

Charlotte Regional Alliance For Transportation

Technical Committee Meeting
Tuesday, July 17, 2012
Stanly Community College, Crutchfield Campus
102 Stanly Parkway, Locust, NC 28097.
10am-12pm

Meeting Summary

Dana Stoogenke called the meeting to order at 10:15am. Everyone was asked to introduce themselves and the agency that they represent.

The April 17, 2012 CRAFT Technical Committee meeting minutes were approved and submitted unanimously.

Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21): The new federal transportation legislation was signed into law on July 6, 2012. MAP-21 is a surface transportation program for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Typically, legislation is for a five to seven year horizon. However, this is the first long-term highway authorization since 2005.

Loretta Barren (FHWA) only gave a brief overview of the bill because the 600 page document needs thorough review. As more information becomes available, FHWA and other organizations will set up webinar.

Conformity Update: Eddie Dancausse (FHWA) discussed the conformity process that has been completed for various projects in Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization (MUMPO) and Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (Gaston MPO). This was completed on July 6, 2012. There are a few new conformity projects for MUMPO, including Community House Road, I-77 and potentially Lawyers Road.

The 2008 Ozone Standard is effective as of July 20, 2012. The Metrolina Region will have to demonstrate conformity by July 20, 2013. There have been internal discussions on the best way to proceed.

Freight and Mobility Project Updates: Bjorn Hansen, CCOG, explained that there has not been any new information regarding the Freight Study. In May a request to NCDOT was made to fund a portion of the project. There has been no word on the status of that request.

Bjorn also provided a PowerPoint presentation for the Mobility Management project funded by NCDOT. The goal of the project is the better coordination and delivery of service for non-fixed routes transit provides for a nine-county region. The target population includes veterans, adults with disabilities and older adults. Due to budget cuts for mobility management funding, consolidation of programs is being explored.

Regional Demographic Study and Survey Update: The Regional Demographic Study group met with Dr. Appold (UNC-Kenan Institute) on July 16, 2012. Dr. Appold's goal is to create 2050 projections from a top-down perspective, providing not only regional employment and household population information, but also county and sub-county totals. Discussions are encouraged to compare and reconcile Dr. Appold's employment numbers from the top-down and local counties' numbers working from the bottom-up. Draft information is expected from him by Labor Day and his work should be completed by the end of September.

The Household Travel Survey is completed utilizing information obtained from approximately 4200 households' surveys. Currently, draft data is being reviewed with the final report expected by the end of July 2013.

Urban Area Expansion Update: Rocky River Rural Planning Organization, Lake Norman Rural Planning Organization, What about the Cabarrus-Rowan MPO, Gaston Urban Area MPO, MUMPO and the Rock Hill Fort Mill Area Transportation Study's staff are working to determine changes in their official boundaries. All of this work will be need to be complete this fall in order to rewrite each Memorandum of Understanding.

Next Meeting Date and Location: There will be a Technical Committee and Executive meeting in the fall hosted by Gaston MPO.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm.