

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

One Bank of America Plaza
421 Fayetteville Street,
Suite 203
Raleigh, NC 27601

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mayor Sears announced that Commissioner Sig Hutchinson, Nancy McFarlane and Terry Hedlund were on phone for meeting.

Present: 21 - Lance Olive, Chair Dick Sears, Mike Gordon, Harold Weinbrecht, Michael Grannis, John Byrne, Mark Stohlman, Nancy McFarlane, Frank Eagles, Vivian Jones, Terry Hedlund, Richard Hancock, Tom Jackson, Art Wright, James Roberson, Sig Hutchinson, Lewis Weatherspoon, Virginia Gray, Zelodis Jay, Liz Johnson, and William Allen III

Absent: 9 - Cedric Jones Sr., Gordon Springle, Gus Tulloss, Terry Hutchens, Don Bumgarner, John Sullivan, Perry Safran, Ronnie Williams, and Jeff Sheehan

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

The Chair made an adjustment to the agenda to add 8.3 for a Support Letter for an application for a Tiger Grant for the Town of Cary.

3. Ethics Statement:

Vice Chair Harold Weinbrecht read the standard ethics statement, and noted that no members expressed a conflict of interest for this meeting.

4. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

5. Minutes

5.1 Meeting Minutes - March 16, 2016

Requested Action: Approve minutes from March 16, 2016 meeting.

Attachments: [Executive Board minutes -March 16 2016.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Board Member William Allen, III, seconded by Board Member Vivian Jones, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Grannis, seconded by Board Member Olive, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

6.1 **FY 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program - Amendment #3**
Danna Widmar, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: TIP Amendment #3

Action: Received as Information

6.2 **FY 2016 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities
(Section 5310) Program “Call” for Projects**
Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Draft 5310 Application 2016](#)

Approved

Action: Received as Information

6.3 **FFY 2016 FTA Section 5307, 5340, and 5339 Distribution**
Bret Martin, MPO Staff / David Eatman, GoRaleigh

Requested Action: Consider approval of the sub-allocation of FFY 2016 Section 5307, 5340, and 5339 funds in the amounts shown in the attached letter.

Attachments: [CAMPO FTA Distribution Funds 2016 Signed Exective Board Chair](#)
[FY 2016 Section 5307-5340 Worksheets for Raleigh UZA Only - Agenda](#)
[FY 2016 5339 Worksheets for Raleigh UZA Only - FULL](#)

Action: Approval of the sub-allocation of FFY 2016 Section 5307, 5340, and 5339 funds in the amounts provided in the attachment.

6.4 **FASTLANE Grant Endorsement: U-4437 - Blue Ridge Rd / Hillsborough St
Grade Separation**
Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Endorse the Letter of Support

Attachments: [U-4437 FastLane Grant Support Letter](#)

Action: Approve the Letter of Support for a FASTLANE Grant for the Blue Ridge Road/Hillsborough Street grade separation project.

End of Consent Agenda

7. Public Hearing

7.1 Raleigh-Cary Rail Crossing (RCRX) Study
Shelby Powell, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct Public Hearing. Consider endorsing the recommendations from the RCRX Study pending no adverse comments from the public, the City of Raleigh, Town of Cary or other project partners and stakeholders.

Attachments: [RCRX Executive Summary](#)

Ms. Powell noted that the recommendations for the RCRX Study had been presented to the TCC and forward to the Executive Board for recommendation of endorsement. Both the City of Raleigh and Town of Cary endorsed recommendations at meetings earlier in the month. She noted that the impetus for doing this study was to look at traffic safety issues and the requirements of the Southeast High Speed Rail Corridor to seal the corridor. Ms. Powell also noted that the public hearing for this project was required to fulfill Traffic Separation Study (TSS) requirements from NCDOT since this was both a planning study and TSS.

*Mr. Melvin Morgan
2805 Wilcox Place*

- Mr. Morgan noted that there was a safety issue when tying together bridges; it could create a safety situation. He is particularly concerned about the Beryl and Royal safety situation due to the mix of business and residential land. He is afraid this will put an extra burden on some dead end streets, and more traffic in residential areas. Mr. Morgan mentioned a previous recommendation for a raised drive from Method Road to Hillsborough Street.

Teresa Gresham indicated that this study had evaluated the Method Road recommendation, but it was eliminated due to comments from the community there.

*Eugene Wilson
704 Wilcox*

Mr. Wilson stated that he resides off Royal Street. He is concerned with Royal Street being over-burdened with business traffic.

*Bill Albert
27 Burton Ave.*

Mr. Albert stated that he was interested in the area near Nowell proposed crossing. Would Nowell be closed before Edwards Mill or Corporate Center are extended? And has the environmental work associated with the road extensions been done?

Teresa Gresham responded that the Nowell closure would only happen after one of the adjacent crossings had been improved to a grade separation. She also noted that this was a planning level study only, so no environmental work beyond preliminary screening had been done.

Chairman Sears closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Board Member William Allen, III, seconded by Vice Chair Harold Weinbrecht, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.2 Public Participation Plan Update

Paul Black, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Conduct public hearing on updates to the Public Participation Plan and approve the update with incorporated comments from the hearing as needed.

Attachments: [Pages from CAMPO Public Participation Plan ONLY-post First FHWA review](#)

Mr. Black reported that after initial review by FHWA, the recommendation is to move forward with only the Public Participation Plan. The Title VI/LEP plan will undergo additional review and be back to the Board sometime this summer.

A motion was made by Board Member Vivian Jones, seconded by Board Member William Allen, III, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

End of Public Hearings

8. Regular Agenda

8.1 P4.0 (SPOT) Regional Impact Point Assignment

Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Regional Impact Handout

Mr. Rickard reported that the NCDOT had released the final technical scores for all SPOT 4 projects along with the DRAFT Statewide Mobility programmed projects. Mr. Rickard reviewed those Statewide Mobility projects for the CAMPO region in the first five years of the DRAFT STIP which included: I-40 widening from the I-440/US1 interchange to Lake Wheeler Road, US 64 upgrade from US 1 to Laura Duncan Road that includes interchanges at Lake Pine Drive and Laura Duncan Road, upgrading US 70 from I-540 to TW Alexander including interchanges at Brice Creek Parkway and TW Alexander Drive, NC 540 from US 401 to I-40, and an eastbound auxiliary lane on I-540 from US 70 to Leesville Road.

Mr. Rickard reported that due to the late release of the technical scores by NCDOT the prioritization schedule would be altered. The MPO will now assign Regional Impact local input points in May and June. Mr. Rickard stated that a staff recommendation of Regional Impact point assignment would be presented to the TCC and Executive Board at their May meetings and final adoption would be expected at their June meeting. The point assignment will be posted to the CAMPO website for a 30-day public review and comment period prior to final adoption.

This item was received as information.

8.2 Wake County Transit Investment Strategy Update

Bret Martin, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Discuss and provide comments on potential schedule, the draft plan, and draft ILA and consider setting a public hearing date for the Executive Board's consideration of the Wake County Transit Financial Plan.

Mr. Martin, MPO staff, referenced that the most recent draft of the Wake County transit governance interlocal agreement (ILA) was distributed to the Executive Board preceding the start of the meeting and stated that it was the draft that had been released to the public on April 18th. Mr. Martin then proceeded to present information on:

- 1) Previous points of discussion regarding governance between the Executive Board and TCC;*
- 2) The parties to the ILA, their respective roles and responsibilities, and their relationship to one another;*
- 3) The establishment of a staff-level transit planning advisory committee, its membership, and its roles and responsibilities as established in the draft ILA;*
- 4) The relationship between the parties and project-implementing transit providers as established in the draft ILA, as well as the providers' roles and responsibilities;*
- 5) The technical decisions regarding plan implementation that would be made by the CAMPO Executive Board and GoTriangle Board of Trustees under the provisions of the draft ILA;*
- 6) A summary of what is not explicitly determined by the draft ILA; and*
- 7) A proposed schedule for public comment and action to be taken on the Wake County Transit Financial Plan and the interlocal agreement by the three parties.*

A motion was made by Board Member John Byrne, seconded by Board Member Mark Stohlman, to set a public hearing date of May 18, 2016 for the Executive Board's consideration of the Wake County Transit Financial Plan, and to conduct the public hearing jointly with the GoTriangle Board of Trustees at a meeting location in downtown Raleigh to be determined by staff. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.3 TIGER Grant Letter of Support - Town of Cary

Chris Lukasina/MPO Staff

Requested Action: Endorse the Letter of Support.

Attachments: [CAMPO TIGER Support Letter Walker St 2016-04-20.pdf](#)

Mr. Lukasina noted that the Town of Cary indicated to the MPO their intention of applying for a TIGER grant for the Walker Street extension.

A motion was made by Board Member Vivian Jones, seconded by Vice Chair Harold Weinbrecht, that the MPO provide a letter of support for the grant. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. Informational Items

10. Informational Item: Budget

10.1

Requested Action: Receive as information

Attachments: [FY 16 PROJECTED Budget Review QTR 2](#)

This item was received as information.

10.2

Member Shares - FY 2016
Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [FY 16 Member Dues Projection 2nd QTR](#)

This item was received as information.

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

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: [Project-Updates](#)

This item was received as information.

12. Informational Item: Staff Reports

- MPO Executive Director - Reminders of signing in for attendance, NCAMPO conference will be held May 11-13, 2016 in Greensboro, NC and Chris is looking into getting Legal counseling for MPO - (Research Site is underway)
- TCC Chair - No report
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch - No report
- NCDOT Division 4 - No report
- NCDOT Division 5 - Joey Hopkins noted that Alex Rickard's comments during the SPOT item on the agenda about talking up the benefits of STI and the SPOT process in addressing our needs is important, and Executive Board members were encouraged to have more conversations about this. Alex hit highlights on 540 and that construction was scheduled previously to be finished in 2024 but now construction has been moved forward to 2018. This is the same schedule as the first leg of the project. Mr. Hopkins also noted that two NCDOT employees were hurt while working in a construction zone. He asked that everyone inform their staff about the need to be cautious when driving through a construction zone.
- NCDOT Division 6 - No report
- NCDOT Rail Division - No report
- NC Turnpike Authority - No report
- Executive Board Members - No report

This matter was received as information