

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

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

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Hutchinson welcomed attendees to the meeting and established that a quorum was present.

Present: 18 - William Allen III, Mary-Ann Baldwin, Scott Brame, John Byrne, TJ Cawley, Jessica Day, Joe Geigle, Michael Grannis, Virginia Gray, Vice Chair Vivian Jones, Ken Marshburn, Sig Hutchinson, Russ May, Shaun McGrath, Neena Nowell, Bob Smith, Lewis Weatherspoon, and Harold Weinbrecht

Absent: 11 - Ronnie Currin, Jacques Gilbert, Grady Hunt, Valerie Jordan, RS "Butch" Lawter, Melvin Mitchell, Matt Mulhollem, Perry Safran, Michael Schriver, Art Wright, and Glenn York

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

Vice Chair Jones read the ethics statement. No conflicts were identified by Board members.

4. Public Comments

Joe Milazzo, Regional Transportation Alliance - The RTA is holding its first city tour since the pandemic began. In 2022, RTA will visit South Florida to look at a variety of transportation projects including Commuter Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, Automated Vehicles, and Transit Stations. Leadership from our region will attend, and Mr. Milazzo is hopeful that other partners will join as well.

Member Baldwin stated that this is a great opportunity to experience Commuter Rail and noted that she heard a quote from someone in Seattle who said, regarding Transit Oriented Development, that people can only love what they can see. She urged Board members to come see Commuter Rail via this trip.

5. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Board Member Allen, III, seconded by Board Member Baldwin, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5.1 Executive Board October 2021 Meeting Minutes Draft

Attachments: [MeetingMinutes09-Nov-2021-04-01-10](#)

The Minutes were approved.

5.2 FY 2022 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment #1

Shelby Powell, CAMPO Staff

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)[FY 22 UPWP Amendment #1 - Draft](#)[2022 UPWP Amended Table 3-Draft](#)[RESOLUTION-OF-ADOPTION-Amendment#1-2022-UPWP](#)

This UPWP Item was adopted.

5.3 FY 2022, Q2 Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Requests

Bret Martin, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)[Attachment 1 - FY22 Q2 Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Request Package](#)

This Item was approved.

5.4 Public Transportation Agency Safety Performance Measures and Targets

Crystal Odum, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)[Attachment B Final Regional PTASP targets](#)[Attachment C - PTASP Resolution](#)

This item was approved.

5.5 Triangle Bikeway Study - Triangle Bikeway Contract Amendment

Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)[Contract Amendment-Number Two-McAdams](#)

This Special Studies Item was approved.

End of Consent Agenda**6. Public Hearing**

Chairman Hutchinson announced that there were two public hearings scheduled today. Several speakers signed up for the second hearing.

6.1 Amendment #6 to FY2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program
Gretchen Vetter, CAMPO Staff

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
[CAMPO TIP Amendment #6](#)

Gretchen Vetter, CAMPO staff, reported on this item. Ms. Vetter reviewed Amendment #6 to the FY 2020-2029 TIP, and explained that there were projects from the Wake Transit Work Plan and the NCDOT on this amendment list. No public comments have been received during the public comment period.

Chairman Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing. No members of the public signed up to speak. Chairman Hutchinson closed the Public Hearing.

A public hearing was conducted. A motion was made by Vice Chair Vivian Jones, seconded by Board Member Mary-Ann Baldwin, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6.2**2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP/CTP) Update**

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO Staff

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

[CAMPO MTP 2050 Draft Handout](#)

[2050 MTP Schedule](#)

[Comments Compilation Nov 17, 2021 Updated](#)

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO staff, reported on this item. Mr. Lukasina explained the various scenarios that have been tested during the MTP development. He reviewed the projects in all the modes, noting changes since the Board last saw the scenarios. The changes were in response to discussion at last month's meeting, and through additional work with the TCC.

For Transit, the East Trans rail corridor has been added.

For Bicycle and Pedestrian, the on- and off-road bicycle corridors were reviewed.

For Roads, he noted that 429 projects have moved from the funded horizon years to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan unfunded element of the MTP.

For the revenue forecast, Mr. Lukasina explained that the 2030 horizon year included funding committed either in the adopted TIP or committed locally through development. The second and third decades of the plan are generally more flexible with funding assumptions. These decades include the transit plan forecasts, the local CIP funding, and a new additional local revenue source equivalent to \$0.01 tax for transportation in the region.

Results from the recent engagement efforts for the Plan were reviewed. Several comments have been received since August, and the comment period is ongoing until action is requested from the Board on Dec. 8, 2021. Several comments have been received regarding the US 401 Bypass around Fuquay-Varina, many commenters requesting the removal of that project from the plan. Several comments were received regarding climate change, potential for rail in eastern Wake County, and desire for increasing bus service in West Cary.

Mr. Lukasina noted that the draft plan approval was anticipated on December 8, 2021, and then MPO and TJCOG staff will work on the air quality conformity elements of the plan. The final approval for the 2050 MTP is expected in January 2022.

Chairman Hutchinson opened the Public Hearing.

Marjorie Fish - 6341 Hilltop Road in Willow Springs - Ms. Fish noted that the US 401 Bypass will affect the JC Rowland Farms at 6515 Kennebec Road. Rowland Farms is a 200-year-old family farm and is in a Voluntary Agricultural District. It is the only certified organic farm in Wake County. It is a multi-generational farm. Each of the five alternative routes in the study have significant impacts and will displace households and cease operations of the farm. The area is also a High Quality Water resource area; a special aquatic habitat; and a significant natural habitat. The Farm Act of NC calls for the protection of Voluntary Agricultural Districts. CAMPO did not notify land owners of this activity in Fuquay-Varina. Please remove the US 401 Bypass from the plan.

Joe Milazzo - Regional Transportation Alliance - Mr. Milazzo thanked CAMPO for the

multimodal mobility through Complete Street projects for vulnerable users and transit users. RTA funded the FAST study, which is now referenced in the Highway Design Manual, and it is great to see these safety and transit projects in the MTP. Thank you also for the Complete 540 project that remains a priority of RTA.

Joanie Bowden - Willow Springs - Ms. Bowden is an affected property owner on Walter Myatt Road in Willow Springs. Her farm has been in the family for 200 years. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and is on the Voluntary Agricultural District Advisory Board. She requests an action motion, due to the Fuquay-Varina US 401 Corridor Study, to remove the 401 Bypass from the 2050 Plan and maps. She further motioned to request the proposed US 401 Corridor Study be stopped until the other MTP projects in the area are funded in the STIP and underway. We should widen NC 42 and Old Stage, NC 55, Lake Wheeler Road, the Angier Highway 55 Bypass, and others before we study US 401.

Nathan Spencer - WakeUp Wake County - Mr. Spencer thanked the Executive Board for hosting the hearing, and thanked CAMPO staff for meeting with WakeUp Wake County staff for an in-depth review of the plan. He is disappointed the plan does not focus on the transit plan overall. Complete Streets and bike lanes are needed, but the 2050 MTP supports large VMT (vehicle miles traveled) increases with a major focus on cars. How fast we can go from Clayton to RTP does not tell us how to grow correctly and does not reduce carbon in future years. We need to leave money on the table and not fund all these roads. We should fund a greener future through public transit and by removing parking. WakeUp supports transit projects, infrastructure for access to transit, integration of land use and transportation planning such as TOD, and general efforts to reduce climate change caused by transportation. He will send additional written comments.

Martha Fish - 6615 Kennebec Road in Willow Springs - Ms. Fish noted that CAMPO staff did not contact stakeholders adequately, and she requested a meeting to review the Corridor Study. Before we fund US 401, we should widen NC 42, the Fuquay-Varina Eastern Parkway, the 55/42/401 intersection, Lake Wheeler Rd, Hilltop Road relocation, Western Angier Bypass, NC 55 from Jicarilla to Oak Grove and NC 55 from NC 42 to Jicarilla. We should look at growth and development, and remove the US 401 Bypass from the plan until other projects are completed and additional study is conducted.

Candace Gray - Olives Tree Farm - For background, Ms. Gray noted the land has been in her family since the 1700's and she is the 8th generation to live on the land. The US 401 Bypass destroys her family home and legacy. She requests removal of the Bypass from the MTP map since the study is still ongoing. The Bypass is not needed, and it tries to solve other issues that would be solved with other projects. The data is not accurate until other roads are constructed. This is a waste of money, it destroys her livelihood and many farms.

Meredith Crawford - Raleigh - Ms. Crawford appreciates the previous speakers. She owns Pepperwood Farm off Air Park Road. It is a hay and horse farm. If the routes impact her land, she will have to close the farm. She uses all 118 acres of the farm's land for horse boarding and hay production. She has worked with the Soil and Water Conservation Service to put land into conservation and to maintain the land and protect the water. She has bees and a horse manure compost on the property. If the plan is to go through the farm, she will have to close the farm and all workers on the farm will be unemployed. She has used all the highest and best practices to conserve and protect the land, and would hate for a road to go through and destroy it.

Chairman Hutchinson closed the Public Hearing and asked Board members for any additional comments. Member Byrne, Fuquay-Varina, clarified that Fuquay-Varina did not hire CAMPO to do the US 401 Corridor Study, but that it is a regional study that the Town supports. The comments received today are valid, but it is important to complete the study to see what, if anything, can be done on the corridor.

Member McGrath, Holly Springs, noted that he hopes to have a chance to review the impacts for Holly Springs because the Town is seeing big growth and big needs coming up.

This public hearing was conducted.

End of Public Hearings

7. Regular Agenda

7.1 Federal Surface Transportation Funding Reauthorization Bill Update Gretchen Vetter, CAMPO Staff

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)

Gretchen Vetter, CAMPO Staff, reported on this item. Ms. Vetter noted that the new federal infrastructure bill has been signed. The IIJA contains funding for FFY 2022-2026. Several familiar programs are included in the bill, such as the 5311, 5339, CRISI, Safe Routes to Schools, RAISE, NHPP, Transportation Alternatives Program, CMAG, and STBG. Information on the contents of the bill is still forthcoming, but it is noteworthy that there are discretionary grants worth \$100.7 Billion over 5 years that focus on things like CRISI, Small Starts, RAISE, Safe Streets/Vision Zero and other transportation needs.

The bill directs MPO's and the State to spend 2.5% of funding on Complete Street activities to develop and adopt complete streets and active transportation plans. There is \$550 Billion in addition to the baseline funding from the previous bill. There is \$284 Billion over 5 years in the bill. The bill also has funding for other items in addition to transportation, such as broadband, water and resiliency efforts.

Member Allen asked about the FTA funding traditionally included in the Capital Infrastructure Grant program for Commuter Rail. Ms. Vetter said that transit funding is \$39 Billion above the baseline, and the CIG program is \$8 Billion for the next 5 years. She is unsure how the pots of funding will be divvied up yet; the formula grant apportionments are not available yet. Overall, however, funding is increased. More information will come to the Board after the holidays.

Chairman Hutchinson expressed thanks to Ms. Vetter for presenting this information today, and thanks to Representative Price's office in the US House of Representatives for helping move this bill forward.

This Informational Report was received as information.

8. Informational Item: Budget

8.1 **Member Shares FY 2022**
Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Q1 Member Dues Projection FY 2022](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

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Attachments: [Q1 Budget Projection FY 2022](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

9. Informational Item: Project Updates

9.1 Executive Board November 2021 Project Updates

Attachments: [Project Updates - Nov. 2021](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

9.2 **Public Engagement Updates**
Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Exec Board Public Engagement Updates 2021 11 17](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports*MPO Executive Director -*

- The TCC retreat portion of the strategic planning process was held in Apex last week.*
- A December board meeting will be held on Dec. 8, 2021*
- The RFP for new CAMPO office space has closed and 5 submissions were received and are being reviewed.*
- The office manager position posting was closed and 66 applications were received and are being reviewed.*
- The NCAMPO Conference will be held in April 2022 in Wilmington for the first time in two years.*
- The Southeast Area Study update is expected to begin in January.*
- Several local transportation bonds passed during November elections.*
- CAMPO staff is working with our attorney and City of Raleigh staff to draft a Lead Planning Agency draft agreement as was discussed during the Executive Board retreat in October.*

TCC Chair - absent

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division - Phil Geary had no report

NCDOT Division 4 - Jennifer Collins had no report

NCDOT Division 5 - Brandon Jones reported that the Triangle's first Diverging Diamond Interchange opened this week on Western Boulevard.

NCDOT Division 6 - Darius Sturdivant had no report.

NCDOT Rail Division - absent

NC Turnpike Authority - absent

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division - absent

Executive Board Members -

Member Weatherspoon, Harnett County, expressed appreciation and delight with Mr. Lukasina's participation in a recent meeting at Campbell University to discuss MPO membership with that area of the County.

Member Byrne, Fuquay-Varina, stated that this would be his last MPO meeting, and that Blake Massengill will replace him starting in December. He appreciates CAMPO and all the good things the group has accomplished during his tenure. He expressed appreciation for Mr. Lukasina and his staff. He has been on this Board for 20 years. Various members expressed congratulations and appreciation for Mr. Byrne.

Member Grannis, Clayton, noted that he had lost his recent election and would therefore be leaving the CAMPO Board after having served for 8 years. He thanked the CAMPO Board for their support, and the CAMPO staff for their education on transportation issues. Various members expressed appreciation to Mr. Grannis.

11. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings/Events