



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Richard Allen (TAC Chairman - Peachland), Tony Dennis (Stanly County - Alt.), Scott Efrid (Locust), Calvin Gaddy (New London), Martha Sue Hall (Albemarle), Jim Harrison (Badin), Jim Misenheimer (Richfield), Bobby Sikes (Anson County), Larry Smith (Red Cross), John Underwood (NCDOT Division 10).

Members Absent: Allan Baucom (Union County), John Collett (Board of Transportation), Walter Edwards (Ansonville), Henry Furr (Polkton), Aaron Helms (Stanfield), Roy Helms (Oakboro), Mike Riemann (Misenheimer), Harold Thompson (Norwood) and Denise Whitley (Marshville).

Others Present: Troy Alexander (Albemarle), Reuben Crummy (NCDOT-TPB), Tim Fesperman (TCC Chairman - Locust), Jack Flaherty (NCDOT Transit), Dana Stoogenke (RPO), Betty Whitley (RPO), and Rebecca Yarbrough (Centralina COG).

A. Welcome

The meeting convened at 6:08 pm. Quorum was established.

B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

A motion was made by Scott Efrid to approve the agenda and Tony Dennis seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

C. Approval of minutes (Approved)

A motion was made by Scott Efrid to approve the September 16, 2010 minutes and it was seconded by Tony Dennis. It passed unanimously.

D. Election of Officers (Approved)

Dana opened the floor for nominations to elect a Chairman for the TAC. Martha Sue Hall nominated Richard Allen. No other nominations were received. Martha Sue Hall asked that the nominations be closed and made a motion that Richard Allen be re-elected as chairman of the TAC for 2011 by acclamation. Calvin Gaddy seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

The floor was then opened for nominations to elect a Vice Chairman. Scott Efrid nominated Gene McIntyre. No other nominations were received. Scott Efrid asked that the nominations be closed and made a motion that Gene McIntyre be re-elected as Vice Chairman of the TAC for 2011 by acclamation. Calvin Gaddy seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

E. Resolution to Endorse the Anson County CTP (Approved)

The Anson County Comprehensive Transportation Plan was adopted by Anson County and all of its jurisdictions. The TCC recommended that it be endorsed by

the TAC. Tony Dennis made a motion that the resolution be adopted. Bobby Sikes seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

F. Local Coordinated Plan (LCP) (Information)

Jack Flaherty (NCDOT-Transit) discussed the transit needs for our area. Jack Flaherty coordinated the Union County Local Coordinated Plan which detailed the needs in that county. The Stanly County LCP is almost complete. The Anson County LCP had an initiation meeting, but the text of the document has not been completed. Bobby Sikes said that he will make the new Anson County manager aware of this delay.

G. Regional Transportation Study (Information)

Rebecca Yarbrough with Centralina Council of Governments (COG) provided an update on the Regional Transportation Study. The initial "roll out" of the Regional Transportation Study took place this past Monday. Many stakeholders attended the meeting and were able to vote on the issues. The vast majority did not think merger of the MPOs and RPOs was a good idea. Instead, evaluating the St. Petersburg, Florida model was something that was highly regarded.

COG would also like to have someone represent the TAC and take part in the upcoming discussions. Tony Dennis agreed to represent the RPO and Dana Stoogenke will act as the alternate.

H. Transportation Ranking Criteria: Highway & Non-Highway (Information)

Dana Stoogenke advised members that it is time to update the Transportation Improvement Program prioritization list for highway projects. This year we have also been asked to rank all non-highway projects (bike, walking, etc.). In November the TCC staff decided to form a sub-committee group to review the current ranking criteria. This group will meet twice in December and will report back to the TAC in January.

I. Transportation Improvement Projects: Call for Projects (Information)

NCDOT staff wants all project lists updated by spring 2011. If your jurisdiction has new items to include in the TIP, please fill out the attached form and return to the RPO by January 3, 2011.

J. Mobility Fund (Information)

The Mobility Fund was created to provide funding for large projects like the Yadkin River Bridge Replacement. NCDOT staff has drafted two potential ranking processes for ranking Mobility Fund projects. Barry Moose stated that there is going to be a third option which will be a "hybrid" between the first and second option. The TCC felt that the TAC should wait until it sees what all three options are before making any recommendations. The third option will be released sometime in December and the TCC will come back with its recommendation in January.

K. NCDOT Updates

a. County Updates - John Underwood

- **Union and Anson Counties:** Anson County resurfacing projects are mostly finished. NCDOT staff is wrapping up its resurfacing contract for 2010. NCDOT staff is actively working to create resurfacing plans for 2011 for both Union and Anson Counties.

The North Carolina Turnpike Authority has opened bids for the Monroe Bypass. The actual low bidder was about 100 million below NCDOT engineers' estimate. NCDOT engineers' estimate for the project was \$465 million. The low bid came in around \$367 million; which will be a joint venture between Fox Paving, United Infrastructure and Anderson Columbia.

The Southern Environmental Law Center has filed an injunctive complaint trying to stop the Monroe Bypass project. It is NCTA's hope that the injunction will not be granted. \$270 million in bonds with an investment grade rating of triple-b were already sold.

- **Stanly County:** NCDOT staff finished all the resurfacing work for 2010 and is currently putting together the resurfacing plans for 2011. Ridge Street at the Northeast Connector is being studied. NCDOT staff is looking at several options (i.e., roundabout). TAC members had concerns about degrading the traffic flow on with Northeast Connector with a roundabout.

b. Transportation Planning Branch- Reuben Crummy

- Union County CTP: The report is in internal review with a possible finish date sometime this year.
- Anson County CTP: The CTP is in the endorsement process. It should be adopted by the BOT early 2011.
- Stanly County CTP: The maps are in internal review.
- Albemarle and Badin CTP: The first meeting was held for the CTP. The planning area boundary was changed to include New London.

L. Old Business (Information)

a. CMAQ

The Grade Plus Program administered by Mecklenburg Air Quality was the only project that met all CMAQ criteria, therefore, it was the only project that qualified to receive the funds.

b. Sustainable Community Update

COG did not get the Sustainable Community Grant it had hoped for.

M. New Business

2011 TAC /TCC Schedule: The 5 schedule was reviewed.

N. Public Comment

One of our current members; Allan Baucom Commissioner-Union County, did not seek re-election. A certificate of appreciation will be sent to Allan for all his hard work and dedication to the Technical Advisory Committee.

O. Adjourned

Adopted: This the 20th day of January, 2011

Richard B. Allen - TAC, Chairman

Attest:

Dana Stoogenke, Secretary