

CHARLOTTE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room CH-14
June 15, 2022 Meeting
Summary Minutes

Members Attending:

Julie Eiselt (Charlotte), Michael Osborne (Cornelius), Dan Boone (Huntersville), David Cohn (Indian Trail), Jamie Lein (Marvin), Renee Garner (Matthews), Pat Cotham (Mecklenburg County), James Kerr (Monroe), Lisa Qualls (Mooresville), Tony Lathrop (NC BOT-Division 10), Stephen Rosenburgh (NC BOT – Division 12), Jack Edwards (Pineville), Brad Richardson (Stallings), George Harris (Troutman), Ron Pappas (Waxhaw), Craig Horn (Weddington)

Non-Voting Members Attending:

Chuck Travis (NC Turnpike Authority)

1. Call to Order

Chair Ron Pappas called the June 2022 CRTPO Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Summary:

Chair Pappas asked if any changes to the agenda were necessary. No changes were identified.

Motion:

Dan Boone made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Julie Eiselt seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion to adopt the agenda as presented was approved unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

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:

Chair Pappas requested action on the following consent agenda item:

- a) May 18, 2022 CRTPO Board Meeting minutes

Motion:

Mayor Pro-Tem Eiselt made a motion to approve the consent agenda. James Kerr seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

6. Jurisdiction Education Session Series: Huntersville Planning Initiatives

Presenters:

Judy Dellert-O’Keef and Dave Hill, Huntersville

Summary:

Ms. Dellert-O’Keef began the presentation by stating that this the second occurrence in series of education sessions throughout 2022 that will be led by TCC members. The purpose of the jurisdiction education sessions is to keep the Board informed regarding project and activities throughout the planning area. Ms. Dellert-O’Keef concluded by introducing Mr. Dave Hill with the Town of Huntersville.

Mr. Hill began his presentation by providing an overview of the population and geography of the Town of Huntersville. Next, he provided an overview of Huntersville’s resident priorities and an overview of its local

economy. Mr. Hill then provided an overview of current multimodal transportation planning activities such as the Town's first Mobility Plan which is anticipated to start later in 2022. The Mobility Plan was funded based upon a contribution of the CRTPO's planning funds. Mr. Hill presented an overview of the five active NCDOT projects within Huntersville by stating that there is over \$400 million in projects within the Town. Mr. Hill concluded the presentation by reviewing the Town's Transportation Planning Priorities with a focus on challenges and improvements within the downtown area.

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

Presenters:

Jerrel Leonard and Lyuba Zuyeva, VHB

Summary:

Mr. Leonard and Ms. Zuyeva 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 the endorsement the Board for the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Plan for the Charlotte Urbanized Area.

Ms. Zuyeva explained that these plans provide guidance for short-term capital transit projects, operating assistance and operating strategies for fixed-route and paratransit services for low-income households, senior citizens and individuals living with disabilities. The presentation reviewed the process used to update the plan, including public outreach and some of the strategies that have emerged thus far. Ms. Zuyeva concluded her presentation by stating that the TCC unanimously recommended that the Board endorse the plan during the June 2 meeting.

Motion:

Mayor Pro-Tem Eiselt made a motion to endorse the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan Update for the Charlotte Urbanized Area. Pat Cotham seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Iredell County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Amendments

Presenter:

Richard Hoffman, Iredell County

Summary:

Mr. Hoffman 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 Board approval of the proposed CRTPO CTP amendments recommended from the Iredell County Transportation Master Plan.

Mr. Hoffman began his presentation by stating that the Iredell County Transportation Master Plan serves as an update to the county's 2008 Comprehensive Transportation Plan Study Report. This plan was adopted by the Iredell Board of Commissioners on November 16, 2021. Iredell County staff has worked with CRTPO to identify a series of map amendments to ensure that recommendations from the study are included within the CRTPO's CTP. Mr. Hoffman concluded his presentation by stating that the TCC unanimously recommended that the Board approve the CTP amendments during the June 2 meeting.

Motion:

Vice Chair Qualls made a motion to approve the amendments to the CRTPO's CTP. Renee Garner seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

9. Discretionary Program Supplemental Funding Recommendations

Presenter:

Andrew Ventresca, Troutman

Summary:

Mr. Ventresca provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes.

Mr. Ventresca began his presentation by providing an overview of the four shortfall applications received seeking supplemental funding for active projects totaling \$3.9 million. The project call began on March 1 and concluded on April 29. The Project Oversight Committee (POC) reviewed four applications and recommended three of the projects. Mr. Ventresca explained that the POC did not recommend the Town of Huntersville's application for supplemental funds of \$262,000 for a 15% project inflation increase. The decision to exclude this project is because it has not started. Instead, the POC recommended that Huntersville start the project and return for a shortfall if necessary. Mr. Ventresca concluded his presentation by stating that action will be requested of the Board to approve the recommended shortfall funding allocation from the TCC during the July 20 meeting.

10. Strategic Plan Implementation Process

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.

He began his presentation by stating that the CRTPO adopted its first Strategic Plan in November of 2021, and staff has been focused on initiating the implementation of the plan throughout 2022. Mr. Burke reviewed the six goals associated with the Strategic Plan and stated that staff has been focusing its implementation efforts to-date on Goal 6: Expand regional transportation funding in the region. He then reviewed the seven Goal 6 strategies that have been prioritized into Immediate, short-term, and mid-term timeframes. Mr. Burke reviewed the accomplishments within the Goal 6 implementation process as well as next steps. He concluded his presentation by stating that the next steps are to begin the implementation process for Goal 1: Lead on Regional Mobility Issues and Goal 5: Continuously Improve Internal Operations later this year.

Mayor Pro-Tem Eiselt requested clarification as to how the Strategic Plan Goal 6 would be coordinated with other statewide and regional plan recommendations that recognized the need for additional funding sources for transportation projects. Mr. Burke explained that the implementation of Goal 6 would acknowledge the alternative funding research that has been accomplished with the NC First Commission and other regional studies rather than duplicating work efforts. Specific to the NC First Commission, Mr. Burke added that while the Commission's work has been completed, the recommendations have been incorporated into the 2050 MTP, CONNECT Beyond and the Beyond 77 alternative funding components.

Tony Lathrop stated that the majority of funding recommendations from the Strategic Plan implementation will require state legislative approval, and it is important to emphasize that additional funding sources will benefit both urban and rural communities. He added that it is important to make the case that the CRTPO planning area includes both urban and rural communities.

Mayor Horn inquired about how the MPOs can communicate their organization's requests to the state legislature. Mr. Burke explained that this communication could occur through the North Carolina Association of MPO's and the Metro Mayors Coalition.

Chair Pappas encouraged the Board to develop relationships with their legislators in Raleigh and to continue to support staff since they will provide the legacy in terms of implementation of the Strategic Plan recommendations.

11. Public Involvement Plan Update

Presenter:

Judy Dellert-O'Keef

Summary:

Ms. Dellert-O'Keef provided information to the Board via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes.

She began her presentation by stating that staff had CRTPO initiated an update to its Public Involvement Plan (PIP) earlier this year. The focus of the PIP update is to consolidate and simplify the current plan, while focusing on public engagement requirements and incorporating new public outreach tools. Ms. Dellert-O'Keef provided an overview of the scope of the PIP update by explaining it will include reviews of peer MPO's PIPs, a public engagement component, including a 45-day comment period, and a series of surveys. She concluded her presentation by encouraging Board and TCC members to take an online survey regarding the priorities for the CRTPO's public engagement.

12. Upcoming Agenda Items

Presenter:

Neil Burke

Summary:

The July 20 CRTPO Board agenda will include the following action item:

- Approval of the Discretionary Program Supplemental Funding Recommendations

Information reports will be conducted on the following issues:

- Jurisdiction Education Session Series: Matthews and Weddington
- Independence Boulevard NCDOT Project (U-2509/U-6103) Segment Swap
- Strategic Plan Implementation

Mr. Burke provided the following announcements:

- The following are CRTPO deadlines for jurisdictions that propose to swap projects into the delivery phase of the NCDOT 2024-2033 STIP Development Process:
 - July 25: Deadline for jurisdictions to submit letters of support from their elected boards
 - August 17 Board meeting: Endorsement of all project swap proposals
 - September 30: Deadline for CRTPO to submit all swap proposals to NCDOT
- MPO Board members throughout North Carolina have been invited to participate in a mileage-based user fee pilot program.
 - E-mail sent to Board on June 8
 - Board members have until July 31 to register for the pilot program
- Board members are encouraged to take the survey as part of the CRTPO's PIP Update.
 - Survey is open until June 30

13. Board Member Comments

Presenter:

Ron Pappas

Vice Chair Qualls stated that the Metro Mayors Coalition has contacted municipalities and MPOs throughout the state to submit letters to their legislators in support of Senate Bill 793, which would transfer state sales tax revenues to NCDOT to be allocated to capital and maintenance projects. She encouraged member jurisdictions to submit letters of support for this bill. Chair Pappas stated that staff will draft a letter of support for SB 793 on behalf of the CRTPO Board.

Chuck Travis requested an update during the July 20 meeting regarding the unsolicited proposal that NCDOT for a public-private partnership to construct express lanes along I-77 between Uptown and the South Carolina State Line. Mr. Burke explained that he has not been informed that there are any updates on requests for additional information from NCDOT and suggested that Brett Canipe may have other information to share with the Board.

Mr. Canipe responded to explain that they have contacted the proposer a second time following the request from Ms. Garner during the May 18 Board meeting with the request for additional information and have not received a response as of today. Mr. Burke stated he would follow up with Mr. Canipe prior to distributing the July 20 Board agenda to determine if there is new information regarding the unsolicited proposal.

14. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.