

Charlotte Regional Alliance For Transportation

Technical Committee Meeting

10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Manchester Meadows Conference Room
337 E. Mount Gallant Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and Introduction**.....David Hooper, RFATS
2. **Approval of July 19, 2011 Minutes**.....David Hooper, RFATS
3. **Regional Freight Study (20 Minutes)**.....Bjorn Hansen, AICP, Lake Norman RPO
4. **Discussion on Urban Area Criteria (20 Minutes)**... ..David Wiggins, US CENSUS
5. **LPA Procedures / Requirements Presentation (20 Minutes)**.....(NCDOT / SCDOT)
6. **Air Quality Update (20 Minutes)**.....Maeve Mason, SCDHEC
7. **New Catawba River Bridge Feasibility Study (15 Minutes)**...David Hooper, RFATS
8. **Next Meeting: January 2012**.....Bjorn Hansen, AICP, Lake Norman RPO
9. **Adjournment**

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Meeting Minutes

The July 19, 2011 meeting of the CRAFT Technical Committee was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Present

Stuart Basham	MUMPO	Adrian Miller	Belmont
Jay Bennett	NCDOT	Tracy Newsome	CDOT
Neil Burke	Mooresville	Anil Panicker	NCDOT-TPB
Justin Carroll	Huntersville	Macy Peeler	Gaston MPO
Vivian Coleman	CDOT	Danny Pleasant	CDOT
Bob Cook	MUMPO	Jim Schumacher	Charlotte
Bill Coxe	Huntersville	Norm Steinman	CDOT
Bill Duston	Centralina COG	Dana Stoogenke	Rocky River RPO
Anna Gallup	CDOT	Julie White	Metro Mayors
Tim Gibbs	CDOT	Coalition	
Hank Graham	Gaston MPO	Bernie Yacobucci	Gaston MPO
Andy Grzymiski	CDOT	Rebecca Yarbrough	Centralina COG
Eldewins Haynes	CDOT		
David Hooper	RFATS	By telephone	
Martin Kinnamon	CDOT	Phil Conrad	CRMPO
David McDonald	CATS		
Joe McLelland	CDOT		

1. Welcome & Introductions

Bob Cook welcomed everyone to the meeting. Those in the room introduced themselves, followed by those participating by telephone.

2. Approval of April 19, 2011 Minutes

The minutes of the April 19, 2011 Technical Committee meeting were presented for approval. The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes as presented.

3. Regional Transportation Planning Study Policy Group Outcomes

Rebecca Yarbrough, of the Centralina Council of Governments, presented information on the outcomes of the Policy Group formed to consider “next steps” at the completion of the Regional Transportation Planning Study. Five options were presented for their consideration, ranging from Option A, which would keep the current regional structure in place but would result in increased discussion of issues and better communication, to Option E, which would result in an integrated regional LRTP. Ms. Yarbrough stated that the Policy Group opted for Option C which called for the partners to develop work on specific tasks best done at a regional level. The Policy Group determined that the first

work products would be a regional freight plan and a regional “existing conditions” map that includes current land use as well as additional infrastructure. Centralina COG is presently researching national models for the freight study and conducting project scoping for the existing conditions map.

4. RFATS Congestion Management Process

David Hooper of RFATS reviewed his agency’s efforts to develop a Congestion Management Process (CMP). He reviewed the framework for preparing a CMP then reviewed the specifics of the RFATS CMP. The presentation reviewed the selected performance measures, congestion management strategies, TDM strategies, etc. Also discussed were priority improvements for specific roadways identified in the CMP.

5. Legislative Update

Julie White, of the NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition, provided an update on the NC General Assembly’s 2011 legislative session. She reviewed the transportation budget and also discussed the key topics discussed during the session: Powell Bill changes; Mobility Fund; urban loops; passenger rail; gas tax cap. In addition, Ms. White also touched on federal reauthorization.

6. Air Quality Update

Eldewins Haynes, of the Charlotte Department of Transportation, provided an update on air quality matters. He stated that the region met the 1997 ozone standard after the summer of 2010, but that EPA is reconsidering the 2008 standard of 75 ppb, noting that the region likely won’t be able to meet a new, lower standard. Mr. Haynes also reviewed the memoranda of agreements that are being executed between NC Division of Air Quality and the state’s MPOs. Additional discussion focused on motor vehicle emissions budgets.

7. Next Meeting

The next Technical Committee will be held on Tuesday, October 18 and will be hosted by RFATS.

8. Lunch

The business meeting concluded with a brief break for lunch, then the meeting moved into a workshop focused on NCDOT’s efforts to prepare complete streets guidelines.

9. Complete Streets Workshop

The workshop was conducted by Jay Bennett, NCDOT’s Roadway Design Engineer, and Tracy Newsome of the Charlotte DOT. Mr. Bennett and Ms. Newsome are co-chairs of NCDOT’s Complete Streets Advisory Group. The purpose of the workshop was to review the draft of planning and design guidelines that were released for public comment in June.