

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

One City Plaza
421 Fayetteville Street
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Raleigh, NC 27601

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome & Introductions

Mayor Matt Mulhollem introduced himself as the new Archer Lodge representative on the Executive Board.

Present: 14 - Chair Harold Weinbrecht, Nancy McFarlane, Vice Chair Sig Hutchinson, Lewis Weatherspoon, Frank Eagles, RS "Butch" Lawter, William Allen III, Gordon Springle, Art Wright, Dick Sears, Vivian Jones, TJ Cawley, Neena Nowell, and Matt Mulhollem

Absent: 13 - Terry Hutchens, John Byrne, Gus Tulloss, Virginia Gray, Terry Hedlund, Don Bumgarner, James Roberson, Ronnie Williams, Michael Schriver, Valerie Jordan, Larry Wood, Lance Olive, and Edgar Smoak

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

No adjustments were made to the agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

Vice Chair Sig Hutchinson read the required ethics statement. No members voiced conflicts for today's meeting.

4. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

5. Minutes

5.1 Meeting Minutes - March 21, 2018

Attachments: [Minutes - March 21, 2018](#)

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. Public Hearing

6.1 FY2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3

Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff.

Attachments: [TIP Amendment #3](#)

Gretchen Vetter, MPO staff, explained that TIP Amendment #3 for the 2018-2027 TIP has been open for public comment from March 1, 2018 through April 2, 2018. The changes in this Amendment are to accelerate the Complete 540 project to program the start of the project in FY 19 instead of FY 20. She reviewed comments made by the Southern Environmental Law Center, Regional Transportation Alliance and Wake Mayors Association. Chairman Weinbrecht opened the public hearing.

Nick Jimenez from Southern Environmental Law Center was recognized to speak. Mr. Jimenez noted that the Amendment is another step toward an ill-advised project. He noted that he was representing Southern Environmental Law Center, Sound Rivers and Clean Air Carolinas with today's comments. There is a need to re-evaluate the need for this project, and look at more efficient and effective projects such as those described in Access 2040. That plan creates seven improved arterials - 3 east-west arterials and 4 north-south arterials. That plan is designed for sustained growth, and achieves better congestion relief and more than half the mobility benefits of Complete 540. This report found that the benefit/cost ratio of the Access 2040 plan is 2.1, and the benefit/cost ratio of Complete 540 is only 0.47. Also, the Access 2040 plan is only 1/7 the cost of the Complete 540 project. It's a better plan with smaller environmental impacts.

Ramona McGee was recognized to speak. Ms. McGee stated that she was speaking today on behalf of Matthew Star, the Upper Neuse River Keeper. She stated that The complete 540 project will have a disastrous impact on our water resources and aquatic environment. This unnecessary 2 billion dollar road will destroy over 11 miles of streams and acres and acres of wetlands in the Swift Creek Watershed which is arguably the most important subwatershed in the upper Neuse River basin. In fact, 250 acres of the watershed are rated as exceptional under the significant natural heritage area program, which is the highest ranking. Another important designation for Swift Creek is that it is 1 of 25 areas in North Carolina essential for the continued survival of endangered species. The watershed supports 13 rare aquatic species. The uncharacteristically fast pace of this project coupled with the false choice of building the road or not building the road is a huge disservice to North Carolinians and our environment. There are other options and before a 2.2 billion dollar road that will destroy 11 miles of streams is sped up, please take a look at those options. It is past time to slow this project down, not further expedite it.

No other speakers were present, and Chairman Weinbrecht closed the public hearing.

A motion was made by Board Member William Allen, III, seconded by Board Member Frank Eagles, that Amendment #3 to the FY 2019-2027 TIP be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

End of Public Hearings**7. Regular Agenda**

7.1**NC Vision Zero**

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO / Burke Foley, NC Vision Zero

Tracy Anderson and Brock Foley, both with ITRE, presented this item. Ms. Anderson reviewed the need and purpose of Vision Zero, noting the three-pronged approach to preventing accidents on North Carolina's roadways. She shared a number of resources on the www.visionzero.org/videos website. She also noted that members could reach out to her if there is a need for local materials to be developed for outreach regarding Vision Zero. Mr. Foley shared information on the data tools available through the website, and highlighted the safety dashboard. There is information available about when, where and why fatal crashes are occurring in North Carolina, and information can be broken down by MPO or RPO boundary. There are also quite a few maps available. Chairman Weinbrecht thanked the speakers for sharing this information.

This Vision Zero presentation was received as information.

7.2**National Bike Month**

Shelly Parker, GoTriangle

Shelly Parker from GoTriangle presented information on this item. Ms. Parker briefly reviewed the regional TDM program, and highlighted several activities going on in the region for Bike Month in May. There is a new Pit Stop Program being piloted this year, and volunteers will be provided with materials to be able to host pop-up pit stops during the month around the region. Ms. Parker highlighted that there are both resident-focused and business-focused events planned. Mr. Paul Black, CAMPO staff, further highlighted some events planned in the area for Bike Month. Members were invited to share any other activities planned or underway so they could be included on the regional calendar.

This Bike Month material was received as information.

7.3

Prioritization (SPOT) 5.0 Update and Target Modal Mixes

Alex Rickard, MPO Staff

Alex Rickard, CAMPO staff, reviewed the SPOT 5 calendar, noting that regional impact points will be assigned this summer. He reviewed the committed projects in the region, including those funded in LAPP, SPOT and with local bonds. He noted that the new statewide list of programmed projects contains quite a few rail projects, which means those projects will not compete at the regional level as previously envisioned. This is good news because now the CAMPO board will not be faced with the choice of assigning points on rail projects competing against the Durham-Orange Light Rail project. Mr. Rickard also noted that there were some SPOT 4 project accelerated into the funded category between SPOT 4 and 5 due to NCDOT's acceleration of fund expenditure. Mr. Rickard reviewed the staff-recommended list of point allocation to the regional category projects as compared to the last round of SPOT:

Category	P 4.0 Target	P5.0 Recommendation
Aviation	100	0
Bike/Ped	N/A	N/A
Public Transportation	500	300
Rail	300	600
Roadway	1600	1600
Total	2500	2500

TCC Member David Eatman asked how the Commuter Rail project will be scored in SPOT in accounting for freight benefits. Mr. Rickard responded that SPOT does not look at freight benefits on commuter rail projects, and that it would only be scored as a transit project. Board Member Will Allen asked if the high score for Commuter Rail will make it more competitive. Mr. Rickard responded that the lack of available funding is the limiting factor on programming commuter rail, not the score. Board Member Vivian Jones asked for further explanation on the proposed increase for points in the rail category. Mr. Rickard stated that, since no aviation points were needed because there were no projects to compete, and since the public transportation line has too little funding to fund very much anyway, it was basically just to spread those reduced points to the other non-highway mode competing, which is rail.

A motion was made by Board Member William Allen, III, seconded by Board Member Vivian Jones, that the recommended regional target modal mix for SPOT 5 point assignment be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.4

FY2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4

Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff

Attachments: [TIP Amendment #4](#)

Gretchen Vetter, CAMPO staff, reviewed this item, noting that this TIP amendment will be released for public comment April 5 - May 6, 2018. She also reviewed the scheduled for the next several regular quarterly TIP amendments. TIP Amendment 5 will begin in July; TIP Amendment 6 will begin in November; and TIP Amendment 7 will begin in February 2019.

This TIP Item was received as information.

7.5 Wake Transit Implementation Update

Adam Howell, TPAC & MPO Staff

Mr. Adam Howell, CAMPO staff, reviewed information for this item. He noted that the kick-off for the Spring round of public engagement for the Wake Transit Bus Plan and the Major Investment Study will be April 28 in Cary. There are thirty events around the region planned. Four will be formal meetings, the rest will be pop-up events at existing community events and venues. Mr. Howell shared the new promotional video for the regional transit campaign "GoForward." This video was produced by GoTriangle communications staff, and will be posted to the new GoForwardNC.org website. The GoForward campaign will replace previous Wake Transit campaign efforts, and will tie Wake's transit efforts into those across the triangle, presenting a more cohesive regional vision across the three counties. Mr. Howell distributed a handout with the list of upcoming public events, and encouraged Board members to attend.

Mr. Howell also reviewed the draft Wake Transit FY 19 work program, noting that many positive comments had been received from the public regarding the new youth free fare program included in the plan. He gave a brief overview of other elements in the plan, including new services for Raleigh in the southeast and northwest areas of the City; a new Weston Parkway route in Cary; and frequency improvements on GoTriangle's DRX and CRX routes. Other proposed improvements in the Work Plan include the purchase of new buses, improvements to 55 transit stops across the county, funding to continue the design on the Raleigh Union Station Bus Component, technology planning efforts and staff additions at several agencies. He noted that the CAMPO Executive Board will hold a public hearing on this recommended Work Plan at its May meeting, and will consider action to adopt the plan at that time.

This Informational Report was received as information.

8. Informational Item: Budget**8.1 Member Shares - FY 2018**

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [FY 18 Projected Member Dues QTR 2](#)

Member shares information was presented in the agenda attachment. No questions were received.

This Informational Report was received as information.

8.2 Operating Budget - FY 2018

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [FY 18 Projected Budget QTR 2](#)

A status report on the operating budget was included in the agenda attachment. No questions were received.

This Informational Report was received as information.

9. Informational Item: Project Updates

9.1 Project Updates

Attachments: [Project Updates](#)

Information related to ongoing plans and studies was included in the agenda attachment. No questions were received.

This Informational Report was received as information.

10. Informational Item: Staff Reports

The following staff reports were given:

Chris Lukasina, MPO Director - The staff is exploring ways to enhance the audio-visual equipment in the Board's conference room, and will have something in place this summer. He introduced new CAMPO Planner Crystal Odum. He noted that there were 16 applications received for the Wake Transit Program Manager position, and those applications are under review. He noted that CAMPO Staff members Shelby Powell and Paul Black would both be making presentations next week at the National American Planning Association Planning Conference in New Orleans, and commended the efforts of the staff to share our work with a national audience.

Ben Howell, TCC Chair - No report.

Mark Eatman, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division - The Granville County CTP has a few discrepancies with the CAMPO MTP, so the CTP will not be adopted by the MPO since those changes would need to be incorporated and the CTP would have to be re-adopted by the municipalities. Instead, the MPO will consider the unfunded CTP element of the MTP to be the recognized plan for the MPO area within Granville County.

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4 - No report.

Joey Hopkins, NCDOT Division 5 - No report.

Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6 - absent

NCDOT Rail Division - absent

Keith Holliday, NC Turnpike Authority - No report

Executive Board Members - None.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next Meeting: May 16, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.