



## Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Members Present:** Raymond Allen (Albemarle), Jay Almond (Badin), Reuben Crummy (NCDOT-TPB), Tim Fesperman (Locust - Chairman), Calvin Gaddy (New London - Vice Chair), Amy Helms via phone (Union County), Gwen Hinson (Stanly County x-alt.), Virgil Hinson (Norwood x-alt.), Barry Moose (NCDOT - Division 10), John Munn (Marshville), Michael Riemann (Misenheimer) and Dana Stoogenke (RPO Director).

**Members Absent:** Walter S. Edwards (Ansonville), Henry Furr (Polkton), Lynn Griffin (Peachland), Heath Hahn (Red Cross), Baxter Jordan (Oakboro), Scott Rowell (Anson County) and Dwight Smith (Norwood).

**Others Present:** Pate Butler (Regional Traffic Engineer), Scott Cole (NCDOT Division 10), Richard Hancock (NCDOT Division 10), Marc Morgan (NCDOT - Stanly County), Michael Sandy (Stanly County Planning), Betty Whitley (RPO Staff) and Mandy Vari (Locust).

### A. Welcome

Tim Fesperman called the meeting to order at 10:06 am and introduced Virgil Hinson as a new alternate member for the Town of Norwood. Quorum was established.

### B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

John Munn made a motion to approve the agenda and Michael Riemann seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### C. Approval of minutes (Approved)

Michael Riemann made a motion to approve the minutes and Calvin Gaddy seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

### D. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) (Information)

Reuben Crummy presented the draft Union County and Marshville CTP. Recommendations are currently going through internal review and maps are being prepared for upcoming public workshops.

**\*Highway maps:**

The highway map shows major improvements that are recommended. Improvements to 601 are already underway and should be completed around April 30, 2010. Many of the roads listed as Southern Connector One and Southern Connector Two will need to undergo improvements. These two projects will upgrade and connect roads to improve traffic flow through southern Union County.

**\*Public transportation and rail maps:**

This map shows the existing rail and bus route in Marshville. The bus route in Marshville will expire soon because it was a three-year grant.

**\*Bicycle and Pedestrian maps:**

There is only one bike route through Union County. The Marshville Pedestrian Plan is in the process of being adopted either in January or February. Once the plan is adopted it will be incorporated into the Union County and Marshville CTP.

NCDOT wants to incorporate the Marshville CTP and the Union County CTP into one unified plan. John Munn stated that Marshville would prefer to be separate because any changes that Marshville makes would require the approval of Union County's government. Reuben said that he would have to ask and would get back to the group regarding this issue.

On February 1, 2010 Union County's CTP will be presented to Union County Commissioners. Marshville's CTP will also be presented in February.

**E. Census and Legislation (information)**

Dana Stoogenke explained that the new 2010 census would be starting soon and the new census numbers might have an impact on the RPO. The Census Bureau dictates Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) boundaries. The state then establishes RPOs with the remaining counties. The new census results may move Union County into Mecklenburg-Union MPO. According to state legislation the RPO must have three counties and a population of 50,000 to operate. If this happens, legislation changes may be needed to keep the Rocky River RPO intact. Barry Moose suggested a letter from RPO be sent to his attention and list the RPO's concerns. He will do some research and report back at our next meeting.

**F. Legacy Update**

Maurice Ewing was unable to attend today's meeting to present Union County's Legacy update.

**G. NCDOT Updates**

Stimulus and County Updates by Barry Moose

There may be a second round of stimulus dollars by the federal government. Division staff is lining up some potential projects. It will be harder this time since Division staff has exhausted all of the easy projects on the first round of stimulus. Please let Division staff know if Towns have projects that qualify. There are some city streets that are on the federal aid system and there may be some safety improvements that can qualify even if they are not on the federal aid system. Types of projects which qualify should have the following: environmental document completed, certified right-of-way acquired, utilities cleared, actual plans designed and the contract ready to go.

**Division 10 staff submitted the follow to the SPOT database:**

1. (Mecklenburg Co.) A section of I-77 will be widening to NC 73, exit 25.
2. (Mecklenburg Co.) A section of I-485 around the Pineville area, will have lanes added.
3. (Cabarrus Co.) A section of I-85 will pick up at NC 73 in Cabarrus Co. and expand it to the county line.
4. (Mecklenburg Co.) A section of I-77 to pick up where our #1 priority (listed above) would stop and carry it across into Iredell County.
5. (Mecklenburg Co.) An additional section of I-77 will be modification at exit 28 in Cornelius.
6. (Mecklenburg Co.) US 74 Independence Blvd. to improve it to I-485.
7. (Mecklenburg Co.) A section of I-77 will be improved to extend the HOV lanes.
8. (Mecklenburg Co.) A short section from Brookshire to I-77 to I-85 will have lanes widened.
9. (Stanly Co.) US 52 improvements from Albemarle South through Norwood.
10. (Mecklenburg Co.) Widening NC 51 to a 4 lane divided facility - from US 74 to Lawyers Road.
11. (Cabarrus Co.) Widening NC 73 to 4 lanes from Hwy 29 to the Cabarrus Co. line.
12. (Mecklenburg Co.) Trade St/John St/Old Monroe Rd - widening to a multi-lane divided facility from Wesley Chapel/Stouts Rd to the Town of Matthews.
13. (Stanly Co.) Widening of NC 24/27 from St. Marten Rd to Pee Dee River.
14. (Cabarrus County) Widen Poplar Tent from Derita Rd to US 29.
15. (Mecklenburg Co.) Widening a section of NC 73 from NC 115 to Davison /Concord Rd.
16. (Mecklenburg Co.) Project at Charlotte Douglas Airport to reconstruct and relocate Little Rock Rd
17. Widening Idlewild Rd. from Stevens Mill Rd back into to I-485.
18. (Union County) NC 16/Ray Rd extension to bypass Weddington.
19. (Union County) Chestnut Ln connector - to bypass Stallings and Indian Trail.
20. (Union County) Widening NC 16 south from Ray Rd to Waxhaw.

21. (Union County) Widening 601 north from US 74 to the proposed Monroe Bypass Connector project.
22. (Anson County) Bypass around Wadesboro
23. (Cabarrus County) To widen Poplar Tent Rd. to carry over to US29 & 601.
24. (Mecklenburg County) Catawba Avenue NC 73 to Jetton Rd to be extended.
25. (Stanly County) Hwy 52 bypass around Misenheimer & Pfeiffer College.

#### **NCDOT/Update by Reuben Crummy**

- Marshville CTP- Currently in the second draft and going through internal review.
- Norwood CTP- Maps adopted, text drafted and going through internal review.
- Anson Count/Wadesboro CPT- Alternative analysis stage
- Stanly County CTP- Alternative analysis stage
- Union County CPT- Recommendations and public workshop stage

#### **H. Old Business**

None

#### **I. New Business**

Dana Stoogenke received a letter from North Carolina Solar Center requesting a proposal to utilize \$700,000 for (CMAQ) air quality projects in 2010. This offer only applies to non attainment areas (Union County and Marshville) and could be used to buy new hybrid vehicles or retrofit old vehicles with new diesel engines. There is a 20% match to receive funding.

#### **K. Public Comment**

None

#### **L. Adjourned at 11:30 am.**

A motion was made by John Munn to adjourn and Raymond Allen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Adopted: This the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010.

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Tim Fesperman, TCC Chairman

Attest:

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Dana Stoogenke, Secretary