

NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes - Final Executive Board

One Fenton Main St.
Suite 201
Cary NC 27511

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Shelby Powell, CAMPO, conducted the roll call.

Quorum was met.

Present: 13 - Blake Massegill, Harold Weinbrecht, Glenn York, Porter Casey, Montell Irvin, Shaun McGrath, Georgana Kicinski, Corey Branch, TJ Cawley, Ronnie Currin, Jacques Gilbert, Bob Smith, and Jessica Day

Absent: 1 - Deans Eatman

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Item 5.4 - ACT 21 -330 - Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant was added to the agenda.

Present: 22 - William Allen III, Alan Coats, Terry Mahaffey, Blake Massegill, Harold Weinbrecht, Glenn York, Porter Casey, Andria Archer, Avery Everett, Montell Irvin, Shaun McGrath, Joe Deloach, Mary-Ann Baldwin, Larry Smith, Georgana Kicinski, Cat Redd, Corey Branch, Sean Mayefski, Ben McDonald, TJ Cawley, Ronnie Currin, and Jessica Day

Absent: 1 - Deans Eatman

3. Ethics Statement:

Vice Vivian Jones read the ethics statement.

There were no conflicts.

4. Public Comments

Robert Blank, Secretary of Smoketree Homeowners Association, signed up to speak. Mr. Blank informed the Board that their association is adjacent to Capital Blvd. He stated that there is a proposal by NCDOT, called MU5307, to upgrade the current Capital Blvd from North of 540 to North of Wake Forest with an 8-lane separated freeway. Which would re-segregate the west side of Capital blvd fro the East side. He expressed that this was considered a problem, that started about 20 years ago. He informed the Board that it has been proven that new freeways create induced demand.

Mr. Blank also stated that there are problems with MU5307 that are not in compliance with any of the US Department of Transportation's goals for current planning and freeways. He said that it would cut of his neighborhoods from free access to Capital Blvd.

Joe Milazzo reminded the Board of their RTA 21st Annual meeting. Mr. Mulazzo informed the Board that this is the state mobility 2023 and it would be held in two parts. The first part would be online only held next Tuesday and then the following Tuesday for an -person meeting. Information for the event will be on letsgetmoving.org for more information. The event will be presented by the Research Triangle Foundation in GoTriangle.

Public comment period was closed.

5. Consent Agenda

Commissioner Lewis Weatherspoon motioned to approve Consent Agenda.

Mayor Blake Massengill seconded that motion.

Item was moved to slate vote.

5.1 Minutes - Nov 16, 2022 Executive Board Meeting

Requested Action: Approve minutes

Attachments: [November Minutes](#)

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.2 Wake Bus Plan Project Prioritization Policy

Anna Stokes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Adopt the Wake Bus Plan Project Prioritization Policy.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[Draft Bus Plan Prioritization Memo](#)
[WakeBusPlan_PPP_EngagementSummary](#)

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.3 Safety Performance Measures and Targets 2023

Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Review safety performance targets and agree to plan and program projects that contribute toward the accomplishment of the State's targets.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.4 Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant

Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend the Executive Board adopt the resolutions endorsing the Paved Trails and Sidewalk Feasibility Grant application for the towns of Apex, Holly Springs and Morrisville.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Resolution-Town of Apex-Trails Feasibility Study Grant-2022-12-15](#)

[Resolution-Town of Holly Springs-Trails Feasibility Study Grant-2022-12-13](#)

[Resolution Town of Morrisville Trails Feasibility Study Grant-2022-12-13](#)

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

End of Consent Agenda**6. Public Hearing****End of Public Hearings****7. Regular Agenda****7.1 Election of Chair & Vice Chair for 2023**

Chris Lukasina, MPO Executive Director

Requested Action: Conduct elections for Chair and Vice Chair of the Executive Board for 2023.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

*Mayor Harold Weinbrecht nominated Vivian Jones for position of Chair.
Lewis Weatherspoon motioned to close nominations.*

*Porter Casey nominated Commissioner Butch Lawter for Vice Chair.
Lewis Weatherspoon motioned to close nominations.
Georgana Kicinski seconded that motion.*

Item was moved to the slate vote.

*Mayor Vivian Jones was elected Chair of the Executive Board.
Commissioner Butch Lawter was elected Vice Chair of the Executive Board.*

All votes were approved by unanimous vote.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

7.2**Wake Transit: Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Update**

Charles Lattuca and Katharine Eggleston, GoTriangle

Requested Action: Receive as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)[GTCR Summary-Report-Memo-Template](#)[GTCR Feasibility-Study-Summary-Presentation](#)[GTCR Summary-Report-Talking-Points](#)

Charles Lattuca began the presentation of this item informing the Board that the Commuter Rail Study had been released for public comment, therefore he felt that this was a great time to return to the Board and discuss the findings. Mr. Lattuca stated that the study involved many partners, which included CAMPO, DCAC, NCRR, NCDOT, towns along the corridor and the counties.

Mr. Lattuca continued the presentation, giving a snapshot of the current population, vehicle ownership and current congestion in 2020. He stated that the region as a whole needs more railway, and that the rail study shows that commuter rail will serve quite a bit of the growth that is anticipated.

Katharine Eggleston, Chief Development Officer with GoTriangle, took over the presentation. Ms. Eggleston presented informed the Board that this is not a conventional commuter rail corridor that you normally see in other locations, that brings people from one suburban area to one downtown core. She discussed current estimates for capital and operation cost. Ms. Eggleston informed the Board that this phase of study identified about a 50% increase in capital cost than what was initially assumed in the Wake and Durham Transit Plans. She discussed the 3 different options that they have been looking at for where you can start the initial service, Western, Central and Eastern.

Ms. Eggleston stated that Eastern portion of the corridor has the lowest implementation risk, which is from Auburn station in Garner to the Raleigh Union Station. While the Western portion of the corridor is the most complicated from a project delivery standpoint.

She informed that there are many known financial and operational challenges that must be sorted out before moving forward with implementation. She stated that the impact of the S-Line project on operations and design at Raleigh Union Station must be determined and worked out. Certainty on timing of NCDOT grade separations would need to be obtained, or cost may need to be added to the project.

Ms. Eggleston informed the Board that it had always been assumed that this project would utilize funding from the Capital Investment/New Start Program which is the Federal Transit Administration's Grant Program. But, there is a set of criteria that the project has to meet in order to qualify for funding. At the moment, the ridership projections and population density are holding back the ratings from where they need to be.

She stated that the outlook can improve with continued growth in the region, increased commitment to adopting transit-supportive land use plans and ordinances and a Phase 1 project and/or extension could be competitive by the time it would need to be submitted for formal rating under current criteria. Ms. Eggleston also suggested that shifting to an all-day service plan that aligns with post-pandemic travel patterns may also improve outlook.

Ms. Eggleston informed the Board that if a decision is made to move forward on the commuter rail, they would want to be working with local partners and NCDOT on identifying opportunities for these pieces of the project to be packaged as individual projects in order to reduce the cost of implementing the commuter rail.

She stated that the 45 day public engagement period was launched maybe two weeks ago. There is a survey online, there are in-person opportunities and a series of open houses throughout the corridor over the next few weeks. She shared that once the results of the public engagement is received, it will be summarized and taken to the funding partner and GoTriangle Boards. If the proposal is adopted, it will then be presented to the funding partners for their consideration. Mr. Clark stated that if those funding partners adopt the proposal, then GoTriangle will facilitate any needed updates to the Wake Transit Plans and then also seek resolutions of support from any affected municipalities or organizations due to the need for cooperative agreements with entities that GoTriangle will be working with to both develop and design the projects and also construct needed improvements.

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

Shaun McGrath, Holly Spings, asked if they had taken a look at ridership and potential option on getting this project funded by extending down to the Apex/Holly Springs area to the Wake Forest area where there is a lot of economic development and larger corporations.

Ms. Eggleston responded stating that during this GoTriangle led study they focused on the east west corridor that the NCRRT owns. She stated that however, CAMPO does look at the longer range vision for potential corridors and that they do have some North/South component of commuter rail in the future plan.

Charles Lattuca stated that the question may be, "How is all of the North/South development impacting us if it is all within our review?"

Ms. Eggleston responded stating that if a decision is made to move forward with the piece of the East/West project, they would want to work very closely with partners to ensure connections in the short term to other job centers throughout the region and other locations that are rapidly growing with housing. She stated that they would also want to be planning for a longer range vision of potential extensions.

Sig Hutchinson expressed his excitement to move forward with this project. He stated that CAMPO needs to continue to be engaged in this process. Mr. Hutchinson reminded the Board that the Commuter Rail Subcommittee was created in October 2021, to deal with some of these issues from a CAMPO's perspective. He informed the Board that the members of this subcommittee are Chair and Vice Chair of CAMPO, and representatives from Raleigh, Cary and Johnston County. Mr. Hutchinson is requesting to activate this Committee and to expand that we expand this committee and add Wake County, GoTriangle, Morrisville, Raleigh and to this committee .

Vice Chair Jones asked if anyone opposed Sig Hutchinson's comment/request. There were no objections.

*Bob Blank comments and stated that ****

7.3 FY 2024 Draft Unified Planning Work Program

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)
[UPWP FY 2024 Draft](#)*Shelby Powell, CAMPO presented this item.*

Ms. Powell reminded the Board that the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is the plan of work and budget for the MPO. She informed the Board that we are currently operating under the FY2023 and that this plan covers FY24 which would start in July this year. She briefly gave an overview of some updates and continued plans within the UPWP. Ms. Powell stated that they completed the 1st phase of this study 3 years ago to look at the two corridors between Fayetteville and Raleigh. She informed the Board that they are currently working with NCDOT who are doing a south-eastern passenger rail study, and are waiting for the outcome of that study before proceeding with a Phase 2.

She stated that there was an update to the Locally Coordinated Human Services Transit Plan, to coordinate transit planning between transit and human services agencies in the area. She informed the Board that this is a federally required plan that we use to figure out how to spend transit funding in the region. This plan will be updated next year.

Ms. Powell informed the Board that the budget to cover all of the work is \$0.75 per capita, which is higher than last year. But, it includes the Wake Transit funding, and the overhead for the Lead Planning Agency (LPA). She stated that next year there should be about an 11% decrease for the overhead that is being paid as part of the LPA agreement.

She shared that the public review and comment period began on January 13th and ends February 14th, which would be followed by the public hearing which would start February 15th.

7.4 **Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) Investment Program**
Chandler Hagen, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [LAPP Selection Panel Meeting](#)
 [LAPP FFY24 Recommended Investment Program](#)
 [LAPP FFY24 Funded Projects Map](#)

Chandler Hagen presented this item.

Ms. Hagen informed the Board that the Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) is the call for projects for the fiscal year. She shared that they had 21 projects submitted by the end of October of last year. She reminded the Board that projects are scored only against projects of the same mode.

She shared that they came very close to the recommended percentage Modal Mix. Ms. Hagen went over the project selection process with the Board.

Ms. Hagen shared the current recommended funding budget which included \$16,963,200 for roadway. \$6,760,487 for bicycle/pedestrian and \$1,767,840 for transit. She presented a slide for how each funding category is broken down.

She stated that the did overprogram by 491,527 but still remained under the maximum allowed by NCDOT. Ms Hagen informed the Board of the next steps in the LAPP process. The public comment period began on January 3rd and will conclude on February 14th, followed by the public hearing and requested adoption at the Executive Board on February 15th. She also stated that all future project managers will have mandatory LAPP project manager training on all funded projects.

8. Informational Item: Budget

This item was received as information.

8.1

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [2023 Operating Budget Projection Q1](#)

This item was received as information.

8.2

Member Shares FY 2023
Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as Information

Attachments: [2023 Member Dues Projection Q1](#)

This item was received as information.

9. Informational Item: Project Updates

This was received as information.

9.1 Project Updates - January 2023

Requested Action: Receive as information.

This item was received as information.

9.2 Public Engagement Updates

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Exec Board Public Engagement Updates 2022 01 11](#)

This item was received as information.

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Director:

Chris Lukasina informed the Board of the upcoming subcommittee which would be held next Wednesday. The census bureau released list of urban areas, has not yet announced the availability of the urban area maps. The link has been posted in the chat, on the site, go to the left side, check the box "to turn on urban areas", zoom into NC.

MPO boundaries has a button as well

Mr. Lukasina gave an update on the Lead Planning Agency and CAMP's transition from City of Raleigh to Town of Cary. He informed the Board that the transition is going incredibly smoothly, both Raleigh and Cary staff has been working with us to transition. He shared that he hopes to be fully staffed and back to normal business operations in February.

Mr. Lukasina announced that Gaby Lawlor is the newest CAMPO employee as a transportation planner.

Elected Chair Jones expressed her gratitude on being elected as the new Chair of the Board.

11. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events

<i>Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting</i>	<i>February 2, 2023</i>
<i>Virtual Meeting</i>	<i>10:00am - noon</i>

<i>Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting</i>	<i>February 15, 2023</i>
<i>Virtual Meeting</i>	<i>4:00pm - 6:00pm</i>

<i>Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting</i>	<i>March 2, 2023</i>
<i>Virtual Meeting</i>	<i>10:00am - noon</i>

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<i>Virtual Meeting</i>	<i>4:00pm - 6:00pm</i>