



Charlotte Regional Alliance For Transportation (CRAFT)

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 30, 2018

9:30 AM

Members and Guests Present:

Andy Bailey	NCDOT-TPD, CRTPO/GCLMPO Coordinator
Curtis Bridges	CRTPO, Principal Planner
Neil Burke	CRTPO, Planning Coordinator
Phil Conrad	CRMPO, Director
Reuben Crummy	NCDOT-TPD, CRMPO, Trans. Engineer
Steve D'Avria	Gaston Chamber, CEO
Brian DuPont	City of Mt. Holly, Planner
Anna Gallup	CDOT, Travel Demand Modeling Program Manager
Juan Garcia	Gaston County Planning, Trans. Engineer/MPO Coordinator
David Gray	SCDOT, Multimodal Planner
Randi Gates	GCLMPO, Principal Transportation Planner
Andy Grzymiski	CRTPO/CDOT, Planner
Jessica Hill	CCOG, Assistant Planning Director
David Hooper	RFATS, Administrator
Erin Kinne	CRTPO, Administrative Officer
Robby Moody	Catawba COG, Senior Planner
Michelle Nance	CCOG, Planning Director
Anil Panicker	NCDOT Div. 12, Div. Planning Engineer
Julio Paredes	GCLMPO, Planner
Alpesh Patel	Cambridge Systematics, Office Director/Senior Associate
Matthew Pierce	City of Kings Mountain, Senior Planner
Dana Stoogenke	RRRPO, Director
Jason Thompson	City of Gastonia, Planning Director
Daryl Vreeland	NCDOT-TPD, Engineer
Brian Wert	NCDOT-TPD, Metrolina Supervisor
David Williams	Gaston County, Director of Planning

- 1. Welcome:** The meeting began at 9:40am. Mrs. Randi Gates opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending then suggested going around the room with everyone introducing themselves and what group they represent.
- 2. Minutes:** Mrs. Gates noted that there were no minutes to approve from the November 2017 meeting.



- 3. Performance-Based Targets:** Mr. Vreeland provided clarification and background on the new federal transportation legislation that now requires State DOTs and MPOs to adopt performance-based planning as a component of the metropolitan planning process as well as the required CMAQ measures which are specific to the Charlotte area. He explained the various types of targets which include the following:

Transit Asset Management (TAM) Final Rule

- a. PM1 – Highway Safety Measures which will be established and revisited every year.
 - b. PM2 – Pavement & Bridge Condition, a statewide target due 5/20/2018. This target will be re-visited every two (2) years.
 - c. PM3 – System Performance/Freight/CMAQ, state target due 5/20/2018. This target will be revised every two (2) years.
 1. CMAQ Performance Plan is due 10/1/2018 – look for webinars for more information.
- 4. Regional Roadmap – Autonomous Vehicles:** Mr. Patel reviewed the workshop series held by Cambridge Systematics in partnership with CCOG and the NCDOT to prepare the Greater Charlotte Region for the development and eventual implementation of autonomous and/or connected vehicles. He covered some potential challenges faced by transportation agencies and the possible solutions for those challenges; Mr. Patel also outlined the Autonomous and Connected Vehicle (ACV) Roadmap Action Plan that was developed following the workshops. Lastly Mr. Patel explained that the next step will be a task force whose first meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 2, 2018.

5. CRAFT MOA Update:

- a. **Executive Committee:**
 - CRMPO – No update at this time. Has not had an opportunity to speak with new Board chairperson.
 - GCLMPO – Spoke with Board Chairman regarding participating in executive committee and he expressed that he would be interested.
 - CRTPO – Board chairperson would be interested in participating with regards to learning more about the legislative side of transportation planning.
 - RFATS – Board chairperson would be willing to participate when necessary and if the time was spent on key points only. Would like to be sure that the executive committee is used in the most appropriate way.
 - RRRPO – Chairperson only wants to participate if the time is spent on meaningful endeavors.

Dana Stoogenke stated that, barring any hard no's, the executive committee would remain in the MOA but will be amended to an "as needed" basis. Mrs. Stoogenke said she



will re-draft the agreement, send the amended version out and set up a conference call to clarify any lingering questions.

Brian Wert is still working on an email distribution list. He also noted that, barring any objection, he will be using his Gmail account for the listserve.

6. **Metrolina CTP Revisions:** Reuben Crummy talked about having all the CRAFT member jurisdictions submit minor changes to the CTP yearly, as needed, to make sure that all information is as up-to-date as possible in between MTPs to attempt to make the CTP a “living document”. CRTPO and GCLMPO areas have taken this approach previously, typically for highway mode changes, but it can be done for other modes as well so long as the changes are minor and do not require re-analysis. All major, analytical CTP changes would take place every five (5) years preceding MTPs.
7. **CommunityViz Update:** Curtis Bridges noted that the Metrolina CommunityViz Maintenance Team has been working to define the role of the COGs and, so far, have come up with CCOG acting as a custodian. Mr. Bridges said the next maintenance team meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2018 at 10:00am.
8. **Regional Updates:** Michelle Nance handed out several informational flyers for programs that CCOG is currently working on.
 - a. **Applying Technology to Improve Mobility:** This handout offers several possible ways to improve the safety, efficiency and reliability of the transportation system using Intelligent Transportation Solutions (ITS) which aims to improve safety and mobility by integrating advanced communications-based information and technology into the transportation infrastructure. Along with ITS, the handout mentions Traffic Incident Management (TIM) which aims to improve productivity and safety through improved training and coordination of public and private sector responders. Finally, by combining ITS, TIM and developing a regional strategic action plan, CCOG hopes to enhance and create procedures that are integrated and complimentary.
 - b. **Improving How the Transportation System Functions:** This informational handout is to answer frequently asked questions about Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Traffic Incident Management (TIM). Mrs. Nance asked that CRAFT members provide this document to their Boards. Mrs. Nance also stated that she had a digital copy of the handout that she could make available.
 - c. **Regional Transit Engagement:** Following the Regional Transit Engagement Series conducted by MTC and CCOG that included 19 forums, there is a Mobility/Transit Summit planned for May 2018 where development of a regional transit plan with both a regional and system-wide focus will begin.
 - d. CCOG Training Opportunities



1. COGU: A total of seven (7) workshops will be held over the next year.
 2. The COG Conference will be held April 12, 2018 at the Harris Conference Center in Charlotte, NC.
 3. Community Policing Through Environment Design: A CPTED conference/training will be held June 18-22, 2018. Location TBD.
 4. TOPS training will be held fall 2018. Location TBD.
- 9. Next meeting date:** The next meeting will be March 27, 2018, hosted by RFATS.
- 10. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

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