

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2022

Voting Members:

Chair – Liz Babson (CDOT), *Vice-Chair* – Andrew Ventresca (Troutman), Dan Leaver (Charlotte General Services), Mike Piarski – alt for Amber Leathers (CLT Airport), Aaron Tucker (Cornelius), Dave Hill (Huntersville), Jason Burdette – alt for Doug Wright (Davidson), Todd Huntsinger (Indian Trail), Richard Hoffman – alt for Matthew Todd (Iredell County), Frank Deese (Marshville), Dana Stoogenke (Matthews), Megan Green (Meck. Co. – LUESA Air Quality), David McDonald (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Erika Martin (Mooresville), Stuart Basham – alt for Brett Canipe (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT – Div. 12), Alex Rotenberry (NCDOT-IMD), Dominique Boyd (NCDOT-TPD), Travis Morgan (Pineville), Matthew West – alt for Justin Russell (Stallings), David Cole (Statesville), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), Lisa Thompson – alt for Theo Ghitea (Waxhaw), Karen Dewey (Weddington), Alex Riemondy (Focus Area Representative – Bicycle), Gwen Cook (Focus Area Representative – Greenway), Tracy Houk (Focus Area Representative – Pedestrian)

Staff:

Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Robert Cook (CRTPO), Brian Elgort (CRTPO), Jerrel Leonard (CRTPO), Theo Thomson (CRTPO), Travis Johnson (CRTPO), Judy Dellert-O’Keef (CRTPO), Jennifer Stafford (CRTPO), Agustin Rodriguez (CRTPO), Theo Thomson (CRTPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Megan Brightharp (Monroe), Richard Buchanan (MTS), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Matthew Evans (NCDOT – Div. 12), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Theo Ghitea (Waxhaw), Scott Miller (NCDOT – Div. 10), Erin Pratt (CDOT), Travis Preslar (NCDOT – Div. 10), Rich Sanderson (CATS), Wendy Taylor (NCDOT – Div. 10), David Wasserman (NCDOT), Torrey Williams (NCDOT)

Guests:

Scott Cole (RS&H), Jorge Luna (HDR), Todd McAulliffe (AECOM), Erin Musiol (RS&H), Michelle Podeszwa (HDR), Radha Krishna Swayampakala (RS&H), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Kevin Walsh (HDR), Matt Werder (HDR), Lyuba Zuyeva (VHB)

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. Dave Hill 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 May meeting contained the following items:

- Approval of the March 3, 2022 TCC Minutes
- 2020-2029 TIP amendments
- FY 2022 UPWP Amendment - Mecklenburg Transportation System
- FY 2022 UPWP Amendment - Transportation Improvement Program

Motion:

Ms. Martin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. David McDonald seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted, and the motion passed unanimously.

TCC INFORMATION REPORTS

5.1 Charlotte Urbanized Area Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update

Presenter: Jerrel Leonard and Lyuba Zuyeva (VHB)

Summary:

Jerrel Leonard and Lyuba Zuyeva (VHB) 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. Leonard and Ms. Zuyeva began their presentation by stating that the purpose was to provide an update on the Charlotte Urbanized Area Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan. This plan identifies public transportation, human services transportation needs, and gaps for the Charlotte NC-SC Urban Area, with a focus on Seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Their presentation reviewed the goals of the plan, an overview of past efforts and a list of recommendations from the plan. Ms. Zuyeva shared the project schedule, public engagement efforts, and an overview of the socioeconomic and existing agency data used to create the recommendations. She shared recommendations grouped into key themes that included mobility management and agency coordination, organizational assessments, customer service, facility improvements and safety, connectivity, and service expansions.

The TCC will be requested to recommend the updated plan be adopted by the CRTPO Board during the June meeting.

5.2 Iredell County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendments

Presenter: Richard Hoffman (Iredell County)

Summary:

Mr. Hoffman 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. Hoffman presented on the Iredell County Transportation Master Plan and a list of recommended additions to the CRTPO's CTP. In his presentation he shared a history of Transportation Plans in Iredell County and how these plans led to the creation of the Iredell County Transportation Master Plan. He provided an overview of the plan's elements, the technical team members, and how the public was engaged.

The plan was adopted by the Iredell County Board of Commissioners on November 16, 2021. Included in this plan are recommended amendments for the CRTPO's CTP. This includes twelve roadway projects, eight interchange projects, and eight sidewalk projects.

The TCC will be requested to recommend the CTP Amendments be adopted by the CRTPO Board during the June meeting.

5.3 NCDOT Initial 2024-2033 Draft State Transportation Improvement Program

Presenter: Travis Johnson

Summary:

Mr. Johnson 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. Johnson presented the initial 2024-2033 NCDOT Draft State Transportation Improvement Program that was shared to the MPOs on April 25 that classifies all projects in the former STIP based upon delivery (funded) or to be Re-Prioritized in NCDOT Prioritization 7.0. His presentation included an overview of NCDOT STIP and MPO TIP development process, NCDOT process to develop the 2024-2033 STIP and a schedule that included next steps.

He shared that the NCDOT developed the initial draft 2024-2033 STIP based upon recommendations from the Prioritization Work Group. The NC Board of Transportation adopted the work group recommendations in February 2022 and MPO staff received the NCDOT draft STIP spreadsheet on April 25. NCDOT did not consult with MPOs on project programming and schedules prior to the release date. MPOs were tasked with presenting an overview of the draft STIP to their TCC and Boards.

After reviewing the FHWA and CRTPO requirements for the STIP he shared a list of funding issues facing NCDOT and how the Strategic Transportation Investment Law was organized. In this review he identified funding shortfalls affecting the CRTPO region. In the Statewide, Regional, and Division funding allocations the CRTPO region has been over programmed in all three categories. Statewide is overprogrammed by \$3.36 Billion, Regional is overprogrammed by \$1.21 Billion, and Division is overprogrammed by \$302 million.

The NC Board of Transportation approved criteria to identify projects that can be funded in the 2024-2033 STIP based on their status and quantitative scores. To create the draft 2024-2033 STIP, NCDOT used a seniority approach that prioritized projects based on a "first in last out" concept. Projects swaps are allowed within the same STI tier if the projects are equal to or less than 110% of the total project costs and endorsed by all members by September 30, 2022.

The Draft 2024-2033 STIP will be released for public comment in December 2022 and is anticipated to be adopted by the NC Board of Transportation in June 2023. The CRTPO's 2024-2033 TIP will be requested to be adopted by the CRTPO Board in August 2023.

After the presentation Andrew Ventresca asked why MPO staff were giving an NCDOT STIP presentation, and he expressed his frustration with additional project delays. David Wasserman stated

that the STIP process has been a partnership with MPOs and identified the coordination with the Working Group to create the recommendations used to create the draft STIP as an example.

Gwen Cook asked about the CRTPO goal of 20% funding for bicycle and pedestrian projects but did not see these projects as part of the included project list. Mr. Wasserman clarified that the projects in the STIP met the minimum requirements by the division and the 20% funding is set for discretionary funds that is not part of this process and is managed by the CRTPO.

Ms. Martin asked if NCDOT had approved the Work Group recommendations. Mr. Wasserman informed the group that the recommendations had been approved on May 4.

Bill Thunberg asked what happens to projects that are not included in the NCDOT 2024-2033 STIP or the future P7 project list. Mr. Wasserman said that projects that did not receive funding in the NCDOT 2024-2033 STIP would be rescored in the P7 process. If they do not receive funding at the conclusion of the P7 process they would be removed. Additionally Neil Burke shared that the project list in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan would need to be amended to account for the changes in project schedules from the NCDOT 2024-2033 STIP. NCDOT committed to providing a spreadsheet comparing project schedule changes between the 2020-2029 and the 2024-2033 STIP.

Dana Stoogenke asked when the new STIP spreadsheet would be released. NCDOT shared the spreadsheet with MPOs in April and NCDOT would post them on the NCDOT website by the end of the month.

OTHER REPORTS

6.1. NCDOT Report

No verbal reports were provided from NCDOT Division 10, Division 12, or Transportation Planning Division.

Warren Cooksey (NCTA) stated that the westbound entrance to the [Monroe Expressway](#) is scheduled for an overnight 12-hour closure beginning on May 13 until the morning of May 14.

Alex Rotenberry (NCDOT-IMD) shared that applications for the [Multimodal planning grant program](#) are due on Monday May 9.

6.2. Project Oversight Committee Update

Jennifer Stafford stated that the spring call for existing discretionary project shortfall call closed on April 29. Four applications were received totaling approximately \$3.4 million in requested supplemental discretionary funding for existing projects. The Project Oversight Committee will review the applications and develop a recommendation for the TCC during its meeting on May 12.

6.3. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report

Curtis Bridges stated the Bicycle Pedestrian Work Group will meet virtually this afternoon. Presentations will be conducted on the final draft of the active transportation database and the updated NCDOT Complete Street guidance.

6.4. Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation (CRAFT)

No update.

6.5 Upcoming Issues

Mr. Johnson reminded the TCC that NCDOT will be hosting a Local Officials STIP Education Webinar on Tuesday, May 17.

The next TCC meeting will be conducted virtually on June 2, 2022 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURN: Ms. Babson determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.