



AGENDA TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

1. Amend/Adopt Agenda.....Tim Fesperman, Vice-Chairman
(ACTION NEEDED)

2. Approval of Minutes from July 2009.....Tim Fesperman, Vice-Chairman
(ACTION NEEDED)

3. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).....Reuben Crummy (NCDOT)
Shannon Ransom (NCDOT)
(INFORMATION)

Background: Transportation Planning Branch staff will update the TCC regarding the three CTPs. Reuben Crummy will update the Union and Stanly Counties CTPs. Shannon Ransom will update the Anson County CTP.

4. NCDOT Updates
 - a. Stimulus and County Updates.....Division Staff
 - b. Transportation Planning Branch.....Reuben Crummy

5. Old Business
 - a. SPOT Program
 - b. Monroe Connector-Bypass

6. New Business
 - a. GRADE PLUS Program: All counties, jurisdictions and businesses within the RPO region can apply to replace engineers and or vehicles (trucks and farm equipment).
www.gradeplus.net
 - b. Carolina Thread Trail: November 5, 2009 Mooresville
 - c. MPO/RPO Conference: November 4-6, 2009 Raleigh
 - d. Congestion Management and Air Quality Program (CMAQ): Union County and Marshville can apply for this grant. Deadline is the end of October.
 - e. Walk to School Day, promoting safe walking and bicycling: October 7, 2009.
www.walktoschool.org

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn

Next meeting:
Tuesday November 10, 2009 (10:00-12:00)
Location: Division- Albemarle
CALL-IN NUMBER: 704-342-9998



Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tim Fesperman (Locust TCC Vice- Chair), Raymond Allen (Albemarle), Jay Almond (Badin), Calvin Gaddy (New London), Amy Helms via phone (Union County), Barry Moose (NCDOT-Div. 10), Scott Rowell (Anson County), Reuben Crummy (NCDOT), John Munn (Marshville), Michael Rieman (Alternate- Misenheimer) and Dana Stoogenke (RPO Director).

Members Absent: Walter Edwards (Ansonville), Lynn Griffin (Peachland), Baxter Jordan (Oakboro), Heath Hahn (Red Cross), Andy Lucas (Stanly County), Dwight Smith (Norwood) and Minnie Staton (Polkton).

Others Present: Jennifer Baptiste (Anson County-Alternate), Scott Cole (NCDOT Div. 10), Richard Hancock (NCDOT Div. 10), Marc Morgan (NCDOT-Stanly County), Michael Sandy (Stanly County Planning), and John Underwood (NCDOT Div. 10-Alternate), Larry Branch (Oakboro), Mandy Vari (Locust), Jamal Alavi (NCDOT), Pate Butler (Regional Traffic Engineer), Carol Lewis (COG) and Betty Whitley (RPO Admin. Asst).

A. Welcome

The meeting convened at 10:05 pm. Quorum was established.

B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

A motion was made by Jon Munn to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Michael Riemann and passed unanimously.

C. Approval of minutes (Approved)

A motion was made by Calvin Gaddy to approve the minutes of March 2009 and seconded by Scott Rowell and passed unanimously.

D. Election of a new Chairman (Approved)

Carl Webber was the RPO's TCC Chairman, but since he is no longer Marshville's Town Administrator, a new Chairman will need to be elected by the TCC. Dana Stoogenke opened the floor for Chairman nominations and Calvin Gaddy nominated Tim Fesperman. Scott Rowell seconded the motion. The session was closed and the motion was approved by acclimation.

The floor was opened for the election of a Vice Chairman. Tim Fesperman nominated Calvin Gaddy. Raymond Allen seconded the motion. The session was closed and the motion was approved by acclamation.

E. Air Quality Work Group (information)

Presentation by Carol Lewis, Centralina COG

Centralina COG has several programs to improve the region's air quality. These programs can be used to help Anson, Stanly and Union Counties reduce pollutants in the air and help the region achieve EPA standards. Stanly and Anson Counties will know by November if they will be included in the EPA's non-attainment designation.

COG Programs:

- 1.) **Connect:** A program of regional leaders, air quality experts, the State and businesses to look at realistic solutions to the air quality problem.
- 2.) The "Clean Air for Children" program helps educate parents and students regarding air quality problems in region. It encourages parents not to idle while waiting to pick up their children. Centralina has not been able to engage Stanly or Anson Counties. Carol would like to present at a Principals Meeting in both counties. COG has signs and pamphlets for each school in both counties. Carol agreed to send a letter to the School Boards requesting to be placed on the agenda.

F. Strategic Planning Office Transportation (information)

NCDOT has developed the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) ranking system. Each MPO and RPO will keep its individual project ranking system, however, projects will now be ranked statewide with a "data-driven" process. In September, the RPO will enter its 25 top-ranked transportation projects into a statewide database. The RPO will use its previously adopted TIP list from fall 2008. Information submitted into the database will receive quantitative and qualitative scores and the TIP will reflect the changes. The new list should be released in Spring 2010.

**G. Socio-Economic Maps (information)
Union and Stanly Counties**

The RPO is responsible for collecting socio-economic information in Stanly and Union Counties which is included in the Metrolina Regional Model (MRM). These maps were created by using building permits, using school information, and surveying town and county staff.

Dana Stoogenke explained that growth projections conducted several years ago for 2009 were too high for both Counties. The lackluster economy has impacted growth. Improved projects were presented.

H. Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (CFAT) (approved)

NC Solar Center and NC State University request the RPO's endorsement for Clean Fuel Advanced Technology (2009) application. This program will use statewide CMAQ funds. The RPO is not competing for CMAQ dollars this year. The RPO discussed only endorsing CFAT for fiscal year 2009 because Union County or the Town of Marshville may apply for CMAQ grants in the future.

Michael Riemann made a motion to endorse CFAT for Fiscal Year 2009 and a second was made by Scott Rowell. It was unanimously approved.

I. NCDOT Updates

Barry Moose gave an update on road projects funded through the stimulus program. The NC 73 bridge replacement and Ridge Street projects were already in the TIP and now have funding. Division staff is looking at other bridge replacements in Stanly and Anson Counties. Stimulus money will be used to do road repairs and resurfacing on NC 218, which is a 35-mile stretch of road.

NCDOT was watching in hopes of obtaining more of the first round stimulus monies. Unfortunately, every state in the country met the 120-day timeline. The second round of stimulus monies has to be obligated by March 2010. The economy has been soft and bidding has continued to come in 20% below engineer's estimates. As a result, there is more cash available, which is earmarked specifically for resurfacing projects.

Anson /Union County update by John Underwood

- Hwy 109 Northbound and Southbound lanes will be resurfaced from West Morgan Street to the South Carolina line.
- US 74 East will be advertised in the Spring and will be paid for using part of the stimulus money.
- US 74 west bound from Walmart to the Union Co. line will have shoulder widening and resurfacing (which is over 10 miles of roadway).
- White Store Road from the Coffee Pot to Anson High School and Plyler Mill Road to Sandy Ridge will undergo widening and resurfacing.
- US 74 eastbound within Marshville will be resurfaced.

Stanly County update by Marc Morgan

- Hwy 52 will have improvements from Norton Street to the city limits.
- NC 205 will be resurfaced from Oakboro to Ledbetter Ford.
- Hwy 24/27 will have repairs near Hwy 740 outside Badin.

- The bridge on St. Martin Road should reopen by early fall.
- The connector road to Locust School should be paved within a week or two of the beginning of the fall school year.

Badin's tree pruning project is scheduled to start next month. Badin has large oak trees that are dying. NCDOT is responsible for trees that are on the right-of-way. Stimulus monies will be used for the replacement of the Bradford Pear trees on Hwy 52 in Albemarle and for a section of trees located on Hwy 74 through Peachland. The trees will be taken down and replaced this fall.

NCDOT (Transportation Branch):

Jamal Alavi announced that Reuben Crummy will be our new coordinator.

CTP Status Update:

- Marshville CTP report is in progress.
- Union & Stanly CTP is currently processing roadway deficiencies.
- Anson & Wadesboro CTP is currently working on the future year analysis.

J. Old Business

• Carolina Thread Trail:

- Stanly County and stakeholders are working with the Carolina Thread Trail to hire a consultant. The Greenway component will be incorporated in the larger countywide Recreation Plan.
- Union County is still in the process of getting all of its jurisdictions to endorse the program.
- Anson County started working on this program and received letters of support from Polkton and Wadesboro, but found resistance from some of its municipalities. Jenifer Baptiste talked with Carolina Thread Trail staff and some of the issues have been resolved and planning should start soon.

- TAC/TCC schedules for 2009 have been changed. Please refer to the attached revised schedule for future meetings.

K. New Business

- Tim Fesperman introduced Mandy Vari. Mandy has just completed her degree in planning and has accepted a position with the City of Locust.
- The Charlotte Chamber along with NCDOT will be hosting an Air Quality Summit at the Westin Hotel in Charlotte. The meeting will take place on Friday, August 14th beginning at 7:30 am - 3:30 pm and will cost \$99 for

members and non-members. Topics of discussion will include the transportation and economic impacts of not meeting Air Quality Standards. Dana Stoogenke and Harold Thompson will be attending the meeting.

- Senator Kay Hagan has distributed a Supplemental Project Request (SAFETEA-LU) Form. The deadline for submitting requests is 6:00 pm Friday, July 17, 2009.

Public Comment

No comment.

L. Adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Adopted: This the 9th day of September 2009.

Tim Fesperman, TCC Chairman

Attest:

Dana Stoogenke, Secretary