



## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Jim Harrison (Badin), Larry Smith (Red Cross), Harold Thompson (Norwood – TAC Chairman), Minnie Staton (Polkton), Roy Helms (Oakboro), Wade Barbee (Richfield), Gene McIntyre (Stanly Co.), Walter S. Edwards (Ansonville - Alt.), Calvin Gaddy (New London – Alt.) and Denise Whitley (Marshville).

**Members Absent:** Peter Edquist (Misenheimer), Harold Greene (Locust), Martha Sue Hall (Albemarle), Bobby Sikes (Anson County), Allan Baucom (Union County), Richard Allen (Peachland), Jason Smith (Stanfield) and Tony Dennis (NCDOT Div. 10).

**Others Present:** Larry Branch (Town of Oakboro), Raymond Allen (City of Albemarle), Barry Moose (NCDOT Div. 10), Andy Lucas (Anson County), Dana Stoogenke (RPO Director), David Keilson (NCDOT) and Betty Whitley (RPO Admin. Asst.).

### A. Welcome

The meeting convened at 6:11 pm. Quorum was established.

### B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

Harold Thompson asked that Safe Routes to School be included in the agenda along with a closed session at the end of the meeting for personnel issues. A motion was made by Gene McIntyre to approve the agenda and seconded by Roy Helms. It passed unanimously.

### C. Approval of minutes (Approved)

A motion was made by Denise Whitley to approve the September 2008 minutes. It was seconded by Calvin Gaddy and passed unanimously.

### D. Presentation / Air quality (Information)

Laura Booth of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources gave a presentation on the effects of ozone on air quality in our region. The national standard for acceptable levels of ozone in the air has become more restrictive. The new standards coupled with the re-designation for the region increases the chances Stanly County or Anson County could be designated non-attainment by EPA. The State Department Natural and Environmental Resources is recommending EPA only designate the current boundaries, which would not include Stanly or Anson Counties. However, EPA will make the final decision.

Any comments or letters from members to be included in the EPA package need to be to Laura Booth by mid-January.

**E. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (Tabled Until January)  
Draft Priority List 2011-2017**

Dana Stoogenke gave an update on the following:

The TIP list has grown substantially. Last year there were only 13 TIP projects and there are 30 this year. The TCC worked very hard with NCDOT staff members to compile and rank projects. Points have been assigned to each project using the approved Criteria Ranking System.

The TCC did recommend for approval for the TIP Prioritization. However, Harold Thompson suggested not making a motion on the item until the January meeting to give everyone time to review the information. Barry Moose agreed, saying NCDOT would be fine with a mid-January submittal.

**F. Comprehensive Transportation Plans CTP (Approved)**

Dana Stoogenke presented the CTP spreadsheet which shows priorities for County and City plans. Marshville is finishing up its CTP. Norwood has also adopted its CTP. Union County CTP has just begun. Anson County CTP will have an update meeting in December. Stanly County (except for Badin, Oakboro and Norwood) will kick off in January.

Denise Whitley made a motion to adopt the CTP plan and Roy Helms seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**G. Norwood and Badin Bicycle Plan Resolutions (Approved)**

The Towns of Norwood and Badin have both completed a Bicycle Master Plan. The Plans were presented to the TAC with a recommendation of approval from the TCC. Gene McIntyre made a motion to accept the bicycle resolutions as long as the date of adoption is changed. Jim Harrison seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**H. NCDOT updates**

David Keilson/Transportation Planning Branch in Raleigh:

- a) RPO Funding will be the same for next year.

Barry Moose/NCDOT Division gave an update on the following:

- a) Stanly County's new project in Locust featuring the new street design near Wal-Mart. There is a developer who has plans to develop the opposite side of the road (across from the new College and Hospital). The cost to the county would be around \$250,000 for this project.

- b) A public meeting was held for the Canton Road and Endy Road *superstreet* design. A number of people attended and the public response was positive.
- c) Highway 218 resurfacing project was held back while the price of liquid asphalt peaked and now the price is in decline. The decision has been made to bid out the project as soon as possible.
- d) The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation report was discussed. This report will be presented to the General Assembly in December 2008. The report gives various suggestions to generate more funds to be used for road improvements.
- e) Revenue collections are down this quarter. Drastic measures are being made to balance NCDOT's budgets. There will be a delay in TIP projects and operations budgets. It appears that 2009 will be a very lean year for NCDOT.

#### **H. Marshville CTP (Information)**

Denise Whitley informed the group The Comprehensive Transportation Plan is for Marshville is going to be voted on very shortly. The recent public hearing held in Marshville had a good turn out and there were good questions asked from those who attended. The CTP will come before the TAC when the Town approves it.

#### **I. Old Business**

- a) Stanly County Human Resources Policy  
Human Resource Policy has not officially been adopted yet by the County. Once it is adopted by the County, it will be presented to the TAC for review and adoption.
- b) Albemarle Rotary Presentation  
Dana Stoogenke gave a presentation today to the Rotary Club of Albemarle. Topics of discussion included an overview of the RPO along with discussions regarding air quality and road projects.

#### **J. New Business**

- 1) The 2009 TAC Meeting schedule has been updated on the Rocky River RPO web site. The new schedule will be emailed to members. The next TAC meeting will be held on January 15, 2009 at the Marshville Community Building.
- 2) Regarding the TAC meeting scheduled for March 19, 2009 in Polkton; Dana Stoogenke may call in (teleconference) for this meeting, since it is so close to her delivery date. (Dana's due date is late March - early April).
- 3) Oakboro Safe Route to School Grant Application (Approved)

Larry Branch has asked the TAC to support the resolution. The TCC has recommended it for approval. Larry Smith made the motion and Gene McIntyre seconded it. It passed unanimously.

**K. Public Comments**

None

**L. Closed Session**

Harold Thompson moved to recess the meeting for a closed session for the purpose of considering personnel matters in accordance with G.S. 143.318.11 (a). Denise Whitley made a motion and Roy Helms seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**M. Return to Open Session**

The session was reopened with a motion by Harold Thompson and seconded by Calvin Gaddy. The motion was unanimous.

**Announcement:**

The discussion was regarding Dana Stoogenke's fiscal year raise and maternity leave. A motion was made to give Dana Stoogenke 8 weeks of maternity leave instead of a raise. If more is needed, the TAC will consider extending it. Denise Whitley made the motion and Jim Harrison seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**N. Adjourn at 7:28 p.m.**

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Calvin Gaddy and seconded by Wade Barbee. It passed unanimously.

Adopted: This the 15th day of January, 2009.

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Harold Thompson, TAC Chairman

Attest:

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Dana Stoogenke, Secretary