# **NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting Minutes - Final**

1 Fenton Main St. Suite 201 Cary NC 27511

## **Technical Coordinating Committee**

Thursday, March 7, 2024 10:00 AM Conference Room

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: 37 - Sandi Bailey, Dylan Bruchhaus, Paul Black, Bradley Kimbrell, Tim Gardiner, Joe Geigle, David Keilson, Danielle Kittredge, Kevin Lewis, Neil Perry, Jay Sikes, Darius Sturdivant, Bynum Walter, Brandon Watson, Andrea Neri, Vice Chair Luana Deans, Jenna Shouse, Het Patel, Tracy Stephenson, Tracy Parrott, Emma Linn, Akul Nishawala, Kenneth Ritchie, Barry Baker, Chris George, Jeannine Ngwira, Lucy Garcia, Bronwyn Redus, Chris Garcia, Bryan Chadwick, Steven Mott, David Talbert, Michael Frangos, Austin Keefer, Landon Chandler, Josh Jensen, and Jenna Kolling

Absent: 13 - Travis Crayton, Phil Geary, Scott Hammerbacher, Dennis Jernigan, Catherine Knudson, Michael Landguth, David Walker, Braston Newton, Bo Carson, Catherine Farrell, Jennifer Ganser, Keith Eason, and Jeff Jones

## 2. Adjustments to the Agenda

Item 5.6 - NC 540 Bonus Allocation Update - was added to the agenda.

## 3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#### 4. Minutes

Mike Frangos motioned to approve the February 1, 2024 TCC minutes.

Het Patel seconded that motion.

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

4.1 Minutes - February 1, 2024 TCC Meeting

Requested Action: Approve minutes

**Attachments:** February Minutes

This item was approved by unanimous vote.

#### 5. Regular Business

5.1

Requested Action: Receive as information

Attachments: Staff Report

FY23 Executive Summary

FY23 TDM Annual Impact Report

Jenna Kolling, CPRC, presented this item.

Ms. Kolling, informed the TCC that the Triangle Transportation Choices program promotes Transportation Demand Management (TDM) initiatives across the Triangle region. She stated that the program supports marketing campaigns and outreach events that encourage the use of alternative transportation modes.

Ms. Kolling provided an overview FY23 Funding and Grant Recipients. She noted that 19 grants were awarded, also stating that this was the first year of using the Equity Pilot Initiative. This is funding specifically reserved for community based organizations and non-profits.

Ms. Kolling briefed the TCC on the TDM Outreach's priority areas.

She also provided an overview of the data collected for annual impacts, informing the TCC that at the end of each quarter, grant recipients submit participation data for their marketing and outreach efforts. The total number of people who may have started using or increased their use of alternative transportation modes is what is used to create the FY23 Program Participation Base.

TCC Chair Tracy Stephenson opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

5.2 US 401 Corridor Study - Final Phase

Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Endorse the US 401 Corridor Study recommendations.

Attachments: Staff Report

US 401 Corridor Study Executive Summary-2024-02-19

Comments Received Feb Mar 2024

Kenneth Withrow, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Withrow reminded the TCC that they are looking at recommendations for existing US 401 in both Wake and Harnett County.

He stated that there were also recommendations for improvements to NC 55, Angier Bypass and NC 210, as well as future long-term recommendation for US 401.

Mr. Withrow noted that project managers had come to a conclusion that improvements to existing 401 and roadways in the are would be prioritized, prior to a long term recommendation for US 401.

He informed the TCC that since February's meeting presentation of this item, there had been presentations in Angier, Harnett County and Fuquay-Varina.

Mr. Withrow stated that on February 5th, Harnett County submitted their letter of endorsement. On February 6th, the Town of Angier submitted their endorsement. He noted that a presentation was given to the Town of Fuquay Varina on Monday, March 4th, and that a recommendation of endorsement would be given at a future date. He stated that the hope is to get Fuquay-Varina's endorsement prior to Executive Board's endorsement on March 20th.

Mr. Withrow also stated that the Wake County Position, associated with the US 401 Corridor Study was provided on January 3rd.

He provided a brief summary of public comments received and stated that concerns were that intersections and interchanges should be incorporated into the project. The public comment period will run through March 19th.

TCC Chair opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

Chair Stephenson noted that the Town of Fuquay-Varina is in support of the project, and that they plan on getting a resolution together for endorsement.

Jay Sikes, Harnett County, motioned to recommend the Executive Board endorse the US 401 Corridor Study recommendations as outlined in the final report.

Tim Gardiner, Wake County, seconded that motion.

This item was recommended to the Executive Board for approval by unanimous vote.

## 5.3 Amendment #3 to FY2024-2033 Transportation Improvement Program

(TIP)

Chandler Hagen / MPO Staff

Requested Action: Recommend approval of Amendment #3 to the FY2024-2033 Transportation

Improvement Program (TIP).

Attachments: Staff Report

TIP Amendment 3 CAMPO

Chandler Hagen, CAMPO, presented this item.

Ms. Hagen stated that this item was brought to the TCC for review, last month. She stated that there was one change since then, stating that project HL-0140; Jones Sausage Road in Garner, was added.

She stated that this project was included in the March NCDOT item, and was added into the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) so that it could move forward with processing.

TCC Chair opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

Paul Black, GoTriangle, motioned to recommend approval of Amendment #3 to the FY2024-2033 TIP.

Danielle Kittredge, Town of Morrisville, seconded that motion.

This item was recommended to the Executive Board for approval by unanimous vote.

5.4 Draft FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan

Ben Howell, CAMPO and Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

Draft FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan

Ben Howell, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Howell provided a brief overview of the Draft FY 2025 Wake Transit Work Plan.

He noted a few key dates for the development process.

Mr. Howell informed the TCC that the draft was currently out for a 30 day public comment period, which started on February 26th, and ends March 26th. he also noted that on April 17th the TPAC will review engagement and consider recommending the plan for adoption.

He stated that if TPAC recommends adoption, it would then go through a 14-day public review and comment period for the recommended work plan in May. Followed by a presentation to the CAMPO and GoTriangle Boards for consideration of adoption by June.

Mr. Howell stated that the main document of the work plan includes FY25 operating and capital Budget and the financial model assumptions. It also includes an apendix that includes the multi-year operating program and the capital improvement plan.

Steve provided a presentation of the financials of the work plan was given to the TCC. Two scenarios of the budget and financial plan is included in the draft work plan. One scenario which includes the Vehicle Rental Tax, and another that excluded it.

He noted that the Commuter Rail funding has been moved to FY26.

TCC Chair opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

5.5 TCC Bylaws Amendments & Updates

Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

**Draft TCC Bylaws Update** 

Chris Lukasina, MPO Director, presented this item.

Mr. Lukasina informed the TCC that the bylaws updates includes an addition of new MPO members, which are Coats, Chatham County and Lillington. It also includes updates to reflect changes in rules, regulations and practices.

TCC Chair opened the floor and/or comments.

Het Patel, stated that he noticed that the Transportation Agencies were still listed as transit and wanted to know if the names of the transit agencies should be updated.

Mr. Lukasina responded that if the names had been formally changed, then yes they can be updated in the bylaws.

There were no further questions and/or comments.

5.6 NC 540 Bonus Allocation Update

Alex Rickard / MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

CAMPO STI\_BA\_Methodology

Alex Rickard, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Rickard provided a breakdown of the Bonus Allocation funding breakdown. He reminded the TCC that the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) law provides Bonus Allocation funding for local funding participation, highway tolling, and programming limitations.

He stated that due to programming limitations, all bonus allocation funds can be spent on regional and statewide tiers, but restricted on amount spent on the division tier.

Mr. Rickard presented CAMPO's adopted bonus allocation policy, methodology and its guiding principles.

He noted that if bonus allocation is generated by a local jurisdiction, CAMPO would work with that municipality staff to identify suitable projects for bonus allocation. He stated that the final decision belongs to the Executive Board.

Mr. Rickard gave an overview of the four phases of analysis for candidate project prioritization.

He informed the TCC that they will receive a draft recommendation of which projects to program with bonus allocation. If at that time, the Executive Board decides to move forward with the recommendation, it would then go on a 30-day public comment period.

Mr. Rickard noted that funding must be obligated by June 30, 2024.

TCC Chair opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

Tim Gardiner, Wake County, asked is Smithfield Road be included in the R-2829 Study area.

Mr. Lukasina responded yes, Smithfield Rd. is being evaluating

Luana Deans asked what municipalities are included in the buffer.

Mr. Rickard answered Raleigh, Knightdale and Garner.

5.7 DRAFT 2055 MTP Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures

Chris Lukasina, CAMPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

MTP Goals Objectives

2055 MTP Engagement Strategy
Preliminary 2055 MTP Schedule

Chris Lukasina and Bonnie Parker, CAMPO, presented this item.

Mr. Lukasina informed the TCC that the 2055 MTP Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures were out for public comment and review. He stated that we are moving into the active process of the MTP development.

Mrs. Parker, stated that as the Public Engagement Planner for CAMPO, she worked with a working group which included Staff from DCHC, Central Pines and CAMPO, to run the public engagement process for the goals development for the MTP.

She reminded the TCC that an update on the public engagement strategy was presented to the Board a few months prior.

Mrs. Parker stated that the goals for the 2050 MTP went through an online survey which included over 2000 respondents.

The work group conducted pop up events throughout the MPO. She noted that people were generally supportive. Feedback expressed that the public would like to see more transit and asked when would there be service provided to the airport.

Mrs. Parker stated that during the public engagement process, the team looked at different studies to include CAMPO studies, the US 401 Corridor Study, the Northeast Area Study and the BRT Study, to ensure these goals were still important to the region.

She provided a heat map to give a visual of the public engagement responses.

Mrs. Parker noted that feedback showed that people who lived and worked in the MPO's main concern was safety. Safety concerns based on use of technology or slower speeds. She also noted that the public has began to comment more on the land use and objectives and language used.

She informed the TCC of the next steps in the public engagement process for this item. She also stated that the next 8 months would be used to focus on raising awareness in the community to figure out alternatives.

Mr. Lukasina stated that this item will return to the Board in the Spring, to get an interim action, reaffirming these goals and objectives for use and plan development. The goal is to have this item ready for the Joint MPO meeting anticipated for May.

TCC Chair opened the floor for questions and/or comments.

There were none.

## 6. Informational Item: Budget

This item was received as information only.

6.1 Operating Budget FY2024

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Received as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

2024 Operating Budget Projection Q2

6.2 Member's Shares FY2024

Brenda Landes, MPO Staff

**Requested Action:** Received as information.

Attachments: Staff Report

2024 Projected Members Dues Q2

7. Informational Item: Project Updates

This item was received as information only.

7.1 Project Updates - March 2024

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: March Project Updates

7.2 Public Engagement Updates

Bonnie Parker, MPO Staff

Requested Action: Receive as information.

Attachments: TCC Public Engagement Updates 2024 02 29

## 8. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Report:

Mr. Lukasina provided an FFY 25 LAPP Program update, stating that the City of Raleigh took action on the Six Forks Rd Project, and unanimously adopted the full LAPP Program.

He noted that LAPP Training will be held on March 21st.

Mr. Lukasina announced that Evan Koff had been promoted to the Senior Transportation Planner position. Crystal Odum is now a Senior Transit Planner, which is a non-Wake Transit planning position. Therefore now a vacant position for Senior Wake Transit Planner position is open and closes March 13th.

He introduced new CAMPO staff members, Cara Russell, Senior Transportation Planner and Sarah Williams, the new Mobility Manager.

Mr. Lukasian informed the TCC that NCDOT had stated that they will do a toll study in late March, and have a draft report in Fall. He stated that NCDOT anticipates the cost to be about \$600,000, requesting that CAMPO partner with them to cost share on the study for about \$150,000. He noted that the Executive Board was notified at February's meeting, and the Board agreed to this. Therefore, CAMPO will be moving forward with an agreement.

Mr. Lukasina announced that MPO 101 is scheduled for March 15th.

He also stated that the NC AMPO conference is being held on April 17th through the 19th, and that you can register to attend online.

Mr. Lukasina requested that TCC members remind their Executive Board members to complete their Ethics filing requirement.

He informed the TCC that new construction on the new parking deck is anticipated to start soon. He noted that temporary parking will be available until completion.

Shelby Powell, CAMPO, added that the regional safety plan workshop is scheduled for Thursday, March 14th.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division:

No report.

NCDOT Division 4:

No report.

NCDOT Division 5:

Tracy Parrott provided updates Blue Ridge-Hillsborough rd. project, stating that work is ongoing. He stated that a new interchange on I-40 at Cleveland School Rd will be opening in 3-6 weeks.

NCDOT Division 6:

No report.

NCDOT Rail Division:

Absent.

NC Turnpike Authority:

Absent.

NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division:

Absent.

TCC Members:

Paul Black informed the TCC that RUSBUS is moving along.

## 9. Adjournment

## **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting March 20, 2024
1 Fenton Main Street 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Suite 201 Cary, NC 27511

Capital Area MPO TCC Meeting April 4, 2024
1 Fenton Main Street 10:00am - noon

Suite 201 Cary, NC 27511 Raleigh, NC 27601

Capital Area MPO TAC Meeting April 17, 2024
1 Fenton Main Street 4:00pm - 6:00pm

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