

**CRAFT Technical Committee**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**April 23, 2013**

Attendees: Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO; Bjorn Hansen, Lake Norman RPO; Hank Graham, Gaston MPO; Bernie Yacobucci, Gaston MPO; Taylor Marcantel, Gaston MPO; Anil Panicker, NCDOT; David Keilson, NCDOT Division 12; Robby Moody, Catawba Regional COG; Neil Burke, Town of Mooresville; Anna Gallup, Charlotte DOT; Bob Cook, MUMPO, Nick Landa, MUMPO, Stuart Basham, MUMPO; Michelle Nance, Centralina COG; David Hooper, RFATS; Machael Peterson, SCDOT.

1. Bjorn Hansen from the Lake Norman RPO began the meeting at 10:05 AM and welcomed everyone in attendance. Everyone present introduced themselves. Mr. Hansen noted a new item would be added at the end of the agenda to give an update of MPO and RPO boundary changes.
2. Mr. Hansen asked if there were any corrections, additions and/or deletions to the January 15, 2013 minutes. There were none. Mr. Cook made a motion to approve the minutes as present. Mr. Panicker seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
3. **2040 Socio-Economic Projections Review:** Ms. Gallup reviewed the status of the projections submitted to her from the area MPOs and RPOs. She said all areas have approved county-level totals, and the TAZ-level projections would be complete in the coming weeks. She said these projections would be extrapolated to 2050 for use in the CONNECT process, to be explained later. Mr. Hansen noted that the LNRPO made specific assumptions of future project completions that would affect growth distributions, specifically the Red Line commuter rail that would become a part of the MUMPO projections. Ms. Gallup stated that documenting the projections as well as assumptions was important for conformity evaluations. There was no action taken.
4. **Format and Location for Second LRTP Freight Input Session:** Mr. Hansen said he is working with MUMPO on scheduling a second input session for private sector input into the development of the LRTPs for the area MPOs. He said that the presentations of fiscal projections, candidate project lists, ranking processes, and demographic projections would be useful. Mr. Hooper was concerned over losing the interaction between private sector representatives and the MPOs if the freight mobility plan is not executed in the near future, since Mr. Hansen said it did not appear likely to occur this year. The group decided the organizations should meet with the Charlotte Regional Partnership or the Charlotte Chamber staff to determine if there was any opportunity to cooperate. Mr. Cook and Mr. Hansen will speak to representatives of the Chamber to begin the discussion.
5. **CONNECT Project Update:** Ms. Nance presented an overview of the CONNECT process and the public input received over the past few months as a part of the outreach process. The Lee Institute will have the full report on the public input results available soon, which will be reported down to the zip code level. She said the trend and preferred scenarios would be evaluated in the Metrolina Model, with assistance from a 5D modeling process under contract with Kimley Horn. She said much of the work so far

would be evaluated at a large event in early June, organized by the ULI. There was no action taken.

6. **SCDOT Local and Public Agency Administration Process:** Ms. Machael Peterson from the SCDOT reviewed the local public agency administration process with the attendees. South Carolina had an experience similar to the rest of the states in an audit from the FHWA that identified missing paperwork and steps in the process for spending federal dollars. The response of SCDOT was to establish a “pre-certification” of local governments to spend federal funds, which resulted in some communities having to contract with the SCDOT or other governments in order to complete projects. The attendees were very impressed with the process and asked the NCDOT representatives if North Carolina was thinking of such a process. The representatives said they would check in. The NC staff wanted to follow up on this topic at the next meeting.
7. **MPO and RPO Boundary Update:** Mr. Hansen stated that the Gaston MPO and Lake Norman RPO were holding a meeting on April 29, where they will likely recommend to consolidate. This would affect the MUMPO boundary by removing Lincoln County from their study area. This would also result in an expansion of the Metrolina Model, but this could wait until the next LRTP update. There was no action taken.
8. **Next Meeting:** RFATS agreed to host the next meeting on July 23. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.