



# AGENDA TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**1. Ethics Statement**  
Bobby Usrey, Chairperson

**2. Amend/Adopt Agenda**  
Bobby Usrey, Chairperson.....(ACTION NEEDED)

**3. Approval of Minutes from May 2015**  
Bobby Usrey, Chairperson.....(ACTION NEEDED)

**4. Freight Study Appointment (10 minutes)**  
Dana Stoogenke, RRRPO Staff.....(ACTION NEEDED)

*Background: The Regional Freight Study kicked off in June. Each planning organization was asked to appoint two TAC representatives.*

**5. Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) Schedule (30 minutes)**  
Dana Stoogenke, RRRPO Staff .....(ACTION NEEDED)

*Background: The STI Sub Committee met several times to discuss which projects should be submitted to NCDOT. The list and maps need to be reviewed by the TCC and if appropriate recommended to the TAC. The TAC needs to review the information and take action, if appropriate.*

**6. Stanly County Socio-Economic Data (20 minutes)**  
Dana Stoogenke, RRRPO Staff .....(ACTION NEEDED)

*Background: The Metrolina Regional Model helps determine travel patterns and emissions for the Charlotte Region. Stanly and Union Counties are part of the model. The 2014 socio-economic data update needs to be reviewed. The TAC needs to review the information and take action, if appropriate.*

**7. Legislative Review (10 minutes)**  
Dana Stoogenke, RRRPO Staff .....(INFORMATION)

*Background: There are many proposed transportation-related bills in the North Carolina General Assembly.*

**8. NCDOT Updates** *(10 minutes)*

- a. County Updates.....Division Staff
- b. Transportation Planning Branch.....Reuben Crummy

**10. Old Business** *(10 minutes)*

- a. CommunityViz
- b. Transit Update

**11. New Business** *(10 minutes)*

- a. Pedestrian/Bicycle Counters- site request

**11. Public Comment**

**12. Adjourn**

**Next meeting:**  
**September, Thursday 17 (6pm-8pm)**  
Location: Horne Library at SPCC/Polkton



## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Members Present:** Bob Usrey (Chair – Wadesboro), Richard Allen (Peachland), Joseph Burleson (Stanly County), Barbara Carpenter (Red Cross), Myra Dalglish (Polkton-NVM), Michael Herron, Roger Hypes (Locust), (Misenheimer), Larry Milano (Badin), Stony Rushing (Union County) Minnie Staton (Polkton-NVM), Chris Whitley (Albemarle)

**Members Absent:** Frank Aikmus (Union County), Steve Bradley (Norwood), Tate Daniels (New London), Scottie Heglar (Richfield), Lyndell Ingram (Ansonville), Jarvis Woodburn (Vice Chair – Anson County)

**Others Present:** Scott Cole (NCDOT), Reuben Crummy (NCDOT), Joe Lesch (Union County), Catherine Peele (RPO), Dana Stoogenke (RPO)

### 1. Welcome

The meeting convened at 6:00 pm. Quorum was established.

### 2. Ethics Statement

The Ethics Statement was read to members by Chairperson Bob Usrey.

### 3. Approval of Agenda (Approved)

A motion was made by Michael Herron to approve the agenda and was seconded by Chris Whitley. It passed unanimously.

### 4. Approval of Minutes from March 2015 (Approved)

A motion was made by Richard Allen to approve the Minutes from March 2015 and was seconded by Michael Herron. It was approved unanimously.

### 5. Conformity Determination Report (Approved)

Dana Stoogenke, RPO

The air quality document for the Charlotte region will be released in June and affects Union County. Joseph Burleson made a motion to accept the determination for release. The motion was seconded by Stony Rushing and was approved unanimously.

### 6. Five-Year Calendar (Approved)

Dana Stoogenke, RPO

Dana Stoogenke gave an overview of several projects predicted to occur within the next five years. The calendar has been approved by NCDOT. Michael Herron made

a motion to approve the calendar. It was seconded by Chris Whitley and was approved unanimously.

## 7. Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) Schedule

Dana Stoogenke, RPO

- a. NCDOT is in the process of normalizing their project database, which will include removing approximately 800 projects. Funded projects will remain in the database, but several projects will need to be re-submitted. The STI sub-committee will reconvene to determine which projects to resubmit.
- b. A handout explaining the changes suggested by the P4.0 Workgroup was reviewed.

## 8. Legislative Review

Dana Stoogenke, RPO

- a. A summary of relevant transportation bills in the General Assembly was discussed.
  - **SB 20:** Gas Tax stabilization.
  - **SB 617:** Road Diet restrictions.
  - **SB 654:** Corridor Preservation Official Map.
  - **SB 396:** MPO/RPO study restrictions.
  - **HB 232:** Bicycle Safety Laws study.
  - **HB 672:** Removal of Division Engineers' STI points; Removal of ferry replacement from STI process.
  - **HB 76:** Study MPO/RPO oversight.
  - **HB 940/SB 713:** Governor's Budget, including \$1.5 billion transportation bond.
  - **HB 183:** Repeal of the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act.
  - **HB 927:** Change to gas tax revenue composition.

## 9. NCDOT Updates

- a. Stanly County Updates: Scott Cole
  - Monroe Parkway:
    1. All permits received last week and notice to begin construction was given to contractor last Friday.
    2. Purchasing right-of-way ongoing.
- b. Transportation Planning Branch: Reuben Crummy
  - Met with Red Cross City Council on Monday May 11.
  - Met with Locust City Council on Thursday, May 14.
  - Met with Stanly County Commissioners Meeting on Monday, May 18.
  - Recommendation is for a boulevard in Locust paralleling Hwy 24/27.
  - Public workshops scheduled for June.
  - Proposed adoption in July.

**10. Old Business:** Scott Cole reported that the Garrison Bridge has a sufficiency rating of 87 out of 100. The bridge requires ongoing maintenance but not replacement.

**11. New Business:** Larry Milano requested items to be removed from the edge of Highway 740 where repavement had occurred. Scott Cole explained NCDOT's methodology for resurfacing and limitations on highway widening.

**12. Public Comment:** None

**13. Adjourned at 7:00 pm.**

A motion was made by to adjourn and Joseph Burleson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Adopted: This the 16th day of July, 2015.

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Bobby Usrey, Chairperson

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Dana Stoogenke, Secretary



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# Greater Charlotte Regional Freight Mobility Plan

## Status Report – June 2015

### Why do the Freight Mobility Study?

- According to Federal Highway Administration Data, other states are further ahead of North Carolina in starting their MAP-21-required Freight Strategic Plans. It is important for this region to begin looking at these issues, especially given the need to support strong growth in freight movement due to Panamax traffic and the intermodal facility, and to support Export and Advanced Industries.
- The 2015-2016 Regional Freight Planning Initiative will provide data, engagement, and findings needed by our MPOs for their Metropolitan Transportation Plans (MTPs).
- Freight logistics are important to rural development, as delays and/or efficiencies impact business success, company productivity, and local jobs.
- As part of the upcoming changes to MAP-21, USDOT will require NCDOT to conduct a Statewide Strategic Freight Plan in the next two-three years. Our region will have a strategic advantage by beginning now to address pressing needs. Starting now ensures that our region’s freight plan will inform the statewide plan. CCOG has reviewed the initial MAP-21 recommendations concerning what the USDOT will want from State DOTs in advance of writing an RFP, and will continue to monitor them until they are finalized (expected mid-2015). NCDOT has been part of an early stakeholder group to provide input on this process.
- USDOT is focused on funding initiatives and facilities based on data-driven planning—known as “Performance Measurement”—to prioritize national investments. Having a freight plan now, will provide indicators needed to measure performance towards local, MPO, and NCDOT goals.
- Data collected as part of the freight study will complement MPO efforts towards local and MPO-wide scenario planning, as encouraged through MAP-21.



### FLOW Project Elements:

The Centralina region must start this work now to ensure competitiveness of its freight systems and be positioned for future federal and state assistance. The FLOW initiative will begin in spring 2015, with a target completion date of December 2016. The project will proceed in phases as funding is secured and based on MAP-21 requirements, the Scope of Work will:

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- Include new analyses to understand the current and future levels of freight network activity (truck and rail) on a systemic (freeway/local roads) and land parcel basis, as well as the identification of new technologies to improve freight flow and transfer processes, which will help attract additional logistics business to the region.
- Serve all parts of the region, including suburban and rural areas. This is important since access to freight continues to be a key foundation of local economic development systems.
- Include a steering committee (and a Freight Advisory Committee) to involve key regional and national freight experts—manufacturers, shippers and brokers—those who know and rely upon the network in place but who also have additional insight into future needs.
- Meet the MAP-21 requirements as related to the MPO and the NCDOT Strategic Plans.

### **Recent Actions:**

- CCOG has worked with this region's MPOs/RPO and presented to multiple local governing boards to gain support and funding commitments for the regional freight study.
- A scope of work was developed in concert with the MPOs/RPO and input from NCDOT and FHWA.
- A competitive Request for Proposals was sent to freight firms, consultant teams were interviewed, and a consultant was selected to complete the Regional Freight Plan.
- CCOG has applied for grant funding to support the cost of the Regional Freight Study:
  - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) SHRP2 Grant (February 2015) – FHWA is funding this project through the Regional Models of Cooperation initiative.
  - Economic Development Administration (April 2015) – Grant awarded.

### **Estimated Project Cost:**

- Estimated project cost is \$500,000-\$700,000. Current/projected funding includes:
  - \$200,000 Federal Highways Association (FHWA)
  - \$150,000 from CRTPO, GCL MPO, Rocky River RPO, RFATS
  - \$89,000 from US Economic Development Administration (EDA)
  - \$30,000 from City of Charlotte (match with city and county payments)
  - \$95,000 (cities and counties)
  - Balance from other grant sources and private sector funds

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Legislation	Description	NCGA History
<p>Gas Tax SB 20</p>	<p><b>Part I</b> would update from December 31, 2013, to January 1, 2015, the reference to the Internal Revenue Code. <b>Part II</b> sets the motor fuel tax rate at 36.0 cents per gallon from April 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. The rate reduces to 35.0 cents per gallon from January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 and reduces to 34.0 cents per gallon from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Beginning January 1, 2017, a new motor fuel tax formula will be used to calculate the tax rate. The formula includes two components: a base tax rate, which is the rate in effect prior to the adjustment; and a variable rate calculated as a percentage adjustment from: The percentage change in population, multiplied by 75%, and the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, Energy multiplied by 25%.</p>	<p><b>Ratified</b></p>
<p>*SB 617</p>	<p>BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION SUPERMAJORITY APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF LANES ON STATE ROAD LOCATED WITHIN A 18 MUNICIPALITY, page 3</p>	<p><b>Senate:</b> Re-ref to Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If fav, re-ref to Finance <b>House:</b> No Action</p>
<p>SB 654</p>	<p>A transportation corridor official map may be adopted or amended by any of the following: (1) The governing board of any local government for any thoroughfare included as part of a comprehensive plan for streets and highways adopted pursuant to G.S. 136-66.2 or for any proposed public transportation corridor included in the adopted long-range transportation plan. (2) The Board of Transportation, or the governing board of any county, for any portion of the existing or proposed State highway system or for any public transportation corridor, to include rail, that is in the Transportation Improvement Program.</p>	<p><b>Senate:</b> Placed On Cal For 07/14/2015 <b>House:</b> Passed</p>
<p>SB 396</p>	<p>AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF STUDIES CONDUCTED BY METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS</p>	<p><b>Senate:</b> Re-ref Com On Transportation <b>House:</b> No Action</p>
<p>*HB 232</p>	<p>AN ACT TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE 3 BICYCLE SAFETY LAWS IN THIS STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS AS 4 TO HOW THE LAWS MAY BE REVISED TO BETTER ENSURE THE SAFETY OF 5 BICYCLISTS AND MOTORISTS ON THE RROADWAYS.</p>	<p><b>Ratified</b></p>



July 5, 2015

<b>HB 672</b>	Division Engineers would be removed from applying local points on STI projects at the Division and Regional Tier. In addition it would remove ferry replacement from the STI process.	<b>House:</b> Re-ref Com On Appropriations <b>Senate:</b> No Action
<b>*HB 74</b>	Study MPO/RPO Oversight.	<b>House:</b> Passed <b>Senate:</b> Ref To Com On Rules and Operations of the Senate
<b>HB 940/ SB 713</b>	Governor's Proposed Budget, which includes the \$1.5 billion transportation bond.	<b>House:</b> Ref to the Com on Appropriations <b>Senate:</b> Ref to the Com on Appropriations
<b>HB 183</b>	Repeals the Transportation Corridor Official Map Act. This is the Act that allowed NCDOT to designate and preserve future corridors.	<b>House:</b> Passed <b>Senate:</b> Re-ref Com On Transportation
<b>HB 927</b>	AN ACT TO MODIFY THE COMPUTATION OF THE MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX RATE; TO ELIMINATE THE DISCOUNT FOR TIMELY PAYMENT OF MOTOR FUELS TAXES BY LICENSED DISTRIBUTORS, IMPORTERS, AND SUPPLIERS; TO MODIFY THE HIGHWAY USE TAX RATE; TO PHASE OUT THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE HIGHWAY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND; TO MODIFY THE AMOUNT OF FEES CHARGED BY THE DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES; TO ESTABLISH A SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ON THE GROSS PREMIUMS FROM MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE CONTRACTS; TO TRANSFER CERTAIN FUNDS FROM THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND TO THE HIGHWAY FUND; TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH THE "DOT REPORT" PROGRAM; TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES; AND TO MAKE VARIOUS CONFORMING CHANGES.	<b>House:</b> Ref to the Com on Appropriations <b>Senate:</b> No Action
<b>HB 44/ SB 53</b>	NUMBER OF LANES CANNOT BE REDUCED ON STATE ROADS LOCATED WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY AND HAVING AN AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC VOLUME OF 20,000 VEHICLES PER DAY OR MORE.	<b>House/Senate: Conferees for H44: Local Government Regulatory Reform 2015.</b>