



AGENDA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Amend/Adopt Agenda.....Richard Allen, Chairman
(ACTION NEEDED)

2. Approval of Minutes from November 2009.....Richard Allen, Chairman
(ACTION NEEDED)

3. Election of New Vice-Chairperson.....Richard Allen, Chairman
(ACTION NEEDED)

Background: The Rocky River RPO needs to elect a new Vice-Chairman. The issue was tabled at the November meeting.

4. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).....Reuben Crummy (NCDOT)
(INFORMATION)

Background: The Union County Comprehensive Transportation Plan has been drafted and will soon be released to the public. Reuben Crummy with the North Carolina Department of Transportation Planning Branch will present the draft plan.

5. Census and Legislation.....Dana Stoogenke (RPO)
(ACTION NEEDED)

Background: The 2010 Census will redefine MPO and RPO boundaries. The information will not be available until 2011. However, the Rocky River RPO has to prepare to shift its boundaries. The current Rural Planning Legislation has two major criteria: 1) Minimum of three counties and 2) Total population over 50,000. After the next census, the RPO will most likely be down to only two counties. RPO staff would like direction on steps to secure the organization.

6. Legacy Update.....Maurice Ewing (Union County Partnership for Progress)
(INFORMATION)

Background: The Union County Partnership for Progress is working to create a Legacy (ED project) outside the Town of Marshville. Staff would like to give the RPO an update.

7. NCDOT Updates

a. County Updates.....Division Staff

- b. Transportation Planning Branch.....Reuben Crummy
- 8. Old Business
 - a. Be Aware of Your Air.....Dana Stoogenke (RPO)
 - b. Grade Plus.....Dana Stoogenke (RPO)
 - c. MPO Merger Study.....Dana Stoogenke (RPO)
- 9. New Business
- 10. Public Comment
- 11. Adjourn

Next meeting:
Tuesday, March 18th (6:00-8:00)
Location: Polkton (Horne) Library at SPCC



Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bobby Sikes (Anson County), Minnie Staton (Polkton), Jim Harrison (Badin), Larry Smith (Red Cross), Harold Thompson (TAC Chairman - Norwood), Denise Whitley (TAC Vice Chair - Marshville), Martha Sue Hall (City of Albemarle), Richard Allen (Peachland), Roy Helms (Oakboro), Michael Riemann (Misenheimer X-alt.) and Calvin Gaddy (New London X-alt.).

Members Absent: Jason Smith (Stanfield), Wade Barbee (Richfield), Allen Baucom (Union County), Harold Green (Locust), Gene McIntyre (Stanly County), Peter Edquist (Misenheimer), Charlie Akin (New London), William Thompson (Ansonville) and Tony Dennis (NC Board Member).

Others Present: Larry Milano (Badin), Larry Branch (Oakboro), Richard Hancock (NCDOT Div. 10), Justin Burr (NC House Representative), Dana Stoogenke (RPO), Reuben Crummy (NCDOT), Carl Gibilaro (Consultant- PBSJ), J. Reid Simons (NC Turnpike Authority), and Betty Whitley (RPO).

A. Welcome

The meeting convened at 6:00 pm and quorum was established.

Harold Thompson welcomed Justin P. Burr as a special guest for tonight's meeting. Justin Burr is the North Carolina House Representative for District 67 (Union, Stanly and Montgomery Counties).

B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

There were no changes to the agenda. Denise Whitley made a motion to adopt the agenda and Richard Allen seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

C. Approval of minutes (Approved)

There were no changes to the minutes. A motion was made by Martha Sue Hall to approve the minutes of September 24, 2009. The motion was seconded by Minnie Staton and passed unanimously.

D. Election of New Officers (Approved)

Dana Stoogenke opened the floor for nomination to elect a chairman for the TAC. Richard Allen was nominated by Calvin Gaddy. Martha Sue Hall made motion that nominations be closed and that Richard Allen be elected by acclamation. Calvin Gaddy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Dana opened the floor for nominations to elect a Vice Chairman for the TAC. Jim Harrison was nominated, but Jim had other obligations and could not serve. There were no other nominations from the group. Martha Sue Hall made a motion that the election of TAC Vice Chairman be tabled until January 21, 2010. Richard Allen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

E. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) (Approved)

Every year, NCDOT requests RPOs submit their Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Priority Lists. The City of Albemarle and Town of Badin have a joint Thoroughfare Plan that was completed in 2001. This is the only outdated plan within the RPO. All three other county-wide plans are in progress.

Martha Sue Hall made a motion to approve the CTP Priority List. Calvin Gaddy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

F. Monroe Bypass Connector (Information)

Presentation made by J. Reid Simons

Reid Simons, the director of public affairs for NC Turnpike Authority, and Carl Gibilaro, the Chief Engineer for Monroe's Bypass, gave a presentation on the Monroe Bypass Connector. The Monroe Bypass Connector draft has been completed. The new "open toll" highway will be a 20-mile stretch of road from Monroe to Marshville. It will be called the Monroe Parkway.

This is an \$800 million project for North Carolina and will be financed for 39 years. Money collected from the tolls will repay the loan. This will be the second toll road in the state.

Vehicles traveling the new Monroe Parkway will be charged between 10-20 cents per mile. For those who travel the toll road, you can prepay and receive easy pass stickers. Overhead transponders will be positioned to read stickers placed on car windows. This will allow traffic to keep moving. For more information regarding "open road tolling" or the Monroe Bypass, you can visit www.ncturnpike.org.

G. Monroe Bypass Connector Resolution (Tabled)

Calvin Gaddy made a request that the Monroe Bypass Connector resolution be tabled. Richard Allen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

H. Badin Bicycle Resolution (Tabled)

Jim Harrison requested the bike resolution for Badin be tabled. The Town is not going to apply for a Bicycle Master Plan this year.

I. NCDOT Updates

a. Stimulus and County Updates (Information)

Update by Richard Hancock

- Bridge replacement-Anson County: Two bridges are being replaced on Pinkston River Road. The total cost will be of \$2.2 million and will be completed in September 2011.
- NC 218-Anson County: The road will be upgraded from NC 205 to Hwy 74. It should be completed by December 2009.
- Hwy 74: Parts of the road will be resurfaced.
- US 52- Stanly County: The road relocation of from Hwy 24/27 and Hwy 138 is currently underway and scheduled for completion in Feb 2011.
- Ridge Street-Stanly County: This project was scheduled for let and then was *accelerated*.
- Bridge on Hwy 73- Stanly County: There is a temporary bridge in place. It will \$2.7 million to build and is scheduled for completion by the end of next year.
- Hwy 24/27-Stanly County: This road is set for completion in April of next year. Next spring, NCDOT will put down one more layer of pavement.
- Bridge replacement-Stanly County: The bridge over Long Creek on St. Martin Road is scheduled for let in February 2010.
- NC 205-Union County: The road will be resurfaced and rehabbed from US 74 to Marshville city limits and from the other side of Marshville to Olive Branch Road.
- The Snyder Greenway project (phase 2) is being worked on.

b. Transportation Planning Branch Update (Information)

Update provided by: Reuben Crummy

- Union County CTP: Still working on the internal review. CTP maps will be ready soon. Then we will be ready for public involvement.
- Stanly County CTP: We are still collecting data. There are a few issues involving recommendations for Albemarle and Stanly County. Once these issues are resolved we will be able to move forward.
- Anson County and Wadesboro CTP: We are currently working on alternatives and deficiencies.
- Norwood CTP: Writing the report. It should be completed in December.

J. Old Business (Information)

- a. **SPOT program:** The SPOT program database was prioritized and submitted to Raleigh in October. SPOT staff has requested that the TAC reevaluate project # 3 (R-2411), the Wadesboro Bypass, and replace it with a new and much larger project (R-4441) which involves all of Hwy 74 from Rockingham to I-485. The TAC did not rank R-4441. We ranked our individual projects. Martha Sue Hall made a motion to keep the smaller project as the recommendation and Michael Riemann seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- b. **The Grade Plus Program:** This program offered grants to replace older diesel engines with newer efficient running engines. The Grade Plus Program has not awarded any grants monies yet. Staff will keep you posted.

Union County submitted 19 projects, Stanly County submitted 4 projects and Anson County submitted 8 projects.

- c. **Centralina's COG:** Martha Sue Hall gave an update on Centralina's "Clean Air for Children" Program. COG made a presentation to the principals and the school board members in Stanly County. They have successfully distributed banners, bookmarks and other literature regarding air pollution to all elementary school children in Stanly and Union Counties. Anson County's school system still has not had this presentation even though efforts have been made to inform the school board.

K. New Business

- a. **New Schedule for 2010 TAC Meetings:**

The new 2010 schedule for the TAC meetings have been included in the agenda packet.

- b. **Mega MPO:**

There are four MPOs and two RPOs in the Charlotte Region. There is currently discussion to merge these entities to make transportation planning more efficient in the region. Last year, Senator Coldfelter created legislation to encourage the area to merge into one MPO by giving an additional tax incentive to do so.

Centralina Council of Governments is conducting a study about this and it will be in January 2010. Also, the Charlotte Regional Partnership is having meetings about this topic as well. Dana

Stoogenke will be attending the meetings and keep everyone updated.

L. Public Comment

- Justin Burr spoke to the group about the importance of improving the infrastructure and roadways that run through our area. These improvements will benefit everyone in our community. It will allow for new development and will bring jobs to our area.
- Dana Stoogenke, Director of Rocky River RPO, presented certificates to members who will not be attending TAC meetings in 2010. Minnie Staton (Polkton) received a certificate of appreciation for her involvement with the TAC. The following individuals were not present tonight, but will receive a certificate of appreciation: Harold Green (Locust), Tony Dennis (Board Member) and Larry McMahan (Norwood).

M. Adjourned at 7:36 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Adopted: This the 21st, day of January, 2010.

Richard Allen, TAC Chairman

Attest:

Dana Stoogenke, Secretary



TAC Survey:

In order to serve our member governments better, please take the time to fill out the RPO survey. Please be honest. Your names are not on this survey!

What is important to you?	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
1. Construction of roads to promote new jobs	1	2	3	4
2. Preservation of historic buildings and sites	1	2	3	4
3. Reduction of air pollution	1	2	3	4
3. Preservation of land for future highways	1	2	3	4
4. Planting trees and shrubs along roads	1	2	3	4
5. Reducing traffic accidents	1	2	3	4
6. Connecting existing streets	1	2	3	4
7. Using public transportation	1	2	3	4
8. Minimizing construction costs of new roads	1	2	3	4
9. Maintaining exiting roads before building new roads	1	2	3	4
10. Improving the timing and coordination of traffic signals	1	2	3	4
11. Protecting homes and businesses along existing roads	1	2	3	4
12. Increasing capacity of streets to adequately handle traffic	1	2	3	4
13. Developing new roads to relieve congestion on existing streets	1	2	3	4
14. Building greenways (e.g., nature trails or rail trails)	1	2	3	4
15. Building bicycle lanes	1	2	3	4
16. Providing transportation for the elderly	1	2	3	4
17. Protecting neighborhoods from truck traffic	1	2	3	4
18. Increasing funding for highway construction	1	2	3	4

What topics would you like to learn more about?	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important
19. How NCDOT works	1	2	3	4
20. How the RPO works	1	2	3	4
21. How access management can help protect the way roads work	1	2	3	4
22. How NCDOT acquires road right-of-way	1	2	3	4
23. How accident data is collected and the way it can be used	1	2	3	4
24. How the average daily traffic count data is collected and the way it can be used	1	2	3	4
25. How the NCDOT freight study may impact the RPO	1	2	3	4
26. How the North Carolina Turnpike Authorities projects are developing	1	2	3	4
27. How local economic activities may impact transportation infrastructure	1	2	3	4
28. How Mitigation Banking is conducted	1	2	3	4
29. How the Scenic Byway program works	1	2	3	4
30. How air quality issues are handled	1	2	3	4
31. How secondary road priority lists are created	1	2	3	4
32. How road projects are priorities	1	2	3	4
33. How greenways, bike paths, and sidewalks are paid for and constructed	1	2	3	4
34. How the Mega MPO transportation study is developing	1	2	3	4

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 50 and 58

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RIN 2060-AP98

National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Based on its reconsideration of the primary and secondary national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone (O₃) set in March 2008, EPA proposes to set different primary and secondary standards than those set in 2008 to provide requisite protection of public health and welfare, respectively. With regard to the primary standard for O₃, EPA proposes that the level of the 8-hour primary standard, which was set at 0.075 ppm in the 2008 final rule, should instead be set at a lower level within the range of 0.060 to 0.070 parts per million (ppm), to provide increased protection for children and other "at risk" populations against an array of O₃-related adverse health effects that range from decreased lung function and increased respiratory symptoms to serious indicators of respiratory morbidity including emergency department visits and hospital admissions for respiratory causes, and possibly cardiovascular-related morbidity as well as total non-accidental and cardiopulmonary mortality. With regard to the secondary standard for O₃, EPA proposes that the secondary O₃ standard, which was set identical to the revised primary standard in the 2008 final rule, should instead be a new cumulative, seasonal standard expressed as an annual index of the sum of weighted hourly concentrations, cumulated over 12 hours per day (8 am to 8 pm) during the consecutive 3-month period within the O₃ season with the maximum index value, set at a level within the range of 7 to 15 ppm-hours, to provide increased protection against O₃-related adverse impacts on vegetation and forested ecosystems.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received by March 22, 2010.

Public Hearings: Three public hearings are scheduled for this proposed rule. Two of the public hearings will be held on February 2, 2010 in Arlington, Virginia, and Houston, Texas. The third public hearing will be held on February 4, 2010 in Sacramento, California.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0172, by one of the following methods:

- *http://www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov.

- *Fax:* 202-566-9744.

- *Mail:* Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0172, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail code 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. Please include a total of two copies.

- *Hand Delivery:* Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0172, Environmental Protection Agency, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Public Hearings: Three public hearings are scheduled for this proposed rule. Two of the public hearings will be held on February 2, 2010 in Arlington, Virginia and Houston, Texas. The third public hearing will be held on February 4, 2010 in Sacramento, California. The hearings will be held at the following locations:

Arlington, Virginia—February 2, 2010

Hyatt Regency Crystal City @ Reagan National Airport, Washington Room (located on the Ballroom Level), 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202, Telephone: 703-418-1234.

Houston, Texas—February 2, 2010

Hilton Houston Hobby Airport, Moody Ballroom (located on the ground floor), 8181 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77061, Telephone: 713-645-3000.

Sacramento, California—February 4, 2010

Four Points by Sheraton Sacramento International Airport, Natomas Ballroom, 4900 Duckhorn Drive, Sacramento, California 95834, Telephone: 916-263-9000.

See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** under "Public Hearings" for further information.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0172. The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business

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Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744 and the telephone number for the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center is (202) 566-1742.

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