

**CRAFT Technical Committee
Meeting Notes
December 10, 2013**

Attendees: Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO; Bjorn Hansen, Centralina COG; Hank Graham, GCLMPO; Bernie Yacobucci, GCLMPO; Taylor Marcantel, GCLMPO; Robby Moody, Catawba COG; Catawba COG; Michelle Nance, Centralina COG; Bob Cook, CRTPO; Stuart Basham, CRTPO; Nick Landa, CRTPO; Curtis Bridges, CRTPO; William Long (RFATS); David Hooper (RFATS); Anna Gallup, CDOT; Eddie Dancausse, FHWA; Loretta Barren, FHWA; Andy Grzymiski, CDOT; Danny Pleasant, CDOT; Leslie Coolidge, SCDHEC; Phil Conrad, CRMPO; Bill Coxe, Huntersville; Allison Kraft, Mooresville; Eric Moore, Mecklenburg Air Quality; Chuck Chorak, RFATS

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Bob Cook from the CRTPO began the meeting at 10:00 AM and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **July 23, 2013 Minutes:** Mr. Cook asked if there were any corrections, additions and / or deletions to the July 23, 2013 minutes. Hearing none, Dana Stoogenke made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Hank Graham seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
3. **MTP Air Quality Conformity Update:** Eddie Dancausse of the FHWA updated the group on the status of the conformity process associated with the development of the NC MPO's MTPs. It was stated that the likely time for MPO action to approve the MTPs and make the required conformity determination would be April, 2014.
4. **CONNECT Project Update:** Michelle Nance of the Centralina COG updated the group on the CONNECT project. An overview of the project was provided, including efforts at public engagement such as the Reality Check held in June, 2014. A detailed review of the transportation-related aspects of the project was provided. Four alternative growth scenarios were reviewed. Ms. Nance noted that Sustainable Communities grant recipients met recently and were told that HUD, USDOT and EPA officials want regions to leverage the data and resources being developed by the local processes.

The discussion then moved to how the MPOs might leverage CONNECT resources. Anna Gallup and Mr. Cook discussed a conversation they had with representatives of the Triangle MPOs regarding their use of Community Viz to prepare socio-economic forecasts in the development of a joint MTP. (The CONNECT process uses Community Viz.) The Triangle MPOs stated that using Community Viz was a better process for preparing the forecasts than past forecasting efforts. Considerable discussion followed, with the group agreeing to discuss the issue in more depth at the next meeting.

5. **Locally Administered Projects Resolutions Status:** Mr. Cook reminded the group that each MPO/RPO had agreed to request its governing body to adopt a resolution requesting NCDOT/SCDOT participation in a process to ensure that locally administered projects are implemented efficiently. The CRTPO, GCLMPO and RRRPO adopted the resolution; RFATS and CRMPO had not. The group discussed who at the DOTs should receive the resolution in order for the requested process to be put into operation. The

DOT secretaries, division engineers, local project coordinators, etc. were mentioned. The group decided to meet after the holidays to discuss further.

6. **Title VI Training:** Mr. Graham discussed a recent conversation with Shantray Dickens of NCDOT's Office of Civil Rights. Mr. Dickens is targeting spring 2014 for the training.
7. **2015 NCAMPO Conference:** Mr. Graham discussed the possibility of the region's MPOs hosting the 2015 NCAMPO conference. The group determined that it did not wish to serve as host.
8. **NHI Freight & Land Use Workshop:** Bjorn Hansen reminded the group that the National Highway Institute will be conducting a freight planning workshop in Charlotte on February 20, 2014. The workshop's goal is to: provide an understanding of the land use needs of freight-generating facilities; discuss the impacts freight land uses can have on the transportation system, communities, and the natural environment; review strategies that can reduce the impacts of freight land uses.
9. **Executive Committee Meeting:** Mr. Cook stated that an Executive Committee had not been held recently. Mr. Hansen suggested waiting until the MTPs are adopted and Prioritization 3.0 results are known. It was agreed that the earliest the Executive Committee should meet would be June, 2014.
10. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on February 25, 2014, hosted by RRRPO.
11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 AM.