



Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Carl Webber (Marshville – TCC Chairman), Jay Almond (Badin), Tim Fesperman (Locust), Calvin Gaddy (New London), Heath Hahn (Red Cross), Gwen Hinson (Stanly County-Alternate), Barry Moose (NCDOT-Div. 10), Dwight Smith (Norwood), Minnie Staton (Polkton), Michael Ferris (Albemarle) Dana Stoogenke (RPO Director), David Keilson via phone (NCDOT) and Scott Rowell via phone (Anson County).

Members Absent: Walter Edwards (Ansonville), Lynn Griffin (Peachland), Baxter Jordan (Oakboro), and Kesha Smith (Misenheimer), and Amy Helms (Union County).

Others Present: Jennifer Baptiste (Anson County-Alternate), Richard Hancock (NCDOT Div. 10), Marc Morgan (NCDOT-Stanly County), Larry Branch (Oakboro), Betty Whitley (RPO Admin. Asst.), Jamal Alavi (NCDOT), Rueben Crummy (NCDOT), and Jonathan Parker (NCDOT).

A. Welcome

The meeting convened at 12:05 pm. Quorum was established.

B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

A request was made by Barry Moose to amend the agenda for the following request:

NCDOT updates, which is currently #11 on the agenda, needs to be moved to the top of the agenda.

A motion was made by Tim Fesperman to accept the amended agenda. The motion was seconded by Calvin Gaddy and passed unanimously.

C. NCDOT Updates

Stanly County

Information provided by Marc Morgan: Nothing to discuss at this time.

Union & Anson County

Information provided by Barry Moose: The flashing light at NC 742 has been completed. No other major issues for Union and Anson Counties.

State Wide Spending Cuts

Information provided by Barry Moose

The Division Office has been cut by 35% and that will impact all aspects of highway projects and maintenance. We are anticipating citizen complaints because potholes may not get fixed and grass will not be cut as often as in the past. In addition, highway projects will be delayed. NCDOT's revenue is 9% below the forecasted amount. Gas tax is down 4% and car related sales tax is down 3%. NCDOT stands behind its commitments; however, it is going to take some time for the economy to recover.

Economic Stimulus Legislation

Information provided by Barry Moose

Federal legislation has not been passed yet, thus, NCDOT is making assumptions about the parameters of the Economic Stimulus package. NCDOT *assumes* it is 100% federally funded and that it would only fund roads on the Federal System. In addition, the projects have to be shovel-ready, meaning projects have to be ready to be constructed in 180 days. It is estimated \$2 billion may be set aside for North Carolina. Dana Stoogenke will send out maps showing which roads qualify.

Tim Fesperman asked if there was anything TCC members could do at the local level. Barry suggested calling our State Representatives and encouraging them to vote for the measure.

Raleigh Transportation Planning Branch/Update by David Keilson

NCDOT has cut the RPO's budget by 7% for fiscal year 2009-2010. Dana Stoogenke will discuss changes in the budget later in the meeting, when she explains the 2009-2010 Planning Work Program.

D. Approval of minutes (Approved)

A motion was made by Calvin Gaddy to approve the minutes of November's meeting. It was seconded by Dwight Smith and passed unanimously.

E. Election of New Officers (Approved)

Dana Stoogenke called for the election of the 2009 TCC Committee Chairman. Calvin Gaddy made a motion that Carl Webber remains the Chairman and Dwight Smith seconded the motion. The session was closed and the motion was approved by acclamation.

Dana Stoogenke called for the election of the 2009 TCC Vice Chairman. Calvin Gaddy made a motion that Tim Fesperman continue as Vice Chair. Dwight Smith

seconded the motion. The session was closed and the motion was approved by acclimation.

F. 2009-10 Planning Work Program & Five-Year Planning Calendar (Approved)
Information provided by Dana Stoogenke

The Rocky River RPO budget was cut 7% for fiscal year 2009-2010. Thus, the RPO's total budget went from \$112,500 to \$104,625.

Dana Stoogenke reviewed Rocky River RPO's Five-Year Planning Calendar and the Planning Work Program for 2009-2010. Mapping was reduced by \$2,000 and administration reduced by \$1,000. Some items were consolidated and will look like they went up, but in fact were moved to another category. In addition, the Five-Year Calendar was reviewed.

There was a motion made by Tim Fesperman to recommend endorsement of the 2009-2010 PWP and Five-Year Calendar. It was seconded by Gwen Hinson.

G. Norwood Transportation Plan –CTP (Approved)
Presentation by Jonathan Parker NCDOT

Jonathan Parker reviewed Norwood's Transportation Plan. He discussed the four maps that will be adopted by the BOT. The planning process was very extensive. He met with local leaders, conducted an on-line survey, organized a steering committee and held public meetings. After collecting public feedback, the information gathered was reviewed with their staff and the Town adopted the Plan.

Motion was made by Calvin Gaddy and seconded by Tim Fesperman to endorse the Norwood CTP Resolution. It passed unanimously.

H. Marshville Comprehensive Transportation Plan (Approved)

Carl Webber briefly explained the process for the Marshville CTP. He asked for the adoption of the resolution for endorsement.

A motion was made by Dwight Smith and seconded by Calvin Gaddy. It passed unanimously.

I. Amendment to the 2008-2009 Planning Work Program (Approved)
Information provided by Dana Stoogenke

The colored Excel chart shows changes made to the Planning Work Program for 2008-2009. There has been money added to the Transit Planning and Air Quality line items and removed from other categories.

A motion was made by Tim Fesperman and seconded by Gwen Hinson to recommend the changes on the PWP. It passed unanimously.

J. Congestion Management and Air Quality (CMAQ) (Approved)

Union County and the Town of Marshville both qualify for CMAQ funding due to their nonattainment designation. This grant typically needs a 20% match, but, there are some projects that may get 100% funded. Only the Town of Marshville is applying for money. Union County staff decided not to apply. The Marshville project will be for the construction of a sidewalk along West Main Street. The application is due at the end of the month and it needs the endorsement of the TAC.

A motion made by Calvin Gaddy and seconded by Tim Fesperman and it passed unanimously.

K. Safe Routes to School

Tim Fesperman explained that due to the economic situation, the Town of Locust has decided to not to apply from the Safe Routes to School grant program.

L. Revised 2009 Schedule (Approved)

The TAC and TCC meetings scheduled in May have been cancelled. The RPO's bylaw only requires quarterly meetings. (the RPO normally meets six times a year). The RPO will have five RPO meetings in 2009.

Tim Fesperman made a motion to endorse the new schedule and Calvin Gaddy seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

M. Old Business

Monroe Bypass-Connector: The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is not completed. It should be completed in the next 6 weeks. In addition, the North Carolina Turnpike Authority's western Wake project is having problems issuing bonds because of the economy.

Air quality Issues: Union and Mecklenburg Counties State Implementation Plan was pulled by Division of Air Quality before the Environmental Protection Agency could reject the document. A new plan will have to be completed by the fall of 2009.

N. New Business

None

O. Public Comment

None

P. Adjourned at 1:35 pm.

A motion was made by Calvin Gaddy to adjourn and Tim Fesperman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Adopted: This the 10th day of March 2009.

Carl Webber, TCC Chairman

Attest:

Dana Stoenke, Secretary