

CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2022

Voting Members:

Chair – Liz Babson (CDOT), *Vice-Chair* – Andrew Ventresca (Troutman), Dan Leaver (Charlotte General Services), Mike Pilarski – alt for Amber Leathers (CLT Airport), Candice Rorie – alt for Alyson Craig (Charlotte Planning, Design & Development), Aaron Tucker (Cornelius), Jason Burdette (Davidson), Todd Huntsinger (Indian Trail), Richard Hoffman – alt for Matthew Todd (Iredell County), Hunter Nestor (Marvin), Susan Habina-Woolard – alt for Dana Stoogenke (Matthews), Sheldon Turner – alt for Megan Green (Meck. Co. – LUESA Air Quality), David McDonald (Metropolitan Transit Commission), Erika Martin (Mooresville), Brett Canipe (NCDOT – Div. 10), Anil Panicker – alt for Mark Stafford (NCDOT – Div. 12), Alex Rotenberry (NCDOT-IMD), Dominique Boyd (NCDOT-TPD), Sherry Ashley (Statesville), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), Theo Ghitea (Waxhaw), Robert Tefft (Weddington), Alex Riomondy (Focus Area Representative – Bicycle), Clint Grant (Focus Area Representative – Health), Gwen Cook (Focus Area Representative – Greenway), Erin Pratt – alt for Tracy Houk (Focus Area Representative – Pedestrian)

Staff:

Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Kendall Clanton (CRTPO), Robert Cook (CRTPO), Temekia Dae (CRTPO), Brian Elgort (CRTPO), Jerrel Leonard (CRTPO), Judy Dellert-O’Keef (CRTPO), Travis Johnson (CRTPO), Agustin Rodriguez (CRTPO), Theo Thomson (CRTPO), Jennifer Stafford (CRTPO), Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Stuart Basham (NCDOT – Div. 10), Megan Brightharp (Monroe), Warren Cooksey (NCTA), Karen Dewey (Weddington), Anna Gallup (CDOT), Andrew Golden (Davidson), Andy Grzyski (CDOT), Jennifer Harris (NCTA), Brian Horton (CATS), Jeff Littlefield (NCDOT Div. – 10), Scott Miller (NCDOT – Div. 10), Travis Preslar (NCDOT Div. - 10), David Roy (NCTA), Wendy Taylor (NCDOT), David Wasserman (NCDOT), Will Washam (Mooresville)

Guests:

Hisham Abdelaziz (CDM Smith), Scott Cole (RS&H), Mariate Echeverry (AECOM), Towers Mingledorff (Moore & Van Allen), Michelle Podeszwa (LandDesign), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Matt Werder (HDR)

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. Sherry Ashley 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 August meeting contained the following items:

- Approval of July 7, 2022 TCC Minutes
- 2020-2029 TIP Amendments
- FY 23 UPWP Amendment
- Performance-Based Planning: CMAQ Performance Targets

Motion:

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

TCC INFORMATION REPORT

4.1 CRTPO Board Request: TCC analysis of I-77 South and Findings of Fact

Presenter: J. 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:

His presentation provided the TCC with an overview of the CRTPO Board request to produce a findings of fact for the I-77 South corridor. He shared the Board’s request, staff and TCC roles, project background and data needs. The scope of this task will include data and information collection from relevant plans and studies along the corridor. The scope of the analysis will not include a review of the unsolicited proposal received by NCDOT. The deliverable will be a factual presentation to the CRTPO Board regarding corridor characteristics and the need for improvements. TCC Staff is expected to participate in Transportation Staff meetings and help identify relevant information for the corridor. The TCC is not expected to act on this item. He concluded the presentation by explaining that CRTPO Staff will conduct update presentations during Transportation Staff meetings in August and September and present findings at the September TCC and the CRTPO Board meetings.

OTHER REPORTS

5.1 NCDOT Report

No verbal reports were provided from NCDOT Division 10, Division 12, or Transportation Planning Division. Written project updates were included in the TCC Agenda Packet prior to the meeting.

Warren Cooksey (NCTA) shared that the August 18 NC Turnpike Authority (NCTA) Board meeting will be held at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center (CMGC).

Alex Rotenberry (NCDOT-IMD) shared that a webinar was conducted last week to discuss current initiatives within the division. A recording for the meeting may be accessed on the [NCDOT IMD website](#).

5.2 Project Oversight Committee Update

Jennifer Stafford stated the CRTPO is now receiving an annual allocation of \$2.6 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds over the next five years through the IIJA legislation. The eligibility guidelines for CRP are similar to CMAQ funds in that they should be allocated to bicycle, pedestrian and transit projects. Unlike projects with CMAQ funds committed, CRP funded projects will not need to complete an emissions calculation within the application process. These funds need to be authorized within three years of the year programmed.

She also stated that \$58 million in the CRTPO's discretionary funds will be made available in fiscal years 2023 through 2026 as part of the fall 2022 project solicitation. The \$58 million includes the CRP funds. The fall call will open on August 15, 2022 and applications will be close on October 28, 2022. All applicants are required to complete a mandatory pre-submittal meeting by October 14. Project submission guidelines will be provided to the TCC prior to the opening of the fall call.

5.3 Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report

Curtis Bridges provided a summary of the agenda for this afternoon's meeting which will include several complete streets agenda items.

5.4 Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation

Robert Cook provided a Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation (CRAFT) update. He stated the technical committee met on July 26 and the meeting focused on the workplan for the current fiscal year. The group focused on priorities for long range plans. A regional ITS plan was also discussed. Additional information will be available at the TCC meeting in September. The next CRAFT Technical Committee meeting will on September 27 and will be a hybrid meeting hosted by the CRTPO at the CMGC.

5.5 Upcoming Issues

Mr. Cook introduced Kendall Clanton as the new assistant transportation engineer. He is assuming this role after working for the CRTPO as an intern over the past several months.

Mr. Cook shared that the September 1 TCC meeting will be held in-person without a remote participation option for voting members due to the end of the North Carolina State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. in room 267 at CMGC.

Mr. Johnson encouraged TCC members to share the PIP Survey by August 12.

The next TCC meeting will be conducted in-person on September 1, 2022 at 10 a.m.

ADJOURN

Ms. Babson determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.