

NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes - Final Technical Coordinating Committee

1 Fenton Main St.
Suite 201
Cary NC 27511

Thursday, April 6, 2023

10:00 AM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Shelby Powell, CAMPO, conducted roll call.

Quorum was met.

- Present:** 32 - Sandi Bailey, Kevin Bowen, Bryan Coates, Travis Crayton, Tim Gardiner, Phil Geary, Joe Geigle, Meredith Gruber, Justin Jorgensen, David Keilson, Danielle Kittredge, Erin Klinger, Jason Myers, Akul Nishawala, Neil Perry, Jay Sikes, Andrew Spiliotis, Darius Sturdivant, Jeff Triezenberg, Nick Morrison, BRANDON WATSON, Daniel Spruill, Randy Cahoon-Tingle, Shaun McGrath, Jenna Shouse, Michael Clark, Matt Day, Brad West, Scott Hammerbacher, Tracy Stephenson, Alan Shapiro, and Benjamin Howell
- Absent:** 7 - Michael Frangos, Paul Kallam, Andrea Neri, Braston Newton, Julie Maybee, Anita Davis-Haywood, and Bo Carson

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments made to the agenda.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

4. Minutes

Jason Myers motioned to approve the March 2, 2023 minutes. Akul Nishawala seconded that motion.

This item was moved to the slate vote.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

4.1 Minutes - March 2, 2023 TCC Meeting

Requested Action: Approve minutes

Attachments: [March Minutes](#)

5. Regular Business

5.1 Rail Corridor Identification and Development Program

Jason Orthner, NCDOT Rail Division

Requested Action: Receive as information**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

Jason Orthner presented this item.

Mr. Orthner gave an overview of the different types of rail services to include Intercity passenger rail, commuter rail, and light rail. He stated that they are seeing record ridership, and it is currently the highest ridership level in 32 years of history.

Mr. Orthner stated that the primary services are currently oriented in the central part of the state, between Raleigh and Charlotte. He informed the TCC that the plan is to enlarge the territory of service.

Mr. Orthner stated that this corridor program, is an opportunity to submit corridors for the first attempt to develop corridors. He stated that there were 12 corridors submitted, with many of them anchored in the Raleigh region. Mr. Orthner stated that there has been over 50 letters of support of this development. He expressed the importance of connecting DC to Charlotte, stating that it would save over an hour of travel time and would act as a backbone to a regional multi-modal network.

Mr. Orthner presented a slide in which indicated how Corridor ID fits into project development. He stated that as the projects are submitted into the Corridor ID Program, they enter into a phase of project planning and project development. This is where FRA provides significant funding to each corridor to help develop the scope, the service development plan and other early development phases of the project.

Mr. Orthner informed the TCC that the intent of Corridor ID is to create a pipeline of projects, that ultimately rolls into funding through the Federal FRA's Federal Discretion Grant Programs for final design and construction and then ultimately operation. He reminded the TCC that the initial funding is 100% federal funds, and as it moves further in development phases it moves into a 90% federal level, and end with 80% federal level at the final stages.

Mr. Orthner presented a slide that was developed by the FRA to illustrate how the corridor is being rolled out. He stated that on November 15th, 2021 was when the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law was passed. Due to the program being so new, there is still development being done.

Mr. Orthner stated that the applications deadline of March 27th for the initial announcement of funding was met for the 12 corridors. He informed the TCC that they expect the selections to be announced in late Summer of this year, and then there will be an announcement. At this time, the corridor selected will move into the phase of scoping and project development.

Mr. Orthner wanted to ensure that he pointed out that if the corridors is not selected in the first round, that they can be resubmitted under next years funding opportunity. He informed the TCC that there are \$103B in total authorized funding for rail programs under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. \$66B of that funding is already appropriated under the advanced appropriations of the bill itself.

Mr. Orthner wanted to inform the TCC that this is all discretionary grant funding, and that it is not formula funding. Therefore the non-federal match remains a critical and important component of advancing this type of projects and programs.

TCC Chair opened the floor for questions.

Jason Myers asked was there any changes that the rail division believes are responsible for the post pandemic rider changes?

Mr. Orthner responded stating that they have really stepped up their marketing of the service. Also, that the way that people are traveling are changing. He stated that they plan to do some more detailed surveys of their customers in the future.

Mr. Myers asked that if some of these corridors will be successful and entering this process, in what role will local jurisdiction and MPOs have in these efforts?

Mr. Orthner responded stating that the NCDOT was the submitters of the corridor and will likely be the grant manager for the efforts going forward. However, the community and local support, and stake holder support is critical as these advance.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

This item was received as information only.

5.2**Complete 540 - Update**

Dennis Jernigan, NC Turnpike Authority staff

Requested Action: Receive as Information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[20230317 CAMPO Presentation_TCC](#)

Alan Shapiro, Turnpike Authority, presented this item.

Mr. Shapiro provided a map of the Complete 540 projects that were broke down into two phases. He briefly summarized the TIP projects that comprised phase 1 and phase 2.

Mr. Shapiro informed the TCC of the interchanges that are being completed or newly constructing as part of the project. He gave some updates on bridge and culvert construction. He also gave an update on noisewall construction and the importance of completing these walls ealier in the construction process.

Mr. Shapiro presented the procurement timeline for the Complete 540 projects.

TCC Chair opened the floor for questions.

Akul Nishawala asked do you have a list of the Bike/Ped improvements available?

Mr. Shapiro responded saying that they aren't available publicly, but they could arrange getting a list to him directly.

Jeff Triezenberg asked how does the topics that will be discussed at the upcoming ULI meeting in Wendell apply to the advancements pertaining to Bike/Ped facilities at interchanges.

Mr. Shapiro responded stating that he was unsure of what that meeting was about and that he was not familiar with the meeting or the agenda for that meeting.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

This item was received as information only.

5.3 Southeast Area Study Update

Gaby Lawlor, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

Gaby Lawlor, CAMPO, introduced Allison Fluitt to present this item.

Allison Fluitt gave a brief project background, a recap on public engagement efforts, and a review of upcoming engagements.

Ms. Fluitt provided information on the scenario planning efforts and the draft modal recommendation development. She stated that the Southeast Area Study integrates land use and transportation to accommodate existing and future travel needs for the purpose of reevaluating and revising, as needed, the unified vision and comprehensive transportation strategy established in the 2017 Southeast Area Study.

Ms. Fluitt stated that this study is unique because it is a multifaceted partnership, in which CAMPO and NCDOT has lead roles in both leadership and funding for this study. But, is also partnered with the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization.

Allison Fluitt turned the presentation over to Samantha Borges.

Ms. Borges provided the TCC with some information on scenario planning and the modal recommendations development. She discussed what the future trends are and what their population and employment projections may be.

Ms. Borges discussed planning as it pertains to values and how they wish to grow. This takes into account their vision, guiding principles and any indicators that they may want to build in order to measure this. She stated that they are currently in what they are calling the "let's test that" phase. This phase is where they go over the draft scenario outcomes and move forward with the preferred scenario development.

Ms. Borges provided the TCC with pictures of maps which showed population and employment growth by the land use patterns. These land use patterns included rural, suburban, city and town, office and retail, industrial use and special land use such as hospitals, airports and/or campuses.

Ms. Borges discussed the scenario scorecard. She shared how these scorecards are used to evaluate the indicators which were developed in order to measure these scenarios against each other.

Ms. Borges discussed the draft modal recommendations which included transit, bicycle and pedestrian, and roadway. She emphasized that all recommendations that are discussed were draft recommendation. Ms. Borges stated that the project management team is waiting on the draft preferred scenario and preparing for the second round of public engagement before finalizing.

Ms. Borges briefly discussed upcoming steps for the study. She stated that this item will be brought back to the TCC for endorsement later this year.

TCC Chair Ben Howell opened the floor for questions.

Jason Myers asked how does the land use recommendations that come out of this process get implemented.

Ms. Lawlor stated that as part of the process, they did take a look at what changes or policies that came about as a result from the last Southeast Area Study. She stated that they look at what could be done better to ensure that there is a source of accountability even after the study is over and a way to ensure that progress being made.

Alex Rickard added to Ms. Lawlor's response to Mr. Myers, stating that his question is not unique to the Southeast Area Study. He stated that they have ran into the same issue in both the Northeast and the Southwest Area Studies.

Mr. Rickard stated that now that they have completed 2 rounds for each area, that is really the first task. They've informed people of the transportation changes, and the progress that had been made. He shared that they have found that many recommendations from the first round, had not been enacted.

Mr. Rickard stated that this could be due to a number of different reasons. These reasons could include turnover at the staff level, and the new staff doesn't know of the policies that were recommended. He stated that it could be political or elected officials turnover.

There were no further questions and/or questions.

This item was received as information only.

5.4 2023 NCDOT Multimodal Planning Grant Application

Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Adopt resolutions for the Town of Angier and the City of Raleigh.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Multimodal Planning Grant-Resolution-Angier-CAMPO-2023-03-21-Final Update](#)

[Multimodal Planning Grant-Resolution-Raleigh-CAMPO-2023-03-31](#)

Kenneth Withrow, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Withrow informed the TCC that NCDOT are accepting applications for the Multimodal Planning Grant through April 10, 2023. He stated that the Town of Angier and the City of Raleigh are submitting applications.

Mr. Withrow stated that they hope to know the rewarding of those recipients as of July. He stated that the requested action is the recommendation of approval from the Executive Board for the Town of Angier and the City of Raleigh resolutions of support.

Ben Howell asked was the resolution updated since the resolution that was included as the attachment. As the attached resolution only reflected Town of Angier.

Alex Rickard responded stating yes, the resolution was updated at the last minute, to reflect both Town of Angier and City of Raleigh.

Daniel Spruill motioned to approve. Randy Cahoon-Tingle seconded that motion.

Item was moved to the slate vote.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.5 MTP Roadway Prioritization

Tim Shortley - CAMPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information**Attachments:** [Staff Report](#)

Tim Shortley, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Shortley informed the TCC that CAMPO partnered with High Street Consulting in this study. He stated that the project purpose is to identify and develop a robust and systematic approach for prioritizing proposed roadway improvements for the MTP beyond traditional measures of effectiveness.

Mr. Shortley stated that the project's purpose should be aligned with CAMPO's strategic goals, national best practices and CAMPO's constituent priorities. He also stated that it should also be comprehensive, flexible and data supported.

Mr. Shortley informed the TCC of the breakdown of the current project prioritization which involves a single metric which is travel time savings. He then discussed the ideal project prioritization which incorporates local planning, equity, safety, multi-modal, environmental and freight.

Mr. Shortley briefly discussed the project schedule. He then informed the TCC of the prioritization criteria in which were developed based on MTP goals and objectives.

Mr. Shortley briefly discuss the score process in which criteria undergo once they are developed. He stated that after criteria has been finalized, needs/existing conditions and project impact scores will be calculated. Then, scores will be combined using a 3 step process. This process is normalization, then data informed score calculation, followed by weighting.

Mr. Shortley presented an example of a basic representation of what the scores would look like out of the discussed tool. He ended his presentation providing a strategic roadmap for the project prioritization planning processes.

Mr. Shortley emphasized that this is just a study to explore opportunities to improve the prioritization process further than the method they are currently using. He informed the TCC that they will finalize development of the prioritization tool with High Street Consulting in June of 2023.

Mr. Shortley stated that there is a CAMPO MTP/TIP steering committee meeting in this fall and then bring it to the TCC and the Executive Board for the recommendations on development of 2055 MTP.

Alex Rickard expressed that this is one of his favorite project. He stated that CAMPO developed the current process that is called Payback Period. Mr. Rickard stated that following this, the TCC made comments on how to incorporate safety into the process. He stated that this tool will provide an ability to customize settings and project list based on priorities and comments received from the public, and the TCC and Executive Board members.

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

Jason Myers asked was there a way to use this product as part of the evaluation of LAPP projects in the fall, even though this may not be official or complete.

Mr. Rickard responded stating that the LAPP system has its own scoring that is approved by the Board, therefore he does not see this tool replacing that. He stated that we could use it as a learning tool though.

Neil Perry asked if CAMPO is only considering the Green House Gases pertaining to cost.

Mr. Shortley stated that it is only Green House Gases at the moment.

Daniel Spruill asked whether or not this prioritization tool will be available for the local jurisdictions to work with in the future.

Mr. Rickard stated that they would be willing to share any of there materials with their members. He stated that the tool is not built yet, but it is still in the blueprint phase. Therefore, he is not sure if it could be used using their own settings as of yet.

Jason Myers expressed his curiosity on how we are thinking about Green House Gas admissions and/or VMT in this process.

Mr. Shortley stated that he suspects that these are individual project assessments when it comes to green house gases along the corridors. He stated that they are trying to offset the traveling by vehicles.

Mr. Shortley recommended following up with Kevin to get further information concerning this question.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

TCC Chair opened the floor for questions.

This item was received as information only.

6. Informational Item: Budget

This item was received as information only.

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Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [2023 Operating Budget Projection Q2](#)

This item was received as information only.

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Member Shares FY 2023

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as Information

Attachments: [2023 Member Dues Projection Q2](#)

This item was received as information only.

7. Informational Item: Project Updates

This item was received as information only.

7.1 Project Updates - April 2023

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Project Updates](#)

This item was received as information only.

7.2 Public Engagement Updates

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [TCC Public Engagement Updates 2023_03_30](#)

This item was received as information only.

8. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Director:

Alex Rickard reminded the TCC that the NC AMPO conference is later this month in Granville. He stated that CAMPO is interviewing for 2 positions and now advertising the position of Wake Transit Manager.

NCDOT DIV 6:

Darius Sturdivant provided an update on the R5705 project. He stated that the B segment of that project has began construction about 3 weeks ago, including the new bypass around Angier, as well as the widening on existing NC 55.

Mr. Sturdivant informed the TCC that as construction progresses, TCC and the Executive Board will be updated.

NC Turnpike Authority:

Alan Shapiro stated that in an effort to mirror the I-540 section on the north side of Raleigh, starting this month, all signs located on the existing Triangle expressway will be replaced.

Integrated Mobility Division:

April 10th applications for the Multimodal Planning Grant are due. Should convene in May and notifications out to potential applicants in June.

This item was received as information only.

9. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events