

**CRAFT Technical Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**March 31, 2015**

**Attendees:** Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO; Anil Panicker, NCDOT; Linda Dosse, NCDOT; Rueben Crummy, NCDOT; Bjorn Hansen, GCLMPO; Bret Baronak, GCLMPO; James Lim, NCDOT-PTD; Brian DuPont, City of Mt. Holly; Hank Graham, GCLMPO; Michelle Nance, Centralina COG; Bob Cook, CRTPO; Curtis Bridges, CRTPO; David Hooper, RFATS; Anna Gallup, CDOT; Loretta Barren, FHWA; Andy Grzynski, CDOT; Phil Conrad, CRMPO; Bill Coxe, Huntersville; Norm Steinman, CDOT; Mohamed Kaddoumi, CDOT; Jamal Alavi, NCDOT; Candice Leonard, CRTPO; Sushil Nepal, Centralina COG; Neil Burke, CRTPO; Amar Pillai, NCDOT

1. **Welcome & Introductions:** Bob Cook from the CRTPO began the meeting at 10:00 AM and welcomed everyone in attendance.
2. **Approval of January 2015 Minutes:** Bob Cook asked if there were any corrections, additions and / or deletions to the January 2015 minutes. A request was made to amend the January minutes to include in the list of attendees three people who participated by phone: Linda Dosse, Rueben Crummy and Brian Wert. With that correction noted, Phil Conrad made a motion to approve the minutes and Dana Stoogenke seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **P4.0 Work Group Update:** Neil Burke and Dana Stoogenke serve on the P4.0 Work Group. Neil led a presentation that provided an update on the Work Group's progress toward updating the prioritization process.
4. **Proposed NC Legislation:** The group discussed the following bills that were pending in the NC General Assembly:
  - a. SB 396, MPO/RPO study limits: Bob Cook reported that this bill would limit the number of studies an MPO could undertake to those associated with projects for which the MPO has funding available to work on or complete. The bill also states that RPOs can conduct studies only for projects for which the MPO has funding available to begin work or complete. It was unclear if the MPO reference in this part of the bill was an error.
  - b. SB 20, gas tax: Phil Conrad provided details on how his bill resulted in changes to the method by which the gas tax is calculated.
  - c. HB 232, study/update bicycle safety laws: Dana Stoogenke stated that this bill directed NCDOT to study existing bicycle safety laws.
  - d. SB 617, road diets: Dana Stoogenke stated that this bill required an NCBOT super majority to approve a reduction in the number of travel lanes in order to accommodate bike lanes.

After considerable discussion of each bill, it was decided not to take action formal action on any of them.

5. **Regional Integrated Transportation Information System (RITIS):** Mohamed Kaddoumi with CDOT provided the attendees with a demonstration of RITIS. RITIS is real-time, transportation information tool with a strong visualization component. It is being used by CDOT to analyze existing transportation problems.

**6. Regional Projects Update:**

- a. Community Viz: This project will use Community Viz to help CRTPO develop its socio-economic allocations for the 2045 MTP. Curtis Bridges showed the group a process map developed to illustrate the steps toward completing the project. He also discussed the steering committee that will help guide this effort.
  - b. Interactive Maps: Bjorn Hansen updated the group on efforts to create regional, on-line interactive maps. The GCLMPO issued a media release about this project.
  - c. Ramp metering: Jamal Alavi updated the group on the regional ramp metering project. This project is being lead by NCDOT-Division 10.
  - d. Freight study: Sushil Nepal updated the group on the project's status. He noted that the CRTPO, RRRPO, GCLMPO and RFATS are financial partners. An EDA Technical Assistance grant has been applied for. There has been no success obtaining private funding.
- 7. Next Meeting:** The next meeting was scheduled for May 26; however, because that date was the day after Memorial Day, it was decided to move the meeting to Tuesday, June 2. The meeting will be hosted by RRRPO.
- 8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.