NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes - Final

1 Fenton Main St. Suite 201 Cary NC 27511

Executive Board

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: 19 - Lewis Weatherspoon, Harold Weinbrecht, Georgana Kicinski, Cat Redd, Corey Branch, TJ Cawley, Ronnie Currin, Chair Vivian Jones, Vice Chair RS "Butch" Lawter, Susan Evans, Stephen Morgan, Elmo Vance, Katie Kenlan, Sheveil Harmon, Marc Powell, John Adcock, Joe Geigle, Alan Shapiro, and Glenn York

Absent: 13 - Teresa Bruton, Grady Hunt, Blake Massengill, Porter Casey, Sean Mayefski, Deans Eatman, Patrick Hannah, John Allers, Harry Foy, Jacques Gilbert, Melvin Mitchell, Valerie Jordan, and Catherine Knudson

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

Butch Lawter read the ethics statement.

There were no conflicts.

4. Public Comments

Gabrielle Carter, resident of Holly Springs, signed up for public comment.

Ms. Carter informed the Board that she lives on Holly Springs Road, and stated that 540 was built in her front yard. She noted that her and her family had been dealing with implications of highway addition into communities of trees, elders and gardens.

Ms. Carter explained that it had been unclear on how to get involved and communicate needs and responses to land and neighborhood culture changes due to highways.

She expressed her frustrations with the lack of accountability of organizations and decision makers.

5. Consent Agenda

Susan Evans, Wake County, motioned to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Lew Weatherspoon, Harnett County, seconded that motion.

5.1 Minutes - September 18, 2024 Executive Board Meeting

Requested Action: Approve the September 18, 2024 minutes

Attachments: September Minutes

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.2 Update to CAMPO's Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plans

Bonnie Parker, CAMPO

Requested Action: Approve the updated Title VI and Limited English Proficiency Plans.

Attachments: CAMPO Title VI LAP Plan FINAL DRAFT Update Rev 2024 09 26

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

End of Consent Agenda

6. Public Hearing

6.1 Congestion Management Process Update

Evan Koff / MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct a Public Hearing and approve the Congestion Management Process

(CMP) FY 2025 update.

Attachments: Staff Report

Congestion Management Process Public Comment Draft 09242024

Chair Vivian Jones opened the floor for questions and or comments.

There were none.

Chair Jones opened the public hearing.

There were no comments.

Chair Jones closed the public hearing.

Georgana Kicinski, City of Creedmoor, motioned to approve the Congestion Management

Process (CMP) FY2025 update.

TJ Cawley, Town of Morrisville, seconded that motion.

End of Public Hearings

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 GoTriangle Financial Audit Findings Presentation

Scott Thomas, GoTriangle; Clinton Pfister and Joe Dipierro, Deloitte Consulting

LLP

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

GoTriangle CAMPO Presentation October 2024

Scott Thomas, Joe Dipierro and Clinton Pfister, GoTriangle, presented this item.

Mr. Thomas discussed the GoTriangle Financial Audit findings. He provided an overview of the project executed with the GoTriangle Budget & Finance team over the past few months. He noted that he and his team would be highlighting some of the high-priority enhancement recommendations provided to GoTriangle in their comprehensive insights report and also provide an overview of the next steps for GoTriangle.

Joe Dipierro, project manager, provided an overview of the assessment that was conducted over the past few months in partnership with GoTriangle's Executive Leadership and the Budget & Finance staff. He stated that his team conducted a comprehensive assessment of GoTriangle's Budget & Finance function. The comprehensive insights report is intended to provide recommendations and associated tools and resources to drive significant enhancements to GoTriangle's financial operations.

Mr. Dipierro provided info on the approach taken throughout the course of the project. He stated that throughout the project, Deloitte engaged with a diverse range of professionals, reviewed leading practices, and delved into multiple financial systems to gain an in-depth understanding of GoTriangle's financial operations and develop recommendations.

He noted that over the course of 10 weeks, their team conducted over a dozen interviews and facilitated 13 working sessions with the Executive Leadership Team, Budget & Finance Team, and key internal stakeholders from other GoTriangle departments who engage regularly with the Budget & Finance Team.

Mr. Dipierro stated that GoTriangle Leadership asked the Deloitte team to develop the VRT after-action report to identify process and procedural deficiencies that contributed to the failure of the VRT fund transfer for eight quarters and develop process enhancement recommendations to minimize the chances for this issue reoccurring. He discussed three recommendations made in result of challenges in which were identified during interviews with the Senior Accountant and the Accounts Receivable Lead.

- 1. Implement the VRT Controls Process to ensure accounting entries are being made properly and transfers to county transit partners are happening as required, with proper checks and balances and oversight.
- 2. Implement requirements and controls around how cash is managed and transferred to ensure a single employee cannot delay or bypass these required transfers.
- 3. Develop communications and engage with county transit partners to discuss the VRT transfer process and ensure they receive transfers as anticipated each quarter.

Clinton Pfister continued the presentation, and discussed findings from interviews, working sessions and peer agency research. He stated that two priority initiatives were

the result:

- 1. Creating a stronger delineation of the Tax District Administration function and operations.
- 2. Define Tax District Administration responsibilities and associated staffing levels.

Mr. Pfister stated that reporting enhancements was important both internally and externally. He noted additional recommendations that were added to reporting procedures.

- 1. Sumarized/Executive Analysis
- 2. GoTriangle/Transit Plans Delineation
- 3. GoTriangle Capital Project Reporting
- 4. Eliminate any detailed reporting, particularly in the Budget publication, that is not mandated to report on and does provide other value in telling GoTriangle's story.
- 5. Consider Transit Plan financial publications and improve consistency with GoTriangle reporting where appropriate.

Mr. Pfister presented a roadmap of the GoTriangle Budget & Finance transformation plan, which he stated that it was intended to be a living document of the recommendations and their anticipated time frames of implementation. He noted that they expect there to be adjustments as time move forwards.

Mr. Dipierro continued the presentation, and discussed 90-day items that are already underway. The Transformation Team considered these as the "immediate start" activities as well as the "pre-work" tasks that would help facilitate execution of the Short, Medium, and Long-Term projects once those begin. The work completed during the 90-day period from August 28th through November 25, 2024 would create momentum and lay the foundation for continued progress in executing the GoTrianglo Budget & Finance Transformation Plan roadmap.

Chair Vivian Jones opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

7.2 Amendment #6 to FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program

(TIP)

Chandler Hagen / MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct public hearing. Consider approval Amendment #6 to FY2024-2033

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Attachments: Staff Report

2024-2033 TIP Amendment 6

Chandler Hagen, CAMPO, presented this item.

She stated that Amendment #6 covers CAMPO and statewide CAMPO-eligible projects and includes changes made from June 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024. Those changes included moving additional LAPP projects from FFY24 to FFY 25, moving BA projects from FY24 to FFY25, and the addition of project breaks to project HS-2405 (Safety Improvements in Division 5).

Ms. Hagen noted that the public comment period opened October 3rd and runs through November 19, 2024. The public hearing will be held on November 20th.

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

There were none.

7.3 SPOT 7 Update & Division Needs Phase

Daniel Spruill, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information

Attachments: Staff Report

CAMPO Regional Impact Tier Programmed

<u>Draft 2026-2035 STIP Funding Availability for Selecting Division Needs</u>

Projects from Prioritization 7.0 9-18-24

Daniel Spruill, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Spruill stated that we are currently in the "Division needs" phase of the SPOT 7 process. He provided a quick update on SPOT 7. He informed the Executive Board that on August 19, 2024, NCDOT released updated technical scores which altered programmed Statewide Projects. He noted that this change ultimately led to changes to CAMPO's point assignment.

Mr. Spruill also stated that Version 6 of Local Impact Points were developed and submitted to NCDOT. He noted that as of August 19th, project U-5307 sections B,C and D is now programmed for \$717.2M. He also noted that project H192736 was also added into programming.

Mr. Spruill stated that they had received regional tier programming. He also stated that the Board would do a final approval of Division points in November.

Mr. Spruill reviewed the statewide and regional tier projects that were programmed. He noted that the SPOT committee meeting would be held next week.

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

Susan Evans requested clarification of the proposed regional programming.

Alex Rickard, CAMPO, responded stating that the listed projects were funded and will be programmed in the STIP in January.

Susan Evans asked what was the Durham - North Hills BRT.

Mr. Rickard answered that it was a combination of BRT corridors identified in Wake and Durham Transit plans.

Chair Jones asked what about U-5307.

Mr. Rickard stated that it has statewide programming, but that he wasn't sure about the year.

Ronnie Currin, Town of Rolesville, asked does the U-5307 move away from the toll road.

Mr. Rickard responded that U-5307 is not currently a toll road project. He noted that there is a toll study underway, and when that study is completed there would be more info in January.

Mr. Currin asked was U-5307 a non-tolled project, and according to the presentation, would it be completed by 2035.

Mr. Rickard answered no this doesn't mean that it would be completed by 2035, it means that there is funding that would be in the STIP between FY26 and FY 35.

Ms. Evans asked during the toll study, did we not know that this would go back into the STIP.

Chris Lukasina, MPO Director, responded yes. He noted that there would be more info on tolling provided in January or February.

Georgana Kicinski commented that she is happy to see some of the older projects reappearing on the STIP.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

7.4 Regional Multi-Modal Safety Action Plan - Project Update

Kenneth Withrow

Requested Action: Receive as Information.

Attachments: Staff Report

Blueprint for Safety CAMPO TCC 100324 update

Lauren Blackburn, VHB, presented this item.

Ms. Blackburn discussed the progress made thus far on the Blueprint for Safety. She stated that the study looks at data surrounding crashes, roadway information, community insight, proven counter-measures and also current projects. She stated that all of this data creates the basis for the questions that are asked during the planning process.

Ms. Blackburn informed the Board that a meeting with CAMPO was held a few weeks ago, and that the planning effort is now at its halfway point. She noted that most of the data analysis required for the planning effort has been completed.

Ms. Blackburn stated that the first phase of public engagement is also completed and that they are identifying strategies and types of safety improvements that would best address safety needs.

She informed the Board that the project is anticipated to be completed by June of 2025.

Ms. Blackburn provided an overview of the steps taken during the Safety Planning Process.

- -Establish Partners and process
- -Anaylze safety data and input
- -Determine safety problems and emphasis areas
- -Identify strategies and projects
- -Implement plan
- -Evaluate and update plan

She noted that there was a project website created as part of the engagement effort during phase 1. She also noted that there was a very high level of responses from the online survey, which is no longer live.

Ms. Blackburn stated that public engagement events have been wrapped up.

She informed the Board that October is known as Pedestrian Safety Month, therefore there is a lot of information that can be found online for anyone who is interested.

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

There were none.

This item was received as information only.

8. Informational Item: Budget

8.1 Operating Budget FY2025

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

2025 Operating Budget Projection Q1

8.2 Member's Shares FY2025

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

2025 Member Dues Projection Q1

9. Informational Item: Project Updates

This item was received as information only.

9.1 Project Updates - October 2024

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: October Project Updates

9.2 Public Engagement Updates

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Ex Board Public Engagement Updates 2024 10 09

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Report:

Local MOU are nearly complete. The latest rounds of one-on-one meetings with jurisdictions are ongoing, if interested contact Shelby Powell to schedule. working with TCC and Staff as we are going into the MTP. reminded that the One-Call-For-All and LAPP is open until October 31st.

TCC Chair:

Absent.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:

Absent.

NCDOT Division 4:

No report.

NCDOT Division 5:

Brandon Jones informed the Board that Hurricane Helene efforts continue. He stated that NCDOT had been sending aide and resources to the West in an effort to assist. He also stated that NCDOT has 1400 workers there.

Mr. Jones noted that 572 roads were still closed and 92 of them are primary roads. He stated that they are are still collecting damage data for bridges and culverts.

Mr. Jones stated that there was a contract issued to stabalize I-40 near the Tennessee border. He noted that there would ongoing efforts for a long while.

Ronnie Currin asked who pays for damages from the Hurricane.

Mr. Jones answered that it depends on the type of road.

Mr. Lukasina informed the Board that NCDOT was asked for an update on how impacts will affect the rest of the state.

NCDOT Division 6:

Absent.

NCDOT Division 8:

Absent.

NCDOT Rail Division:

Absent.

NC Turnpike Authority:

Alan Shapiro stated that NC 540 was successfully opened a few weeks ago. He noted that a few interchange movements would not be opened until November.

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division:

Absent.

Executive Board Members:

Chair Jones announced that GoWakeForest was launched on October 1st, and it is going great. She stated that it started out with 3 vans, and are looking into getting

another since it has been so successful.

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Chair Jones sent prayers to Western, North Carolina.

11. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting
1 Fenton Main Street
10:00am - noon
Suite 201

Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting
November 20, 2024
1 Fenton Main Street
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Suite 201
Cary, NC 27511