

**CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**September 2, 2021**

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**Voting Members:**

*Chair* – Liz Babson (CDOT), *Vice-Chair* – Andrew Ventresca (Troutman), Mike Pilarski – alt for Mark Wiebke (Charlotte-Douglas Airport), Dan Leaver (Charlotte General Services Department), Aaron Tucker (Cornelius), Dave Hill (Huntersville), Todd Huntsinger (Indian Trail), Hunter Nestor (Marvin), Dana Stoogenke (Matthews), Megan Green (Meck. Co. – LUESA Air Quality), David McDonald (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Sarah McAllister – alt for Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Erika Martin (Mooresville), Brett Canipe (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT – Div. 12), Andy Bailey – alt for Dominique Boyd (NCDOT – TPD), Travis Morgan (Pineville), Justin Russell – alt for Bo Conerly (Stallings), David Cole (Statesville), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), Linda Farnham – Proxy for Matt Hubert (Waxhaw), Karen Dewey (Weddington), Vagn Hansen (Wesley Chapel), Alex Riemondy (Focus Area Representative – Bicycle), Gwen Cook (Focus Area Representative – Greenway), Kate Cavazza (Focus Area Representative – Public Health), Tracy Houk (Focus Area Representative – Pedestrian)

**Staff:**

Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Robert Cook (CRTPO), Temekia Dae (CRTPO), Judy Dellert-O’Keef (CRTPO), Brian Elgort (CRTPO), Travis Johnson (CRTPO), Jerrel Leonard (CRTPO), Agustin Rodriguez (CRTPO), Jennifer Stafford (CRTPO), Theo Thomson (CRTPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Stuart Basham (NCDOT – Div. 10), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Katie Cogar (CDOT), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Mohamed Kaddoumi (CDOT), Jason Lawrence (CATS), Jeff Littlefield (NCDOT), Brian Nadolny (CATS), Janet Payne (Union County Transportation), Travis Preslar (NCDOT), Matthew Rea (Union County), Teresa Robinson (NCDOT), Wendy Taylor (NCDOT), Will Washam (CDOT), David Wasserman (NCDOT)

**Guests:**

Hisham Abdelaziz (CDM Smith), Scott Cole (RS&H), Bill Coxe, Fred Frank (WSP), Nick Landa (RS&H), Jorge Luna (HDR), Todd McAulliffiee (AECOM), Dr. Michael Miltich (Cornelius Town Board), Erin Musiol (RS&H), Michelle Podeszwa (LandDesign), Radha Krishna Swayampakala (RS&H), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Matt Werder (HDR)

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Liz Babson opened the virtual meeting at 10:00 a.m. Travis Johnson reviewed the virtual meeting guidelines and conducted a roll call to document attendance. Mr. Johnson determined that a quorum was achieved.

**2. Adoption of the Agenda**

Ms. Babson asked if changes to the agenda were necessary. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve today’s agenda.

Motion:

Erika Martin made a motion to approve today’s agenda. David Cole seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Consideration of Consent Agenda**

Ms. Babson stated that the consent agenda for the September meeting contained the following items:

- Approval of August 5, 2021 TCC Minutes
- 2020-2029 TIP Amendments

Motion:

Dave Hill made a motion to approve the consent agenda items. Dana Stoogenke seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **TCC BUSINESS ITEM**

### **4.1 Public Involvement Plan: Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendments**

Presenter: Agustin Rodriguez

Summary:

Mr. Rodriguez provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). The presentation covered the following points:

Mr. Rodriguez requested action from the TCC to recommend that the CRTPO Board approve opening a 45-day public comment period for the amendments to the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) section of the Public Involvement Plan (PIP). He provided an overview of the PIP, the need to update the CTP, proposed draft amendments, and next steps. Mr. Rodriguez explained the purpose of the PIP and the timeline of adoption. He identified the need for the CTP revisions and outlined that these changes will define criteria to identify CTP amendment types and process, provide consistency between sub-chapters, and simplify the guidelines. Mr. Rodriguez concluded the presentation by sharing the next steps for the working group.

Motion:

Andrew Ventresca made a motion to recommend that the Board approve opening a 45-day public comment period for the amendments to the CTP section of the Public Involvement Plan. David McDonald seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **TCC INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **5.1 CONNECT Beyond Regional Mobility Plan**

Presenter: Jason Lawrence (CATS) and Jorge Luna (HDR)

Summary:

Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Luna provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). The presentation covered the following points:

Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Luna provided an update on the CONNECT Beyond Regional Mobility Plan. Mr. Lawrence provided an overview of the presentation objectives, project priorities, and how agencies have coordinated on this project. Mr. Luna highlighted draft recommendations from the plan and went into additional detail on near-term and long-term recommendations for each highlighted item. He concluded his presentation by encouraging the TCC to review and comment on the recommendations and reviewed the project timeline highlighting upcoming dates.

The TCC should expect to act on this item by the end of 2021.

## **5.2 NCDOT Prioritization 6.0 & STIP Update**

Presenter: Neil Burke and Jeff Littlefield (NCDOT)

### Summary:

Mr. Burke and Mr. Littlefield provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#) for Mr. Burke and [here](#) for Mr. Littlefield. The presentations covered the following points:

Mr. Burke provided an update on NCDOT project development processes that have been impacted by COVID-19, an overview for adoption of a revised 2020-2029 TIP, the P6.0 process, and an update on the Independence Boulevard value engineering study. In his presentation he explained that NCDOT has had funding issues due to declining gas tax revenue from COVID-19 in 2020 and an overall increase in existing project costs in the STIP. Mr. Burke explained that NCDOT lacks the current funding capacity to fund new projects from P6.0 as well as the committed projects within the current STIP. To address these issues the P6.0 work group has been tasked with providing recommendations to NCDOT for improvements to the prioritization process. He concluded by reviewing anticipated upcoming CRTPO actions for the development of the STIP. Mr. Littlefield reviewed the changes to the Cost Estimation Improvement Process and an update on the NC Board of Transportations' discussion on addressing project inflation.

## **5.3 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan**

Presenter: Neil Burke, Jerrel Leonard, and David McDonald (CATS)

### Summary:

Information was provided to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). The presentation covered the following points:

Mr. Burke presented an update on 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). He updated the TCC on the project schedule, ongoing MTP activities, and non-roadway financial projections. He explained how financial projections were created for all modes and that these financial projections are fiscally constrained based on anticipated future revenues. Additionally, he shared the process followed to create the financial projections and how they are programmed by the four horizon years. Mr. Leonard and Mr. McDonald presented a review of transit funds and reviewed financial projections requirements, process, and funding forecasts for non-roadway projects. They shared how transit projects are incorporated into the 2050 MTP. They went into detail about how the transit financial projects utilized CATS financial model to create projections for operating and capital costs and used a similar model to calculate a growth rate for other regional transit agencies. They explained that transit projects with committed funding shall be included in the 2050 MTP and capital transit projects will be amended to the MTP at a future date. The TCC will be requested to recommend that the CRTPO Board approve the non-roadway financial projections for the 2050 MTP during the October meeting.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **6.1 NCDOT Report**

No reports were provided from NCDOT Division 10, Division 12, or Transportation Planning Division. Warren Cooksey (NCTA) shared that the I-485 Express Lanes achieved a significant milestone with the reopening of the Elm Lane bridge after a year-long closure for construction.

## **6.2 Project Oversight Committee Update**

Jennifer Stafford stated that Project Oversight Committee (POC) met twice in August to review available discretionary funds for the fall call for projects. The POC is recommending the programming of all the \$50 million in funds for FY 22 – FY 25. The POC also recommends reserving 25% of funds for a future shortfall call. A recommended list of projects will be presented to the TCC in January. Additionally, the fall call for projects is active and all applicants will need to complete a mandatory pre-submittal form and meeting with CRTPO staff before October 15.

## **6.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report**

Curtis Bridges Provided an overview of this afternoons BPWG agenda by stating that discussions will be conducted on Mecklenburg County Park & Rec bicycle and pedestrian counter data sharing and CRTPO's role in regional multimodal initiatives.

## **6.4 Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation**

Robert Cook explained that the CRAFT technical committee's next meeting will be hosted by CRTPO on September 28. After the next CRAFT meeting the transportation planning organizations will meet to discuss next steps for the CONNECT Beyond Regional Mobility Plan.

## **6.5 Upcoming Issues**

Mr. Rodriguez explained that the draft Beyond 77 Corridor Study report is under review by staff, and committee review will occur in October. A presentation will be conducted to the TCC in November to review final recommendations and deliverables.

Mr. Johnson shared that the Strategic Plan is close to completion with the final steering committee meeting scheduled for September 10. Presentations on the Strategic Plan will be given during the October TCC and Board meetings and action will be requested during the November meetings.

Mr. McDonald announced that the LYNX Gold Line streetcar project has started fare-free service and is through the end of the year.

The next TCC meeting will be conducted virtually on October 7, 2021 at 10 a.m.

## **7.0 ADJOURN**

Ms. Babson determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.