpasses that have been constructed.

Mr. Parrott presented a few anticipated dates pertaining to I-5111 and I-4739. He stated

that all lanes should be opened in final pattern from I-440 to US-70 Bypass by May of 2023. The Cleveland School Road access should be open by Fall of 2023. He also informed the TCC that the NC 42 DDI will open in late 2023, early 2024. The overall project completion date is anticipated to be in August of 2023.

He added additional comments to the U-6093 Rock Quarry Road Widening update, stating that it was a federally funded locally administered project with the City of Raleigh that was added to the Design Build Contract. Given that it started later than the rest of the design build project, it will be one of the last parts of the project completed. Main roadway construction is scheduled to start in Spring of 2023; And overall completion is anticipated to be by the end of 2023.

Vice Chair Stephenson opened the floor for questions and/or concerns.

There were no questions or comments.

5.2 FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program - Amendment #1

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend the Executive Board adopt Amendment #1 to the FY 2023 UPWP.

Attachments: Staff Report

FY 2023 UPWP - Amendment #1 DRAFT

FY 23 UPWP Amendment #1 - Resolution of Adoption

Shelby Powell, CAMPO, presented this item.

Ms. Powell informed the TCC that this was the same information presented last month. She stated that a few budget adjustments have been made to some ongoing special studies that CAMPO has, to account for some shifts in project schedules and spending.

Ms. Powell informed the TCC that included in this amendment are: a budget increase for the U.S. 401 Corridor Study incorporation of the FY 23 Wake Transit Work Plan Budget; some federal transit planning funds for both GoRaleigh and GoTriangle; an adjustment for the Non-Motorized Data Volume Count Program.

Ms. Powell explained that CAMPO has also increased the member shares from \$0.578 to \$0.616 per capita to begin implementation of some of the elements within the Strategic Plan & Organizational Study that the Board has adopted for the MPO.

She stated that this item has been out for a 30 day public comment period which will end on October 18, 2022. Thus far no public comments have been received on this item.

Ms. Powell informed the TCC that the requested action is to recommend that the Board adopt the Amendment to the UPWP as presented.

Vice Chair Stephenson opened the floor for questions.

No questions were asked.

Jason Myers motioned to move the item to the slate vote. Juliet Andes seconded that motion.

Item was moved to the slate vote.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.3 Non-Motorized Volume Data Program - Master Services Agreement

Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend approval of the Master Services Agreement

Attachments: Master Service Agreement

Staff Report

Kenneth Withrow, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Withrow informed the TCC that this item is a part of the Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP) Amendment #1.

He explained that the proposed master services agreement would maintain the Non-Motorized Volume Data Program (NMVDP) counter inventory through onsite maintenance and assistance with a financial obligation for services provided. CAMPO would also receive a status report on the counters twice per year, along with presentations to the TCC and Executive Board.

Mr. Withrow stated that the requested action is that the TCC recommend the Executive Board approve the Master Service Agreement.

Akul Nishawala made a motion to move this item to the slate vote. Fontaine Burruss seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.4 Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy

Stephanie Plancich, CAMPO and R. Curtis Hayes, GoTriangle

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

Draft Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy

Anna Stokes, CAMPO, and Curtis Hayes, GoTriangle presented this item.

Mr. Hayes informed the TCC that a public review period for the Draft Wake Transit Community Engagement Policy was held from August 15th to September 29th. He stated that the updated policy was intended to replace the original 2018 policy. It provides enhanced guidance to lead agency staff and project sponsors tasked with the execution of community involvement activities for Wake Transit-funded projects and planning activities. It seeks to improve processes and outcomes, and it prioritizes regular performance evaluations to optimize future engagement and communication efforts.

Mr. Hayes stated that the adoption schedule highlights include a public hearing during the October 19th CAMPO Executive Board meeting. He stated that the public comment period lasted 45 days, in which there was positive feedback received. He requested that any input from the TCC, be emailed to Stephanie Plancich at stephanie.plancich@campo-nc.us by October 21, 2022.

The Vice Chair opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were no questions and/or comments.

5.5 Amendment #10 to FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program

(TIP)

Alex Rickard, CAMPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

FY 20-29 TIP Amendment #10

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO, presented this item.

Chris informed the TCC that CAMPO had received notification from NCDOT of changes to regional projects that require amending the Transportation Improvement Program. He provided an overview of the projects included in the amendment.

He stated that Amendment #10 will be posted for a public comment period from October 17th to November 15, 2022. A public hearing will also be scheduled at the November 16th Executive Board meeting. Approval of Amendment #10 will be requested at the concluding of the public hearing on November 16, 2022.

The Vice Chair Stephenson opened the floor for questions.

Jason Myers asked CAMPO Staff is the process to amend the TIP different when a LAPP project that NCDOT receives which is DA funded, than if it is a project that a local jurisdiction has?

Mr. Lukasina responded stating that when a project sponsor desires a change in schedule, they need to request that, Historically when LAPP projects slip in schedule, a TIP amendment is needed to reflect that formally. He also stated that he doesn't recall seeing an action involving NCDOT come across his desk through the LAPP program but, he would double check with CAMPO TIP staff.

Tracy Parrott stated that it may be proactive due it to being a project that they are managing to set the schedule out front. He stated that in most times when it is a locally administered project, they are working in a more reactive mode, so you may not see the scheduled changes happening quite as proactively.

This item was received as information.

6. Informational Item: Budget

6.1

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Q4 Budget Projection FY 2022

6.2 Member Shares FY 2022

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as Information

Attachments: Q4 Member Dues Projection FY 2022

This item was received as information.

7. Informational Item: Project Updates

7.1 Project Updates - October 2022

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: October Project Updates

This item was received as information.

7.2 Public Engagement Updates

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: TCC Public Engagement Updates 2022 10 05

8. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Executive Director:

Chris Lukasina stated that the public hearing for the Amendment #10 to the TIP is November 16th and will return to the TCC at their November meeting for potential recommendation to the Executive Board.

He reminded the TCC that the One Call For All deadline of October 31, 2022 is approaching for all LAPP project submittals or any UPWP study request.

Mr. Lukasina apologized that the September meeting minutes that were attached to the agenda was not the revised copy. He informed the TCC that the attached minutes were the initial draft copy and had not been updated in the agenda prior to posting. Mr. Lukasina then read aloud the revised version of the minutes that should have been attached.

Division 6:

Darius Sturdivant reminded the TCC that the Division 6 Preliminary Draft STIP Drop in meeting would be held at the division office this week between 8am and 5pm. Tomorrow, Friday, October 7th, would be the last day for in person comments. He stated that the comment period runs through Friday October 28, 2022.

NC Turnpike Authority:

Dennis Jernigan informed the TCC that the NCDOT Board of Transportation took action yesterday and granted a request by the turnpike authority to advance up to \$100M so that they can begin Phase 2 of Complete 540.

9. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events