

NC Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

4:00 PM

Minutes were approved at the June 20, 2018 meeting

Conference Room

Executive Board

1. Welcome and Introductions

Present: 14 - Chair Harold Weinbrecht, John Byrne, Nancy McFarlane, Terry Hedlund, Don Bumgarner, Vice Chair Sig Hutchinson, Lewis Weatherspoon, Frank Eagles, William Allen III, Gordon Springle, Dick Sears, Lance Olive, TJ Cawley, and Neena Nowell

Absent: 13 - Terry Hutchens, Gus Tulloss, Virginia Gray, James Roberson, Ronnie Williams, RS "Butch" Lawter, Art Wright, Michael Schriver, Valerie Jordan, Vivian Jones, Larry Wood, Matt Mulhollem, and Edgar Smoak

2. Adjustments to the Agenda

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

3. Ethics Statement:

4. Public Comments

There were no public comments

5. Minutes

5.1 Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2018

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes April 18, 2018 Final](#)

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

6. Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda this month.

7. Public Hearing

7.1 FY2018-2027 Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #4 Gretchen Vetter, MPO Staff

Attachments: [TIP Amendment #4](#)

The public hearing was declared open. No public comments were received. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Board Member William Allen, III, seconded by Board Member Dick Sears, that this item be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7.2**Wake Transit Implementation: FY 2019 Recommended Wake Transit Work Plan**

Adam Howell, TPAC & MPO Staff

Mr. Adam Howell, MPO Staff, reviewed the Wake Transit Work Plan as proposed for FY 19. He reiterated that the work plan will be implementing important elements in the Wake Transit Plan's four big moves. One project that has gotten very positive feedback is the rollout of the free youth fare program for ages 13-18. Youth under age 13 already ride for free. Mr. Howell also reviewed services being added in Raleigh, Cary and through GoTriangle and GoWake regional programs. There are several studies included in the work plan, including a technology study and continuation of work on the Raleigh Union Station Bus Facility design. He reminded members that 51% of revenue is still being saved for major capital projects. The work plan was out for a public comment period from April 16 through May 15. GoTriangle received 129 comments, which were provided on a handout at the meeting. The work plan continues to allocate funding for marketing and communications and planning. The MPO Executive Board will be asked to approve the FY 19 Work Plan at the June meeting.

Chairman Weinbrecht opened the public hearing.

Ms. Karen Rindge spoke at the Public Hearing on behalf of WakeUp Wake County, the Capital Area Friends of Transit and Regional Transportation Alliance. She reiterated that WakeUp had heartily supported the tax referendum vote, and they continue to support the implementation of Wake Transit. Written comments were submitted to the TPAC. It is important to build ridership and maintain public support as the transit program grows. They are pleased with the FY 19 Work Plan overall. Seven new routes and expanded service is great. She would like to see additional emphasis for GoTriangle to work with the Wake County Public School System to really publicize the youth fare program. There is a concern that so much of the budget is still being spent on planning and administration rather than service expansion. They support additional marketing and communications funding, and think some of that funding should be allocated to municipalities to increase broad awareness of Wake Transit across the county. There is very broad support for the youth fare free program as proposed. They would still like to see more investment in electric buses in addition to CNG buses; hopefully the technology study can look for ways to enhance technologies being funded by Wake Transit.

There were no other comments received at the Public Hearing. Chairman Weinbrecht closed the public hearing.

End of Public Hearings**8. Regular Agenda**

8.1**Build NC Program**

Secretary of Transportation James Trogdon, NCDOT

Mr. Lukasina introduced North Carolina Secretary of Transportation James Trogdon. He stated that Sec. Trogdon was here to discuss the proposed Build NC bond program. Sec. Trogdon thanked the Executive Board for the opportunity to speak to the MPO. Sec. Trogdon stated his number one policy priority for the next few months was the Build NC program. He stated the Build NC program was not new funding but rather a tool to leverage existing transportation financing capacity within the state. He stated the program would be a state level program that was modeled off of the federal GARVEE program and would use the Strategic Transportation Investment process (STI) to select the potential pool of projects from the regional impact and division needs categories. He further stated that this would be a new tool because most of the projects in these two categories of STI are not eligible under GARVEE rules. Sec. Trogdon continued by stating that GARVEE has been a very successful tool for the state at the statewide mobility level of STI but that was only an opportunity for 35 percent of all of the projects in STI. Sec. Trogdon presented the benefits that he see under the Build NC program including stability for transportation industry partners and communities as well as helping to continue project acceleration by as much as another 30 percent in additional projects getting funded. He stated how important this would be over the next ten years as the state continues to experience an increasing growth rate that will continue through 2045. Sec. Trogdon discussed how this growth will either be a burden or a challenging opportunity and that he prefers to view it as the latter. Commissioner Springle asked about what other sources are used in other states. Sec. Trogdon stated that there is a large variety used. In Texas oil revenues are used. In Florida additional gas tax and sales tax have been implemented and in Virginia sales tax and other feed have been implemented. Sec. Trogdon stated that the question of what the right sources are for North Carolina is a question for the community. Commissioner Hutchinson asked if a referendum was not required to implement the new program. Sec. Trogdon stated that was correct, no referendum was needed. Commissioner Hutchinson asked what could Executive Board members could do with legislators. Sec. Trogdon stated that discussions with them about the importance and benefits of the new tool would be helpful. Sec. Trogdon concluded by stating support information would be shared through the CAMPO staff for distribution and thanked the Executive Board for the opportunity to meet with them.

This presentation was received as information.

8.2 Prioritization (SPOT) 5.0 - Regional Impact Local Input Point Allocation

Alex Rickard / MPO Staff

Attachments: [CAMPO P5 RegionalPts v2](#)

Mr. Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff reviewed this item. He presented the first draft of regional input points, and reviewed the updates to the SPOT methodology document for the MPO, noting that there were only format and clarification changes, not substantive ones. He reviewed the proposed modal mix targets for regional points on the SPOT 5 projects. Transit would receive 300; rail would receive 600; road would receive 1600; bike/pedestrian would receive 0 because there are no bike/pedestrian projects eligible for the regional tier; and aviation would receive 0 because the MPO has no regional tier aviation projects in the competition. Mr. Lukasina reviewed the budgets the state is working with for this year, noting that region A has \$280,308,000 available and Region C has \$476,516,000 available. The MPO's points will be due for finalization in July. He reminded the Board of the schedule, noting that the draft STIP for regional tier projects will be released this fall, and the MPO will assign points to Division tier projects at that time. The MPO will hold a public hearing and finalize regional tier point allocation at the June meeting.

This Informational Report was received as information.

8.3 Performance Management Data Sharing Agreement

Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Draft TPM Data Sharing Agreement](#)

Mr. Chris Lukasina, MPO Staff, reviewed this item. He noted that CAMPO, NCDOT and the fixed route transit agencies would be parties to this agreement, and he noted that NCDOT has established transit asset management and safety targets that the MPO concurs with. This agreement is required by the federal government to ensure proper data sharing amongst all parties to enable the state to accurately assess whether targets are being met. The agreement is due by May 20, 2018. A draft agreement was prepared and distributed by NCDOT and is still under review at the City of Raleigh and Town of Cary legal departments. He noted that this region already shares the data that is required in this agreement, so this is mostly formalizing a practice that already occurs.

A motion was made by Board Member John Byrne, seconded by Board Member TJ Cawley, that this item be approved and authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8.4 2018 BikeWalk Summit

Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Mr. Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff, reviewed this item. He noted that the annual BikeWalkNC summit will be held in Raleigh this year, and the MPO is assisting in the program development. Several local greenway efforts will be highlighted. The summit will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center on October 19-20, 2018. He encouraged the Board members to consider participation.

This Informational Report was received as information.

8.5 Triangle Strategic Tolling Study - Update
Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff

Attachments: [Triangle Tolling Study Update](#)

Mr. Kenneth Withrow, MPO Staff, reviewed this item. He reminded the Board that the first modern toll facility in NC is located within the CAMPO region, and this study is evaluating how tolling and other managed lane technology can be used to further the capacity of our transportation network. There is a Tier 1 screening underway by the consultant right now, and several stakeholder interviews and meetings were held this past winter. One of the things the consultant is currently researching is equality initiatives in other tolling projects, and best practices for operations. Those were two issues that came up at several stakeholder interviews. Chairman Weinbrecht asked if there would be time devoted to evaluating how well the 540 toll road is meeting expectations that were set out for that project; Mr. Withrow stated that was not in the current project scope, but he would see if the consultants have that information available.

This Special Studies Item was received as information.

9. Informational Item: Budget

9.1 Member Shares - FY 2018
Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [FY 2018 PROJECTED Member Dues QTR 3](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

9.2 Operating Budget - FY 2018
Lisa Blackburn, MPO Staff

Attachments: [FY 2018 PROJECTED Budget QTR 3](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

10. Informational Item: Project Updates

10.1 Project Updates

Attachments: [Project-Updates-2018-5-16-ExBd.docx](#)

This Informational Report was received as information.

11. Informational Item: Staff Reports

MPO Executive Director - Mr. Lukasina provided an update on the status of vacant MPO staff positions. He stated that it was his hope the Wake Transit Program Manager position will be filled at the start of the new fiscal year with the Wake Transit Planner position getting filled in the August/September timeframe. Mr. Lukasina stated that the MPO staff would be starting another round of one on one meetings with member jurisdictions. He reminded the group that this was a periodic check in opportunity with interested MPO member agencies. Mr. Lukasina concluded by stating that many had probably noticed the declining quality of the audio-visual capabilities in the meeting room and that an upgrade was in the works with an eye to have it completed by the end of the summer.

TCC Chair - No Report

NCDOT TPD - Mr. Eatman stated that the Granville County CTP was being presented to the NC Board of Transportation for consideration.

NCDOT Div. 4 - No Report

NCDOT Div. 5 - No Report

NCDOT Div. 6 - No Report

NCDOT Rail Division - Not Present

NC Turnpike Authority - No Report

Executive Board Comments - Mayor McFarlane noted that there has been a lot of interest in an accelerated project at Crabtree Valley and I-440, and asked whether this will start before the Wade Ave interchange project or if it will be done all at once. Chris Lukasina stated that the Wade Ave interchange is part of the I-440 widening project, which has an August 2018 let date for the design-build project. He noted it was unclear at this point when the actual work on Wade Ave would begin as part of that overall project. He stated that the Crabtree Valley project has a let date of 2022 for the design-build project, so that will likely be advertised within the next year. Richard Hancock, NCDOT Div 5, noted that the construction time for I-440 is lengthy and that NCDOT will take steps to avoid conflicts in other projects. Mayor McFarlane said there was a study done by the City that had a recommendation to take out the ability to get on Ridge Road from I-440. Mr. Hancock noted that the environmental work for the project will look at several alternatives and that recommendation will be one of the alternatives studied. Mayor McFarlane stated that the impression given to Raleigh citizens at the recent public meetings was that decisions had already been made on the project, and that citizens are concerned that Ridge Road will become a defacto bypass while I-440 and Wade Ave are under construction. Mr. Hancock noted that the I-440 project will start in the next fiscal year and last 3-4 years, and will be winding down as the construction on I-5870 (Crabtree project) will begin ramping up. Mr. Lukasina noted that CAMPO has discussed the potential conflict with NCDOT and is hoping to organize another transportation fair next spring that focuses on the projects in this area to ensure the public is fully aware of whats going on with each project.

These updates were received as information

12. Adjournment