

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

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

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: 16 - Vice Chair Harold Weinbrecht, John Byrne, Nancy McFarlane, Terry Hedlund, Don Bumgarner, Tom Jackson, Sig Hutchinson, Frank Eagles, Ronnie Williams, William Allen III, Michael Grannis, Gordon Springle, Michael Schriver, Mark Stohlman, Chair Dick Sears, and Vivian Jones

Absent: 14 - Terry Hutchens, Gus Tulloss, Virginia Gray, John Sullivan, Perry Safran, James Roberson, Lewis Weatherspoon, Art Wright, Timothy Karan, Mike Gordon, Valerie Jordan, Nina Szlosberg, Larry Wood, and Lance Olive

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments were made to the agenda

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 to the agenda

5. Minutes

5.1 Executive Board minutes: September 20, 2017 meeting

Attachments: [Executive Board Minutes for Sept 20, 2017](#)

Minutes were approved from the September 20, 2017 Executive Board meeting.

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

6. Public Hearing

6.1 **FY2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #7**
Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff

Attachments: [TIP Amendment #7 9-12-2017](#)

Ms. Gretchen Vetter gave an update on the FY 2016-2025 Transportation Improvement Program - Amendment #7. She stated that for this was CAMPO's 7th TIP amendment for the FY16-25 TIP and this would be the last for this TIP cycle because of the anticipated approval of the Draft FY 2018-2027 TIP. This amendment was available out for public comment from September 7 - October 9, 2017.

Ms. Gretchen Vetter asked the Executive Board to open a Public Hearing and to consider an approval of the TIP amendment #7 for the 2016-2025 TIP.

Chairman Dick Sears opened and closed the public hearing, with no comments received.

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

6.2

FY2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program

Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Draft 18-27 Public Comment Received](#)

Ms. Gretchen Vetter stated that CAMPO staff updates the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) every two years. A draft TIP has been completed for Fiscal years 2018-2027 that meets the federal requirement stating that the TIP and STIP must be identical.

CAMPO's public involvement policy requires that the draft TIP be released for a public review and a comment period and that a public hearing be conducted to receive comments on the draft TIP.

CAMPO staff released the Draft 2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program for public review and comments for September 7, 2017 to October 9, 2017 and scheduled a public hearing for the Executive Board meeting on today, October 25, 2017.

Copies of the draft TIP are available on the CAMPO website www.campo-nc.us <<http://www.campo-nc.us>>.

Hard copies are available upon request.

Ms. Vetter noted that she had received a petition from local residents along Falls of Neuse Road who were concerned with the widening project on Falls of Neuse between I-540 and Durant Road. The petition contained 346 signatures.

Chairman Sears opened the Public Hearing.

There were 8 speakers that represented the Falls of the Neuse project.

Ms. Julia Hardcastle-Leigh lives at 1920 Topsfield Court. She said there would be adverse impacts to neighbors, yards, and the removal of buffers of existing trees would cause adverse impacts. The 2011-2016 crash data showed 215 accidents between Durant and the 540 West ramp, mostly intersections and rear-end crashes. Additional lanes will increase the volume and increase the crashes on the road. We need more enforcement, not more lanes.

Ms. Barbara Sinowicz lives at 9 North Murifield Court in Muirfield Subdivision. She has lived in the subdivision for 30 years. When she moved there, Falls of Neuse was a two lane road and I-540 did not exist. The first widening of Falls of Neuse removed the fence, signs and entry way into the subdivision. The widening caused runoff, which affects yards in the neighborhood. She has contacted NCDOT about this but not gotten a response, and nothing has been done to improve drainage. The excessive runoff from another widening will exacerbate these problems. There is already restricted pedestrian access. She attended the public meeting at Abbott's Creek Community Center, and mentioned that the widening of the road to the west side will harm the neighborhood again.

Ms. Lillian Overton lives on 8809 Stonegate Drive in the Muirfield Subdivision. Ms. Overton mentioned the petition she had submitted to CAMPO contained signatures from residents on both sides of Falls of Neuse Road and Wakefield. NCDOT has listed reasons for the project as safety and congestion. The added lanes will not relieve congestion; what we need is more green lights so traffic can move through the corridor. Traffic is caused by the I-540 West ramp queuing and congestion. Additional lanes will cause more congestion. This project is a waste of time and will create more congestion.

Spending money on this project is a waste of tax dollars.

Allie Maples lives in Muirfield Subdivision. Ms. Maples serves as Treasurer of the neighborhood's pool board. The pool is on the west side of Falls of Neuse. It is 1.5 acres of pool and playground. There are 96 homes deeded to the pool that pay pool dues. With this project, the pool will lose it's noise buffer and lower the quality of life in the neighborhood. She does not want the widening, and hopes the money will be used elsewhere.

Christine Hollinger lives on South Muirfield Court in Muirfield Subdivision. Ms. Hollinger said that getting out of the subdivision is already a nightmare. This project will affect permeable surface, and harm septic tanks. The real issue is I-54. Traffic is coming from Wake Forest and Wakefield to use Falls of Neuse so they can avoid I-540 and NC 98.

Sean Brown lives at 9312 Brookton Ct. Mr. Brown's back yard is along the widening section. There is no enforcement of current traffic problems; current problems are people not paying attention and blocking the intersection. The process for developing this project has been very bad. There are people out in the neighborhood doing sound studies and other field work in yards, and property owners have been given very little notice of these activities.

David Cox lives at 1902 Stony Trace Court, and is the District B representative on Raleigh's City Council. This project has suffered from a lack of citizen participation. The residents learned of the project when workers showed up at thier homes. There has been no involvement at th eNorth Central CAC. There has been a lack of City Council participation, because Councilors only learned of the project early this year. This project is a low priority. We need I-540 to be addressed. This project will cause irreparable change to the corridor's businesses and residnets. It will turn Falls of Neuse into another Capital Boulevard. Two new traffic lights are being installed north of the river. We should look at traffic light synchronization to move traffic along the road. There are projects on the books to fix NC 98 and Creedmoor Road. Mr. Cox requested the project be delayed until the new City Council can convene and discuss the project.

Lynn Beamon lives at 9405 Greenfield Drive in Muirfield Subdivision. She thanked the board for serving to make the hard decisions that must be made. She encouraged Board members to drive on the road at different times of day and see how dangerous it can be. Putting 10,000 more cars on that road is not the answer. It will be dangerous for pedestrians.

Ms. Vetter reviewed the history of that project, indicating that on this new STIP, the project is programmed to begin in FY 2018. Ms. Vetter presented two options for adopting the TIP:

Option #1 - Adopt the FY 2018-2027 TIP that is currently proposed. This would allow for the project development process to continue, and for the public to continue to be engaged in developing an alternative for this project. The TCC supports this action, as does the CAMPO staff.

Option #2 - Adopt FY2018-2027 TIP without this project included. This would require CAMPO to request NCDOT to remove this project from the STIP and it would trigger NCDOT STIP action and then the funding for the project would be lost. Any future improvements for this corridor would have to compete for funding in the future rounds of SPOT.

Mayor Dick Sear opened the floor for discussion.

Mayor Harold Weinbrecht thanked the citizens for coming to speak. He asked whether municipalities submit projects for scoring and asked if this was scored, and is this why it's being considered for funding if the project has to be approved by the municipalities. Mr. Chris Lukasina stated that this project has been on the long range plan for 2035 and 2040, and now the 2045 plan. This project came from the City of Raleigh Comprehensive Plan, and went through the regular submission process and scored well enough to get on the TIP. Mayor Weinbrecht asked if projects usually get removed from the TIP at this stage. Chris said not usually.

Mayor Harold Weinbrecht asked have we seen projects removed before.

Mr. Chris Lukasina stated that generally not at this point of the process and there is an opportunity later on into a project life cycle to have another discussion to consider whether you would want another project to move forward.

Mayor Mark Stohlman stated that there will be some alternatives if we moved forward today and that there would be more opportunities for input and can you describe this and what would it be.

Ms. Vetter stated that if we do continue with this project in the TIP as it is, then the NCDOT can continue with their project development process and that they do have some public comment period and public education that is scheduled to help work with the public and the City to if there are alternatives to this. If this project is stopped now it will be taken out of the TIP and funds will be taken out of this project.

Mr. Tom Jackson stated that Falls of the Neuse use to be a two lane road and now it's a four lane road. It wasn't always connected to US-1 and now it does. Mr. Jackson asked if this is going to be improved and will there be other improvements down the road beyond the six lanes.

Mr. Joey Hopkins stated that the MPO would need to answer this.

Mr. Chris Lukasina stated that this is a 6 lane road and is still within City of Raleigh's Comprehensive Plan and that there are no plans to extend pass 6 lanes.

Commissioner Tom Jackson stated that in the long range plan maybe this will move further north to 6 lanes.

Mayor Pro Tem Michael Grannis stated that he heard speakers talk about problems on I-540 and NC 98, and how viable is it that I-540 is causing the problems on this road? Mayor Sears stated that this was all hearsay with no numbers to back it up.

Mayor Pro Tem Grannis noted that we have 344 comments against the project and 0 for the project, so he is not in favor of keeping it in the TIP at this point.

Mayor MacFarlane asked if MPO staff can discuss how this fits into the overall regional plan? Mayor Sears asked if this particular project would be brought back to the MPO for discussion separate from the whole TIP. Mr. Lukasina noted that NCDOT will do the project development process for this, and will engage the public to select alternatives. If NCDOT concurs on removing this project by taking action on the STIP, the rest of the STIP/TIP projects would not be affected. Chris noted that this corridor improvement was part of the larger network of improvements to relieve congestion in North Raleigh,

including improvements to US 1, NC 98 and I-540. Even with those other improvements, the model still shows the need for this widening to accommodate the traffic expected in that area. Much of the traffic on the corridor is not shown to be cut-through traffic, but is coming from within the corridor.

After the vote, Mr. Shriver asked if there were alternatives being looked at. Mr. Lukasina noted that designs would look at which side of the road to widen to, and how to treat various intersections.

Mr. Grannis asked if, at a later date, could the Board revisit the project? Mr. Lukasina noted that the Board has sole control over the TIP and can revisit any TIP project under that authority.

Mr. Jackson asked if we need the whole thing six laned or if we could do only a piece of it to six lanes.

A motion was made by Board Member Vivian Jones, seconded by Board Member Gordon Springle, that the TIP be approved as presented by staff. There were two no votes made by Mayor Pro Tem, Michael Grannis and Commissioner Michael Schriver. The motion passed with two dissenting votes.

End of Public Hearings

7. Regular Agenda

7.1

Complete 540 Informational Update

Beau Memory, NC Turnpike Authority

Mr. Beau Memory provided an update on the current status of the Complete 540 project and discussed the next steps in the project development process.

Mr. Beau Memory also covered that the preferred alternative was selected in 2016, and there are three TIP projects for this project (R-2721 55 to 540) (R-2828 401 to I-40) and (R-2829 I-40 to 264) and that expectation of the final EIS in mid-2018 and ROD in mid-2019.

Mr. Memory indicated that anyone can keep up to date on the project via the Complete 540 website, www.ncdot.gov/complete540. Anyone can contact the project team by email at: complete540@ncdot.gov or by phone at 1-800-554-7849.

Mayor Byrne thanked Mr. Memory for keeping the communities along the corridor in the loop on the project. Mayor Sears commented on the big difference NC 540 has made for southwest Wake County.

Received as information for discussion and comments

7.2

Briefing on Proposed Federal Rescission Legislation

Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff

Attachments: [LAPP Unobligated Funds Report](#)

The US House of Representatives passed a FY 2018 appropriations bill that includes a rescission of unobligated transportation funding. LAPP projects with unobligated funds are potentially exposed to this rescission if this bill is adopted in its current state.

Ms. Gretchen Vetter provided a report on 1) the status of the legislation, 2) the current status of exposed LAPP funding and the potential impact if a rescission were to happen in the near future, and 3) how the CAMPO Executive Board, Staff, and TCC would move forward if the proposed legislation passes.

Ms. Gretchen Vetter also stated that CAMPO is coordinating with AMPO, NARC, and other organizations in order to keep TCC and the Executive Board aware of potential rescission introduced in the US House of Representative FY2018 Appropriations Bill.

Mr. Will Allen, III asked if this does happen is this a onetime pain? Also, this has never happen before and we have taken steps in the last couple of meeting and there was discussion about this and to prevent this sort of thing from happening.

Mr. Lukasina stated that federal rescission happen often but rarely impact MPO projects or funds. He stated that the bill that passed by the House would remove the rescission shield for STPDA, TAP, and MPO Planning funds for this rescission.

Commissioner Hutchinson asked staff what efforts could still be made to prevent the rescission from impacting the MPO. Mr. Lukasina stated that efforts should be targeted at the NC Senators and any members of a future conference committee. Commissioner Hutchinson asked staff to provide talking points and sample resolution language.

A motion was made by Board Member Sig Hutchinson, seconded by Board Member Gordon Springle, to request MPO Staff to send a resolution out for local Boards to consider. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.3 Wake Transit Plan Implementation Update and Cost Share Agreement for Commuter Rail Study

Bret Martin, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Wake Transit Work Plan Amendment Process](#)

Throughout the fall of 2017, the Wake County Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC) will continue to work through a number of studies and plans intended to inform future Wake Transit work plans, including:

- 1) *Wake Transit Plan implementation public engagement policy and associated plans*
- 2) *Wake Transit Plan implementation staffing model and expectations plan*
- 3) *Multi-Year Bus Service Implementation Plan*
- 4) *Community Funding Area Program Management Plan*
- 5) *Fixed Guideway Transit Corridors Major Investment Study*

The TPAC will also work to develop the initial draft of the FY 2019 Wake Transit Work Plan before releasing it for agency and public comment at the beginning of calendar year 2018.

At the November 2nd Technical Coordinating Committee meeting, TPAC & MPO staff will provide an update on the development of the FY 2019 Wake Transit Work Plan, as well as on the studies that are underway to include:

- 1) *Information on the deployment for Phase I of Wake Transit public engagement. Current touch points with the public include seeking feedback on the multi-year bus service implementation plan, the fixed guide way transit corridors major investment study, and the FY 2019 Wake Transit Work Plan;*
- 2) *Information on the FY 2019 Work Plan Development Schedule*

Motion was made by Mr. Will Allen, second by Mr. Grannis, to approve the Cost Sharing Memorandum of Agreement for the Commuter Rail portion of the Major Investment Study, and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7.4 Prioritization 5.0 Modal Candidate Project Lists

Chris Lukasina / MPO Staff

Mr. Chris Lukasina presented the final project lists as approved by the Executive Board and submitted to the NCDOT Prioritization office. Staff reported on final project modifications for all modes and next steps in the P5.0 prioritization cycle. There were questions about whether the BRT from Morrisville to Clayton would compete with the Commuter Rail project from Wake Transit. Mr. Lukasina noted that the transit service to Clayton would be a long way off. Commissioner Hutchin asked if we are able to think of this systematically when we assign points. Mr. Lukasina noted that the point of submitting projects to SPOT was to try to get state funding on the projects, so we are being strategic on the submissions.

Report was received as information.

7.5**2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**

Chris Lukasina, MPO Executive Director

Mr. Chris Lukasina provided an update on the development of the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (2045 MTP/CTP). Mr. Lukasina reviewed the coming growth the region is expected to experience by 2045 and the impact that growth is forecast to have on the transportation network. He provided a review of the major projects in the Preferred Alternative and reviewed the financial forecast for the traditional and additional funding scenarios. Mr. Lukasina discussed the limited future financial resources that are forecasted to be available for secondary roads and other transportation modes with only traditional funding sources included in the financial plan and noted that these resources would not be enough to implement all of the projects identified in the preferred scenario. He discussed the various options that could reasonably be assumed in the future to provide additional funding for secondary roads and other transportation modes and stated that the Executive Board would have a future decision point regarding these two financial assumptions in the coming months.

Mr. Lukasina reviewed the remaining tasks and anticipated schedule through the rest of 2017 and early 2018. He indicated that while public and agency input was ongoing a formal comment period would begin on October 31, 2017 and indicated that the current schedule would require a December Executive Board meeting with a public hearing on the MTP projects, with final MTP approval anticipated for January, 2018. He reminded the Board that we are using a two step approval process, the first being approval of the projects and programs that are included in the plan and the second being approval of the full MTP document.

Mayor Stohlman requested the removal of project A674, Crabtree Crossing from consideration for the 2045 MTP. Mr. Lukasina indicated that would be noted and incorporated into the draft plan as the process moves forward.

Received as information.

8. Informational Item: Budget**8.1****Member Shares - FY 2017**

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Member Dues Projection QTR 4 FY2017](#)

Attachment shows the Member's Share for FY 17. Total member share match for the FY 2017 is \$569,297.50 as of 06-30-2017 we have spent \$454,390.

Received as information.

8.2**Operating Budget - FY 2017**

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [FY 17 PROJECTED Budget QTR 4](#)

The FY 2017 UPWP Operating Budget is \$3,041,488. As of 06-30-2017 we have spent \$2,285,948. Please see attachment for more details

Received as information.

9. Informational Item: Project Updates

9.1 Project Updates

Attachments: [Project-Updates](#)

Review the attachment for information related to ongoing projects and studies.

Received as information.

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Director, Chris Lukasina

Mr. Lukasina stated that 6 staff members went to Savannah, GA for the National MPO Conference.

Mr. Lukasina also introduced the newest staff members with CAMPO, Mr. Adam Howell, the TPAC Administrator, and Ms. Bonnie Parker, the Public Engagement Planner.

Mr. Lukasina also stated that Mr. Bret Martin has resigned and has taken a position with the Town of Cary.

TCC Chair, Ben Howell - No Report

NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch - Absent

NCDOT Division 4 - No Report

NCDOT Division 5 - Joey Hopkins stated that a stakeholders meeting will be held on November 16, 2017 at the McKimmon Center to share Raleigh area projects information with the public. NCDOT will host the meeting as "Project Fair" for the I-440-I-40 widen project, Falls of Neuse project, and 5 or 6 other projects. CAMPO will also have a presence at the meeting, and Wake Transit staff will be there too.

Mayor John Byrne stated that this is a good idea.

Mayor Harold Weinbrecht asked how we are communicating with the people on smaller projects.

Mr. Joey Hopkins stated that there's a newsletter alert that goes out, CAC email list and mailing/ emailing to contact lists, and Social Media.

Mayor Harold Weinbrecht asks was it anything they can help with.

Mr. Joey Hopkins stated that if you hear of anything please pass it on, and the NCDOT is happy to help with public outreach in all the areas of CAMPO. The Board discussed several idea on how to reach the public when talking about planning projects so far in advance.

NCDOT Division 6 - Absent

NCDOT Rail Division - Absent

NC Turnpike Authority - No Report

Executive Board - Mayor Dick Sears stated that at Main Street ext. and Avent Ferry Road at the bypass. It took off about 37% of traffic and also at Main Street ext., and there had been about 6 or 7 accidents since this open and he thanked DOT for getting a stoplight very quickly.

Mayor John Byrne thanked the CAMPO Director for sending staff members to the National MPO conference in Savannah, GA.

Mayor Dick Sears stated that there will need to be an Executive Board meeting for December and that the meeting schedule should be adjusted so that the December meeting will occur on the second Wednesday, December 13, 2017, in order to avoid

conflicts with the winter holidays.

A motion was made by Board Member Byrne, seconded by Board Member Grannis, that a meeting will be held December 13, 2017. The motion carried unanimously. All other items were to be received for information.

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:04pm