

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

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

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Weinbrecht welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Present: 14 - Chair Harold Weinbrecht, John Byrne, Nancy McFarlane, Don Bumgarner, Vice Chair Sig Hutchinson, Lewis Weatherspoon, Frank Eagles, William Allen III, Gordon Springle, Dick Sears, Vivian Jones, Lance Olive, TJ Cawley, and Neena Nowell

Absent: 13 - Terry Hutchens, Gus Tulloss, Virginia Gray, Terry Hedlund, James Roberson, Ronnie Williams, RS "Butch" Lawter, Art Wright, Michael Schriver, Valerie Jordan, Larry Wood, Matt Mulhollem, and Edgar Smoak

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

Chairman Weinbrecht read the ethics statement. No members identified conflicts of interest for the agenda.

4. Public Comments

No members of the public signed up to speak.

5. Minutes

5.1 Meeting Minutes - August 15, 2018

Attachments: [Draft minutes for August 15, 2018](#)

A motion was made by Board Member Dick Sears, seconded by Board Member Frank Eagles, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Allen, III, seconded by Board Member Byrne, that the items on consent agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

6.1 Transit Asset Management Performance Measures & Targets for State of Good Repair

Crystal Odum, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Attachment A - 2018 2019 Proposed TAM Regional Performance Measures and Targets.pdf](#)
[Attachment C- State 2019 TAM Plan Summary.pdf](#)
[Attachment D - TAM Performance Measures and Targets 2018 Staff Memo.pdf](#)
[Corrected Attachment B- TAM Performance Measures and Targets Resolution](#)

This Miscellaneous Item was approved.

6.2 Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Policy Update

Bret Martin, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Attachment A - Work Plan Amendment Policy Update Package](#)

This Miscellaneous Item was approved.

End of Consent Agenda

7. Public Hearing

No public hearings were scheduled at today's meeting.

End of Public Hearings

8. Regular Agenda

8.1

NC 98 Corridor Study

Will Letchworth/Paul Black

Attachments: [NC Corridor Study Report](#)

Shelby Powell, MPO staff, noted that the NC 98 Corridor Study was conducted during the last two years and was a partnership effort between CAMPO, DCHC MPO, and NCDOT. She introduced Will Letchworth, the consultant project manager with WSP, to review the recommendations of the study.

Mr. Letchworth thanked CAMPO staff, NCDOT and DCHC staff for being such active participants in this study. He reviewed the existing conditions along the 27-mile corridor, noting the variety of land uses along the corridor and several intersections with fairly significant crash histories. He noted that the volumes along the corridor are above the two-lane road capacity in several locations, and that projected traffic volumes in areas near US 1 and Six Forks Road are anticipated to approach a six-lane road capacity in 2045. Mayor John Byrne asked if those volumes seemed low because there is a lot of traffic on that road now. Mr. Letchworth responded that the firm who conducted the market analysis piece of this study thought the volumes would be higher based on their growth projections. However, the inability to afford a six-lane road in a competitive SPOT funding process, and the environmental concerns in the area led the team to stay with recommending a four-lane cross section along the corridor.

Mr. Letchworth reported that a lot of public input was received through both online and in-person methods. About 6500 users had visited the website, and 8,000 web sessions were reported. There was also a social media element to the outreach.

Mr. Letchworth reviewed both short- and long-term recommendations for the corridor, noting that the NC 96/NC 98 roundabout is already a completed project. Several other intersection and turn lane improvements were recommended in the short term. Longer term, the priority is from Wake Forest to Durham to become a four-lane facility, and in Durham to do some access management from Sherron Road to Junction. A secondary priority is to improve several intersections in the Town of Wake Forest; the final priority is to widen the road east of Wake Forest into Franklin County. Mr. Letchworth reviewed some intersection designs that were recommended along the corridor, noting that several of the intersection designs chosen were not the best for cars necessarily, but worked better for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. Mr. Letchworth also reviewed an implementation strategy that was proposed as part of the report.

Commissioner Sig Hutchinson thanked the consulting team for the good work, and appreciated the attention to bicycle and pedestrian facilities along the route. He stated that he had spoken with Wendy Jacobs, Chair of DCHC MPO, and she says Durham is interested in continuing the side path into downtown Durham.

A motion was made by Board Member Vivian Jones, seconded by Board Member Lewis Weatherspoon, that the Board endorse the recommendations in the NC 98 Corridor Study for use in future updates to the CAMPO MTP. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.2**Rolesville Main Street Study - Final Report**

Shelby Powell, CAMPO Staff / Mike Rutkowski, Stantec

Attachments: [Rolesville Main Street Report: Executive Summary](#)

Shelby Powell, MPO staff, reported that the Rolesville Main Street corridor study was conducted over the past year, and had been requested by the Town of Rolesville to devise a future vision for the town's Main Street after the US 401 Rolesville Bypass removed a good deal of traffic from the road. She introduced Mike Rutkowski, the consultant project manager with Stantec, to review the recommendations from the study.

Mr. Rutkowski thanked CAMPO staff and the Mayor of Rolesville for such great participation and leadership in the study. He noted that this study was more about moving people and less about just moving vehicles rapidly through town. He explained that this had been a charette-based planning process, and that the public and stakeholders had worked together to develop a set of guiding principles for the study that helped guide recommendations along the way. Mr. Rutkowski also noted that the idea for the project was to determine what improvements could be made while staying within existing right-of-way. This would help keep the implementation costs affordable, and limit impacts to businesses and homes along the corridor. He explained that there was a recommendation for a side path along the road for bicycle and pedestrian use, especially in the southern and northern sections of road where the speeds of vehicles was higher. In the section between Burlington Mills Rd and Young St, a protected on-street bike path was recommended as a complete streets solution to get people into the downtown core. He reviewed the market analysis, and stated that there were sectors of the economy that were not currently available in Rolesville such as fine dining and big box retail. As the town redevelops and some of these uses begin to come in, that redevelopment will help spur some of the improvements in this plan to take place. Also, he recommended a phased approach to the improvements that would make the projects more affordable. Several concept designs were provided for intersections along the corridor. The market analysis also found that Rolesville needs a more diversified housing stock. Currently the housing prices in Rolesville are among the highest in the county. A more diversified housing stock would help with affordability. Overall, improvements at intersections, sidewalk and bicycle connectivity, access management and traffic calming were the main improvements recommended in the study.

A motion was made by Board Member Frank Eagles, seconded by Board Member Dick Sears, that the recommendations from the Rolesville Main Street Study be endorsed for use in future updates to the CAMPO MTP. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.3 Prioritization (SPOT) 5.0 - Division Needs Local Input Point Assignment

Alex Rickard / MPO Staff

Attachments: [DRAFT SPOT 5 Division Needs Points Allocation](#)

Alex Rickard, MPO staff, updated the Board on this item. He reminded the Board that they have three actions to take with regards to SPOT: (1) select projects to be scored in the system; (2) assign points to the various projects after the state scores them; (3) adopt the TIP with the projects included in it. He reviewed the multiple projects in the CAMPO area that are already committed to be funded in the TIP. He also reminded the Board that the Division pots of money are different: Division 4 has \$217 million; Division 5 has \$86 million; and Division 6 has \$207 million. This funding availability will play into which projects get assigned points in the various divisions. Chairman Weinbrecht asked if the funding going toward hurricane relief will take away from available funding for projects here. Mr. Rickard responded that some of the funds used for hurricane relief would come off the top of the SPOT budget before funds were assigned to the Divisions. Mr. Joey Hopkins, NCDOT, added that SPOT is mainly for capital projects and the hurricane relief projects were more maintenance focused. That money can be supplemented with FEMA disaster funds or state funds for disaster recovery. Mr. Chris Lukasina, CAMPO staff, added that it did not affect project delivery in our area when Hurricane Matthew caused much damage in the state last year.

Mr. Rickard reviewed the division level points and noted that the SPOT subcommittee would meet next week to refine points and he would bring an actual recommendation to the Board at the October meeting. Mayor Sears asked for more information on the Holly Springs Signal System project that is on the list. Mr. Rickard stated that after the City of Fayetteville was successful in getting a city-wide signal system upgrade through SPOT 3, CAMPO began to enter signal system projects into SPOT. Some of these have been successful thus far; the Holly Springs project is right near the funding cut-off line in Division 5, so it's unclear whether that project will continue to score well enough to be funded this time.

This Informational Report was received as information.

10. Informational Item: Budget**10.1 Member Shares - FY 2018**

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [FY 2018 PROJECTED Member Dues QTR 4](#)

Member Shares information was included as an attachment in the agenda. No members had questions about the information.

This Informational Report was received as information.

10.2 Operating Budget - FY 2018

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [FY 2018 PROJECTED Budget QTR 4](#)

Operating budget information was included as an attachment in the agenda packet. No members had questions about this item.

This Informational Report was received as information.

11. Informational Item: Project Updates**11.1 Project Updates**

Attachments: [Project Updates](#)

Project updates for various studies and projects underway were included in the agenda packet. No members had questions about this information.

This Informational Report was received as information.

11.2 LAPP Available Funding Report

Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff

Attachments: [LAPP Unobligated Funds Report September 2018](#)

The most current LAPP funding report was included in the agenda packet for information. No members had questions about this information.

This Informational Report was received as information.

12. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Executive Director - Mr. Lukasina distributed a handout with a Resolution to Support Continued Funding for the NC Active Routes to Schools Program. He mentioned that federal funding for this program was set to expire, and the MPO should consider encouraging NCDOT to continue funding the program in the future. A motion was made by Mayor Byrne, with a Second by Commissioner Hutchinson, to adopt the resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Lukasina reported that the scheduled board meeting date in November falls the week of Thanksgiving, and recommended the Board consider changing the meeting date to November 14, which is one week earlier. Motion was made by Member Allen, with a second by Mayor McFarlane, to change the November meeting date. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Lukasina reported the MPO staff member Paul Black has taken a position with the City of Raleigh to be their bicycle and pedestrian project coordinator. As such, the Transportation Planner position is posted now. The modeling position at CAMPO is still open as well, and was proving difficult to fill due to the technical and specialized nature of the position. He introduced two new staff members: Matthew Cushing, the new Wake Transit planner, and Eli Heetderks, the new Engineering Technician.

Mr. Lukasina reminded Board members that a joint meeting of the CAMPO and DCHC MPO Boards is scheduled for October 31, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at RTP Headquarters on Davis Drive.

TCC Chair - absent

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division - No report.

NCDOT Division 4 - No report.

NCDOT Division 5 - Mr. Joey Hopkins reported that the impact of Hurricane Florence had closed down many roads in the state, and about 800 are still closed, down from 1600 earlier in the week. More damage is being reported as water recedes. Division 5 did not receive much damage until a major thunderstorm came through Durham on Monday with 6-8" of rain and flooding. In Division 5, 15 roads remain closed. Chairman Weinbrecht asked if the repairs would raise costs for other projects in the state due to the increased work load for contractors. Mr. Hopkins said he didn't expect too large an impact. About 2800 employees across the state are working on assisting with storm recovery, with 200 from Division 5 working in Divisions 2 and 3. Mr. Hopkins also stated that the I-440 bid opening was delayed until October 2.

NCDOT Division 6 - Mr. Studivant was absent, but Alex Rickard reported that the Division was dealing with major flooding on I-95, I-40, I-795 and NC 210, among many other roads.

Executive Board Members - Chariman Weinbrecht noted that several communities have helped provide assistance to our eastern neighbors in the wake of Hurricane Florence, and asked how the towns could help more. Mayor Byrne said Fuquay-Varina has sent several inspectors to the area, and he commended NCDOT staff for doing a great job keeping the public informed of road conditions and closures. Mayor Jones said Wake Forest has sent police officers to assist in New Hanover County. Mayor McFarlane said Raleigh has sent police and enforcement officials to help, and the Raleigh 911 call center hosted the New Hanover County 911 call center to keep up with call volume. Member Will

Allen noted that GoTriangle is filling a bus with donations and sending the supplies eastward.

Mayor Eagles reported that a major new developer has approached the Town of Rolesville about developing along Main Street between Burlington Mills Road and Bojangles, and that the Rolesville Main Street study would be used as a guide for the improvements being done by that developer. He thanked CAMPO for the work on the study.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next Executive Board Meeting will be October 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.