

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

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

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

4:00 PM

Conference Room

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Weinbrecht welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Present: 12 - Chair Harold Weinbrecht, John Byrne, Virginia Gray, Nancy McFarlane, Don Bumgarner, Vice Chair Sig Hutchinson, Lewis Weatherspoon, William Allen III, Vivian Jones, TJ Crawley, Neena Nowell, and Gordon Springle

Absent: 13 - Terry Hutchens, Gus Tulloss, Terry Hedlund, James Roberson, Frank Eagles, Ronnie Williams, RS "Butch" Lawter, Art Wright, Michael Schriver, Valerie Jordan, Dick Sears, Larry Wood, and Lance Olive

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

Vice Chair Sig Hutchinson read the required ethics statement. No members identified an ethics conflict for today's meeting.

4. Public Comments

Public comments were received from Ramona McGee with Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC). Ms. McGee's comments focused on objections of the Southern Environmental Law Center, Sound Rivers, and Clean Air Carolinas regarding the Complete 540 Project. Ms. McGee questioned the need for a \$2.3 Billion project, and noted that this is an outdated technology that does not account for the Wake Transit plan improvements, and has been on the books since 1968. Raleigh has changed, and loop roads are no longer preferred by transportation planners. People and businesses want dense walkable development. This recommended road is outdated. This fails to consider autonomous vehicles and ridesharing. Fewer people will own cars and human error is not as big a concern. This fails to acknowledge the impacts of the Wake Transit plan. Fewer people will own cars due to BRT, Commuter Rail and increased bus frequency; these will alter commuter patterns. Other options are available, and are outlined in the SELC's Access 2040 document, provided to attendees by Ms. McGee. Ms. McGee urged Board members to take a time out and consider whether this 1968 idea is still right for the Raleigh area.

Public comments were received from Joe Milazzo with Regional Transportation Allience. Mr. Milazzo stated there is continued support for Complete 540, and the road remains the top priority of the business community. It will create a resilient multimodal network for freight and commuters. The project will help regional transit routes move faster through the region. The project has maintained community support and has shown good planning and mitigation. It also is bolstered by a dedicated user-based funding source by way of tolls.

Written public comments were received from the Wake County Mayors Association (WCMA) in the form of a letter from WCMA President James Roberson. Mr. Roberson wrote "As it relates to the issue of Complete 540, the Mayors of Wake County all support the implementation and completion of this most important road project as soon as possible. Not only is it an economic engine for southern Wake municipalities such as Fuquay-Varina, Garner, Holly Springs, Apex and Cary - all of which have appropriately planned for the construction of 540 for decades - but also for many towns nearby including Knightdale, Wendell, Zebulon and Clayton. We also feel it will have an impact on reducing traffic on Highway 1, I-40, 55 bypass, Highway 401, Highway 42, Ten Ten Road, and other internal roads in our area. Existing I-540 in northern and western Wake County has become an essential connector for Knightdale, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Raleigh, Morrisville, Cary and Apex. Completing 540 will help our southern and eastern Wake Communities - as well as nearby Johnston County - continue to prosper by providing a direct freeway connection to I-40 as well as to the Clayton and Knightdale Bypasses."

Attachments: [Public Comments Received regarding Complete 540](#)

These comments were received as information.

5. Minutes

5.1 Meeting Minutes - February 21, 2018

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

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

6. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Jones and seconded by Member Byrne to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6.1 Triangle Region Intelligent Transportation Systems Deployment Plan Contract Approval

Paul Black

Attachments: [ITS Study Contract](#)

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

6.2 FY2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #3

Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff.

Attachments: [TIP Amendment #3](#)

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

6.3 Wake Transit Implementation: Updated Lead Agency Assignments

Adam Howell, TPAC & CAMPO Staff

Attachments: [Lead Agency Assignments - ILA Required](#)

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

End of Consent Agenda**7. Public Hearing****No Public Hearings Scheduled**

There were no public hearings scheduled for today's meeting.

8. Regular Agenda

8.1 Managed Motorways Presentation

Will Letchworth, WSP

Mr. Will Letchworth with consulting firm WSP presented materials related to Managed Motorways, including a video showing how a managed motorways system operates. He also provided information regarding how the system benefits freeways, noting that an additional lane of capacity can be achieved on existing freeways by using this coordinated technology. It's been installed in the US in Utah, Arizona, Colorado, and Georgia. Board Member Byrne asked if there are options to just move traffic to the interior lanes to free up the merge lane for oncoming vehicles. NCDOT Division 5 Engineer Joey Hopkins explained that compressing traffic into three lanes instead of four would deteriorate speeds. Board Member McFarlane asked if we need special legislation to implement the variable speed limit component of the system. Mr. Letchworth stated that yes, that would be necessary. CAMPO Director Chris Lukasina noted that CAMPO has submitted the managed motorways project to SPOT to see how it scores. Mr. Letchworth stated that the bulk of benefit comes from ramp meters that allow cars onto the freeway in concert with oncoming traffic.

Chairman Weinbrecht thanked Mr. Letchworth for his presentation.

This Informational Report was received as information.

8.2 LAPP Project Adjustments

Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff

Attachments: [LAPP Project Adjustments](#)

CAMPO Staff Gretchen Vetter reviewed the requests for additional LAPP funding that have been received, noting that these requests were high enough in value to necessitate Board approval. Fuquay-Varina has requested additional funding in the amount of \$1.0 Million in STBG-DA funds; original project cost was estimated with the 2015 bond package and costs have gone up since then. The Town of Cary has requested an additional \$1.425 million in STBG-DA funds for the Panther Creek Greenway. On this project, the Town was originally awarded CMAQ funds and the project included the trailhead and the greenway. It was then determined by FHWA that the trailhead component was not eligible for CMAQ funds, so the Town took that component out of the federally funded portion of the project. Now they have recieved bids, and they need additional funding assistance to help pay for the trailhead portion of the project.

A motion was made by Board Member John Byrne and seconded by Board Member William Allen, III, to approve the requested LAPP project adjustments. The motion carried unanimously.

8.3 LAPP Mid-Year Available Funding Report

Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff

CAMPO Staff Gretchen Vetter reported on the amount of exposed funds currently in the CAMPO LAPP program, and noted that FFY 2018 is halfway through and we still need to obligate a large amount of funding. Only 9% of FFY 2018 funds have been obligated. This, coupled with the other funds in the CAMPO account from returned projects, means that we have \$21 million exposed to rescission right now. Board Member Hutchinson asked how we are reducing the exposed funds. Ms. Vetter stated that we have a new LAPP rule that went into effect this year that takes away a submittal slot from communities that are behind on funding obligations for the current fiscal year. Also, Ms. Vetter has been spending time working with local project managers and NCDOT to ensure projects are moving forward expeditiously. Ms. Vetter noted that she will continue to keep the Board regularly updated on the MPO's funds exposed.

This Informational Report was received as information.

9. Informational Item: Budget**9.1 Member Shares - FY 2018**

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

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

Information related to the Member Shares for FY 18 was included in the attachment.

This Informational Report was received as information.

9.2 Operating Budget - FY 2018

Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

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

Information related to the FY 2018 Operating Budget was included in the attachment.

This Informational Report was received as information.

10. Informational Item: Project Updates**10.1 Project Updates**

Attachments: [Project Updates](#)

Project Updates for ongoing plans and studies was included in the attachment.

This Miscellaneous Item was received as information.

11. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Director - Mr. Lukasina stated that the MPO has hired a Transportation Planner who will start in April. We are interviewing for modelers currently. The Wake Transit Program Manager position has been posted online as well.

Mr. Lukasina asked Board Members if they would like to start receiving their agenda packets electronically, noting that paper copies could still be made available the day of the meeting. This would reduce expense on mailing and on staff time preparing agenda packets. Motion was made by Board Member Byrne, with a second by Board Member McFarlane, to change to electronic agenda distribution starting with the April meeting.

Mr. Lukasina noted that the Joint MPO Executive Committee will meet in April, and that a Joint DCHC-CAMPO MPO Board meeting will be held May 31 at RTP Headquarters.

TCC Chair - Benjamin Howell, TCC Chair, stated that he had no report.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division - Mark Eatman, NCDOT TPD, stated that the Granville County CTP was being finalized and would be brought forward to the MPO for adoption soon.

NCDOT Division 4 - Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4, stated that he had no report.

NCDOT Division 5 - Joey Hopkins, NCDOT Division 5, stated that on the Fortify project, all eastbound lanes will open in a couple of weeks. The westbound lanes will be closed for a few more months due to drainage issues. There is a tunnel under construction on Trinity Roads in the fairgrounds area. The I-40 project from the Beltline to NC 42 will be let in June. This will include a revamp of the interchange at I-40 and NC 42. I-440 is starting a month later, and will include the Blue Ridge and Hillsborough St interchange that was awarded TIGER funding.

NCDOT Division 6 - Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6, stated that he had no report.

NCDOT Rail Division - absent

NC Turnpike Authority - Keith Holliday, NCDOT Turnpike Authority, stated that there were three public meetings and a public hearing in February for the Complete 540 project. There was great turnout at those meetings. They are looking to let the project in three parts: from NC 55 to I-40 will be let at Christmas; the next two segments will be let in January or February. All three parts should be complete in 2022.

Executive Board Members - Chairman Weinbrecht introduced the Mayor of Burlington, who was in attendance at the meeting. He also reminded Board members that their Ethics requirements were due in April. Finally, he noted that the Wake County Mayors Association does not take action on anything until the vote is unanimous, so the letter regarding Complete 540 was supported by all Wake County Mayors.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

Next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2018.