

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

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

Thursday, June 2, 2022

10:00 AM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Present: 74 - Chair Juliet Andes, Tim Athy, Jason Brown, Greg Burns, Fontaine Burrell, Richard Campbell, Rich Cappola, Bryan Coates, Jennifer Collins, Shannon Cox, Travis Crayton, Russell Dalton, Pamela Davison, Luana Deans, Bob Deaton, Sean Flaherty, Tim Gardiner, Phil Geary, Joe Geigle, Mike Gordon, Meredith Gruber, Scott Hammerbacher, Richard Hancock, Jay Heikes, John Hodges-Copple, Megan Hoenk, Benjamin Howell, Jonathan Jacobs, Dennis Jernigan, Irene Johnson, Sean Johnson, Brandon Jones, Justin Jorgensen, Danielle Kittredge, Catherine Knudson, Gaby Lawlor, Scott Levitan, Aaron Levitt, Kevin Lewis, Mark Locklear, Tim Maloney, Julie Maybee, Mical McFarland, Kevin Murphy, Jason Myers, Braston Newton, Jeannine Ngwira, Akul Nishawala, Terry Nolan, Neil Perry, Pamela Perry, Stephanie Richter, Jason Rogers, Bill Sandifor, Lisa Schiffbauer, Meg Scully, Jay Sikes, Morgan Simmons, Larry Smith, Mark Spanioli, Tracy Stephenson, Darius Sturdivant, Courtney Tanner, Jeff Triezenberg, Mila Vega, Gerry Vincent, David Walker, Scott Walston, Bynum Walter, Brad West, Kevin Wyrach, Nick Morrison, Sean Ryan, and Erin Klinger

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments to agenda.

3. Public Comments

No public comments.

4. Minutes

4.1 Minutes - May 5, 2022 TCC Meeting

Requested Action: Approve minutes

Attachments: [5-May-2022 Minutes](#)

Jason Myers made a correction to the spelling of his name stating that in item 5.5, it is spelled "Myers" not Meyers. Also that it was Jay Heikes seconded the motion on item 5.5, not Jason Myers.

J. Myers motioned to approve minutes with corrections. J. Heilkes seconded that motion.

Action moved to slate vote.

This item was approved by unanimous vote with corrections noted.

5. Regular Business

5.1 Western Wake Traffic Signal System Integration Study

Cole Dagerhardt, Exult Engineering

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Cole Dagerhardt presented this item.

Jason Myers asked , How does ITS benefit bike/pedestrian safety?

Cole responds stating that Regional system, ITS in general can integrate bike/ped beacons, if signal is down it can be addressed more quickly – close management provides improved safety.

Chris Lukasina also responds to J. Myers question; Stating that this can provide opportunity over time for the LAPP funded Cary project that Cary has been implementing across regional or individual networks. That has even greater potential to help with bike/ped safety at intersections.

This item was received as an informational item.

5.2

Roadside Landscaping & Forestation Program

Jeff Lackey, NCDOT

Requested Action: Receive as information*This item was presented by Jeff Lackey of NCDOT.**T. Gardiner asked How did the example reforestation process get initiated?**J. Lackey responds stating that it was Initiated by Division – areas. Areas were identified areas where NCDOT wanted to avoid creating maintenance issues.**T. Gardiner states that the desire is to implement this into a CAMPO policy that these reforestation elements be added to large highway projects in the area.**J. Lackey states that much of this is based upon Divisions' work load; from their program they manage the plans and coordinate for execution.**J. Myers states that the examples discussed are small scale. 540/70/40 – due to nature of design there are large sections of land – seems to be expensive to put in 3 gallon plants but could be more of a seeded forest**J. Lackey states that one example was the I-26 corridor was 7-8 mile stretch; were tasked with reforestation. Not always easy to tell success of what regenerated naturally versus was seeded. For Turnpike, have developed from landscape initiatives with them – need to be strategic about which locations – need to think through the approach. Just trying to help nature along with regeneration.**Tracy Stephenson ask has there been success with just trying to foster what nature is doing in an area – just helping it along. He also expresses his opinion on integrating into projects, sharing that he just thinks it needs to be in larger projects as smaller projects won't have as much room – would not want this to be a LAPP criterion as it might stay open longer to audit.**Tim Gardiner ask Is this group comfortable with MPO staff developing a policy statement for Ex. Board? Careful language about size of projects.**Ben Howell ask is there any TCC member against staff working on such a statement**J. Heikes states that he supports it and thinks it might be helpful to have a parallel statement about street trees as part of projects, particularly TIP projects.**B. Howell ask does any CAMPO staff have input or comments on this?**Chris Lukasina states that a draft policy could be done to bring back before going to Executive Board. Policy for major projects, define those, then on smaller projects different approach, LAPP projects another approach. Research on what other places are doing and coordination with NCDOT and then come back with initial draft in a few months; ,maybe early fall. Maybe for later in policy development, historically in CAMPO, doing roadside environmental stuff often leads to discussion with local jurisdiction. They often prefer to use landscaping budget toward gateway/aesthetic applications. Seems this might be more about trying to match whatever vegetation pre-existed and increase tree canopy.**Luana Deans suggest that when doing the research to identify the “betterment line”.**Wants to understand who is fiscally responsible? Are these seen as Betterments; so the local jurisdiction will be funding? Are there cost share available?.**J. Myers responds stating that he keeps that in consideration and that he suspects that the more toward Reforestation on highways what we go the more that it would be considered as betterments. Accelerating reforestation is encouraging; understanding when mowing and why mowing occurs would be helpful to know as it is expensive. Agree*

about street trees – a bit separate – for NCDOT maintained, what are the design standards for medians/arterials versus highway large swaths of land. Concerns for urban and suburban tree canopy. How to accelerate regrowth.

S. Hammerbacher adds in chat requesting to Please make sure it addresses invasive species.

This item was received as an informational item.

5.3

Mobility Coordination Committee Update

Crystal Odum, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

This item was presented by Shelby Powell.

This item was received as an informational item.

5.4

Wake Transit FY 23 Work Plan and Project Delivery Groupings

Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend the Executive Board adopt the FY 23 Wake Transit Work Plan and Project Delivery Groupings.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A: FY 23 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan](#)

[Attachment B: FY23 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan - Comments Received](#)

[Attachment C: FY23 Wake Transit Agreement Groupings and Deliverables](#)

This item was presented by Shelby Powell.

Motion made to recommend approval: Jason Myers; motion is seconded by Meredith Gruber

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

5.5 FY2024-2033 Preliminary Draft State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information. Provide comments on the preliminary draft STIP to CAMPO staff by June 30th, 2022.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[NCBOT STIP Update](#)
[STIP Release Timeline - Seasons With P7](#)

Chris Lukasina presented this item.

Ben asked in reference to C. Lukasina stating that Division 4 was underprogrammed - What does that mean – does that mean potential for additional projects to program? He also asked now that we have preliminary STIP is there any money available to our divisions/regions?

C. Lukasina responds stating that the short answer is a No, but will get details from the Divisions.

J. Heikes – Complexity around Swaps – must be within same STI Tier. Is that new? Thought could swap down?

C. Lukasina states that we can't remove a statewide project to open money and then use that money to project on the regional level. We have two projects (US-1 North) that previously allowed to cascade down to regional in prior SPOTs – cannot swap them up.

Luana Deans– What swaps might be available – regional?

C. Lukasina gave homework to be completed by June 30 – Send comments, questions, preferences. MPO will send into the Division to ensure have full understanding before September.

L. Deans states that she has few random comments – who to send to.

C. Lukasina responds informing her to send comments to Alex.

Brandon informs the board that there is not more money in certain Divisions, just some had more money in the beginning of the drafting/programming process to get to current Draft STIP.

This item was received as information.

5.6 Locally Administered Projects Program (LAPP) FFY2024 Program and Target Modal Investment Mix

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[FY2024 LAPP Potential Changes Memo](#)

Chris Lukasina presented this item.

He states that it the time of year again to get the next LAPP cycle moving along. Chris gives some updates on some of the ongoing future enhancements for the program.

Public Comments will be open from June 15th through August 16th. Then will be a public hearing on August 17th at the August Executive Board Meeting.

This item was received as information.

6. Informational Item: Budget

6.1 Member Shares FY 2022

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as Information

Attachments: [Q3 Member Dues Projection FY 2022](#)

6.2

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Q3 Budget Projection FY 2022](#)

7. Informational Item: Project Updates

7.1 Project Updates - June 2022

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [June Project Updates](#)

7.2 Public Engagement Updates

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [TCC Public Engagement Updates 2022_05_26](#)

8. Informational Item: Staff Reports

Executive Director, Chris Lukasina, states that he hopes to be able to come back by end of summer that discussions are happening on trying to figure out a way to find a more efficient way to disseminate information about bridge and maintenance projects.

Gave a reminder to take the organization study survey, that closes tomorrow.

Informs the board that the decennial review is on the way.

9. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events