

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Remote Participation Only
July 21, 2021 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending (via remote participation):

Julie Eiselt (Charlotte), Michael Miltich (Cornelius), Jane Campbell (Davidson), Brian Hines (Huntersville), Jamie Lein (Marvin), Renee Garner (Matthews), John Higdon (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Frederick Becker (Mineral Springs), Lisa Qualls (Mooresville), Jack Edwards (Pineville), William Morgan (Statesville), David Williams (Union County), Ron Pappas (Waxhaw), Lori Bailey (Wesley Chapel), Brad Lail (NCBOT – Division 12)

Non-Voting Members Attending (via remote participation):

Jerry Santoni (Iredell County Planning Board), Jim Walker (NC Turnpike Authority), Loretta Barren (FHWA)

1. Call to Order

Chairman Michael Miltich called the July 2021 CRTPO meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He explained that this meeting would be conducted virtually, and then he reviewed the virtual meeting guidelines and etiquette. CRTPO Delegates and Alternates as well as residents were able to participate in the virtual meeting by using a combination of online meeting software, conference call, and live stream from the CRTPO’s Facebook Page.

Chairman Miltich reminded the Board that usage of the chat box function within the online meeting software is part of the Board public record.

Chairman Miltich directed Mr. Burke to conduct a roll call to determine if the following Bylaw requirements had been met for a quorum:

Section 3 – Quorums

A quorum of the MPO shall be constituted by the presence of:

- *at least ten (10) of the eligible voting members at the beginning of the meeting; and*
- *who together represent a minimum of 51% of the weighted votes; and*
- *that qualified voting members from jurisdictions representing at least two counties must be present.*
- ~~*Only members physically present shall count toward establishing a quorum. (Suspended by CRTPO Board chairman due to North Carolina State of Emergency Declaration)*~~

Mr. Burke conducted the roll call and determined that a quorum of the Board had been met based upon the bylaws, and with the Chairman’s omission of the clause for members to be physically present due to the State of Emergency declaration.

Chairman Miltich polled the Board to determine if votes can be cast by acclamation unless opposition (“nay” vote) from at least one Board member is made. The purpose of the vote by acclamation would be to minimize confusion if the votes were unanimous and to run the virtual meeting as efficiently as possible.

If an opposing vote to approve the particular vote by acclamation was cast, then the Chairman would direct the Secretary to conduct a roll call vote of each attending jurisdiction. If no opposing vote is cast a second time, then

the motion will be recorded as “approved unanimously by acclamation.” No opposition was voiced with this voting method from the Board for the meeting tonight.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Summary:

Chairman Miltich stated that the Charlotte Department of Transportation has requested that the Fred D. Alexander Boulevard CTP amendment is removed from tonight’s agenda to allow for continued coordination with property owners in the vicinity of the revised alignment. He then asked if any additional changes to the agenda were necessary. No changes were identified.

Motion:

Chairman Miltich made a motion to the Board to adopt the revised agenda by acclamation unless at least one opposing vote is cast. No opposing vote was cast. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to adopt the revised agenda as presented was approved by acclamation.

3. Public Comment Period

Judson Stringfellow spoke in opposition to the proposed CTP alignment amendment of Fred D. Alexander Boulevard in Charlotte. He hopes that the proposed alignment is improved to minimize impact to the existing property owners and proposed developments.

4. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder

Mr. Burke read the ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder. No conflicts were identified.

5. Consent Agenda

Summary:

Chairman Miltich requested action on the five following consent agenda items:

1. June 16, 2021 CRTPO Board Meeting minutes
2. 2020-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments
3. Transportation Alternatives Program Scoring Criteria Revision
4. CATS 2020-2029 TIP Amendment: CityLYNX Gold Line Streetcar ARP funds
5. Transit Education Initiative Task Force Section 5307 Recommendation

Motion:

Chairman Miltich made a motion to the Board to approve the consent agenda item by acclamation unless at least one opposing vote is cast. No opposing vote was cast. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to adopt the consent agenda was approved by acclamation.

6. CATS 2030 Transit System Plan CTP Map Amendments

Presenter:

Andy Mock, CATS

Summary:

Mr. Mock provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation’s purpose was to pursue the approval of a series of proposed CTP amendments to the transit map based upon the Metropolitan Transit Commission’s approval of the 2030 CATS Transit System Plan.

He reviewed the proposed CTP amendments to the CRTPO transit map to depict the LYNX Silver Line refinements to the locally preferred alternative, the LYNX Blue Line Extension to the Ballantyne Community; and a new LYNX Blue Line Station located between the existing New Bern and East/West Stations within the South End neighborhood in Charlotte.

The TCC unanimously recommended the approval of the 2030 CATS Transit System Plan CTP amendments during the July 1 meeting.

Motion:

Chairman Miltich made a motion to the Board to approve the 2030 CATS Transit System Plan CTP amendments. The motion would be approved by acclamation unless at least one opposing vote was cast. No opposing vote was cast. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to approve the 2030 CATS Transit System Plan CTP amendments was approved by acclamation.

7. Performance-Based Planning: Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan Targets

Presenter:

Jerrel Leonard

Summary:

Mr. Leonard provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to seek approval of the placeholder performance-based planning Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) targets.

He began the presentation by stating that all operators of public transportation systems that are recipients and sub-recipients of federal financial assistance under the Urbanized Area Formula Program and all rail transit operator recipients must develop safety performance targets based on the safety performance measures established in FTA's National Public Transportation Safety Plan.

Mr. Leonard stated that MPOs are required to adopt PTASP (safety) targets by July 20. While the deadline for setting MPO targets may extend beyond FTA's enforcement deadline, FTA recently indicated that adopting targets after the deadline may impact the approval of TIP/STIP amendments. The NC Board of Transportation will take action on the next modification to the STIP on August 5 and MPOs must establish targets by July 30 to avoid possible impacts to transit funding in the MPO planning area.

He explained that the CRTPO may amend these targets as more information is available from transit agencies and more guidance is available from FTA and NCDOT. The TCC unanimously recommended that the Board approve the placeholder PTASP targets during its July 1 meeting.

Motion:

Chairman Miltich made a motion to the Board to approve the placeholder performance-based planning Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan targets unless at least one opposing vote is cast. No opposing vote was cast. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to adopt the placeholder performance-based planning PTASP targets was approved by acclamation.

8. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Presenter: Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to update the Board regarding the public comment period on the 2050 MTP draft fiscally constrained roadway project list and Active Transportation Corridors. The public comment period began on June 17 and concluded on July 14. The virtual public engagement tools that were utilized were: website and social media, an online mapping application, newsletter, media release and presentations to neighborhood and business groups. Two in-person presentations were conducted as well as an on-line webinar for Resource Agencies. The majority of comments received were positive and in support of projects. No changes to the fiscally constrained project list are being proposed by staff

based upon the comments received. Action is requested of the Board to approve the fiscally constrained roadway project list and Active Transportation Corridors during the August 18 meeting.

Mr. Burke concluded the presentation by providing an update on the transit component of the MTP. Coordination with the four transit providers within the CRTPO is ongoing to develop the capital and operating budget financial projections.

9. Beyond 77 Corridor Study

Presenter:

Agustin Rodriguez

Summary:

Mr. Rodriguez provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to provide a summary of the phase three public engagement effort and an update on ongoing tasks associated with the study. Phase three consisted of both public engagement and coordination with committees and key stakeholders. Two virtual public meetings were held with 217 total attendees. Over 5,000 surveys were completed by residents throughout phase three. Presentations were given at twelve community partner meetings with 125 total attendees. Mr. Rodriguez concluded the presentation by stating that the plan preparation process will conclude in September and implementation phase of the study will begin this fall.

10. Marshville Bypass Tolling Study

Presenter: Robert Cook & Bjorn Hansen, Union County

Summary:

Mr. Cook and Mr. Hansen provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes. The presentation's purpose was to review the Union County and Town of Marshville request to submit the Marshville Bypass to the NC Turnpike Authority (NCTA) to be analyzed as a toll facility.

Mr. Cook provided the background on the request by stating that Union County and Marshville adopted resolutions requesting the project be submitted to the NCTA. North Carolina Toll Policy requires an MPO resolution of support for the evaluation to occur. He then reviewed CTP status of the Marshville Bypass by stating that the proposed alignment begins at the current eastern terminus of the Monroe Expressway and is located to the south of the Town of Marshville. The proposed facility is classified as a recommended freeway within the CRTPO's CTP.

Mr. Hansen provided a history of the Marshville Bypass by stating that it is part of statewide vision for US 74 as a controlled access facility, which could lead to interstate designation for the corridor. He explained that tolling is being pursued due to funding issues, and a tolling component could make the project more competitive to build. He then reviewed the Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) volumes along the US 74 corridor between 2002 and 2019. The majority of the AADT count locations have experienced an increase during this time.

The Board will be requested to approve a resolution supporting the NCTA tolling study for the Marshville Bypass during the August 18 meeting.

11. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

The August 2021 Board meeting will include the following agenda items:

- *Business Items:*
 - 2050 MTP adoption of fiscally constrained project list and Active Transportation Corridors
 - Marshville Bypass NCTA Tolling Study request resolution
- *Information Reports:*
 - Beyond 77 Corridor Study

Mr. Burke stated that an education session will be conducted prior to the August 18 Board meeting regarding the results from the third phase of public engagement with the Beyond 77 study.

Robert Cook provided an update on the CRTPO Strategic Plan by stating that the steering committee will meet within the next two months to apply anticipated timeframes to the strategies identified within the draft plan. Final action to adopt the Strategic Plan will be requested during the November Board meeting.

12. Board Member Comments

Presenter:

Michael Miltich

Chairman Miltich announced that Victoria Nwasike has resigned from her appointment with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission (CMPC), and thus her non-voting position with the Board is vacant. CMPC leadership is anticipated to appoint a new non-voting member to the Board within the next month.

Chairman Miltich stated that he will be meeting with staff to discuss bylaw changes to address hybrid meetings prior to the August 18 meeting.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.