



AGENDA
TECHNICAL CORDINATING COMMITTEE
CALL-IN NUMBER: 704-342-9998

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

2. Approval of Minutes from Sept 2009.....Tim Fesperman, Chairman
(ACTION NEEDED)

3. Election of new officers.....Dana Stoogenke, AICP
(ACTION NEEDED)

4. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).....Dana Stoogenke (RPO)
(ACTION NEEDED)

Background: Each year the RPO has to update its list of CTPs that are needed in the region. There are three County CTPs currently beginning conducted. The Albemarle-Badin Plan is the only other plan that has not been converted into a CTP.

5. Monroe Bypass Connector Discussion.....Dana Stoogenke (RPO)
(INFORMATION OR ACTION NEEDED)

Background: The Monroe Bypass Connector stops at the western side of Marshville. US 74 is a strategic corridor linking the coast to Charlotte. Once the Monroe Bypass Connector is finished, only the section from Marshville through Anson County will not be at interstate level. Does the RPO want to request that the North Carolina Turnpike Authority review the feasibility of this project?

6. Badin Bicycle Resolution.....Jay Almond (Badin)
(ACTION NEEDED)

Background: The Town of Badin's staff is requesting an endorsement to apply for a Bicycle Planning Grant.

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

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

9. New Business
 - a. New Schedule for 2010 TCC meetings

10. Public Comment

11. Adjourn

Next meeting:
Tuesday, January 12, 2010 (10:00-12:00)
Location: Division- Albemarle



Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Tim Fesperman (Locust TCC-Chair), Raymond Allen (Albemarle), Jay Almond (Badin), Calvin Gaddy (Vice Chair), Barry Moose (NCDOT-Division 10), Scott Rowell (Anson County), Reuben Crummy (NCDOT), John Munn (Marshville), Michael Riemann (Alternate-Misenheimer), Gwen Hinson (Alternate-Stanly County), Dwight Smith (Norwood), Minnie Staton (Polkton), Larry Branch (Oakboro) and Dana Stoogenke (RPO).

Members Absent: Walter S. Edwards (Ansonville), Lynn Griffin (Peachland), Baxter Jordan (Oakboro), Heath Hahn (Red Cross) and Amy Helms (Union County).

Others Present: Scott Cole (NCDOT Division 10), Richard Hancock (NCDOT Division 10), John Underwood (NCDOT Division 10), Jamal Alavi (NCDOT), Shannon Ransom (NCDOT), Pate Butler (Regional Traffic Engineer), Tony Dennis (NC Board), Beck Dunn via Phone (Union County Schools) and Betty Whitley (RPO).

A. Welcome

The meeting convened at 10:08 am. Quorum was established.

B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

Dana Stoogenke asked that parking lot inventory be added for discussion under New Business as item "F." Tim Fesperman's title will need to be changed to "Chairman" on the agenda. A motion was made by Scott Rowell to approve the adjustments to the agenda and the motion was seconded by Michael Riemann and passed unanimously.

C. Approval of minutes (Approved)

Corrections will be made to the spelling of the word "acclamation" on the first page of the minutes for July 14, 2009. A motion was made by Raymond Allen to approve the corrected minutes and seconded by John Munn. It was approved unanimously.

D. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) (Information)

Update by Reuben Crummy (Union & Stanly) and Shannon Ransom (Anson & Wadesboro)

- **Union County CTP:** Union County started its CTP about a year ago. A public survey was conducted and 300 residents responded to the survey. A focus group was formed to guide the study and has met or had a conference

call each month. The group is made up of government staff, politicians and community stakeholders.

CTP maps were presented to TCC members showing where improvements and new alignments would be needed. There is only one bicycle route in the RPO. Amy Helms may have bicycle information that will need to be included in the study. The Union County CTP will be completed shortly. Once maps with all the recommendations are completed, there will be more public input opportunities. Changes will be incorporated if need be and the CTP will be available for Union County adoption. However, Union County is still working on the vision statement and land use plan. Jamal Alavi advised the group that NCDOT staff can not send the completed document to the Board of Transportation until Union County has an adopted land use plan.

○ **Stanly County CTP:**

Stanly County started its CTP about four months ago. A public survey was conducted and 60 residents responded to the survey. A focus group was formed to guide the study and has met or had a conference call each month. The group is made up of government staff, politicians and community stakeholders.

Stanly County Focus Group is in the process of gathering information. Some initial highway improvements are US 52 needs from the county line to Albemarle and NC 49 north. NC 8 and NC 740 will need to undergo widening. When complete, the study will include all forms of transportation (roads, rail, bike and walking paths). The maps presented to TCC members do not show information for (Albemarle, Norwood, Locust and Stanfield). These four areas already have a transportation plan in place and their recommendations will be added into the final plan.

Dana Stoogenke attended a Tri-County (Union, Stanly and Anson) Farm Meeting in Union County last week with 140 farmers to generate awareness. We also have some upcoming events that we may attend to generate interest in Stanly County's CTP:

Western Stanly Chamber Meeting
Oakboro Better Business Association
Richfield "Party in the Park" Day

○ **Anson County-Wadesboro CTP:**

Anson County-Wadesboro CTP started about four years ago, but was put on hold. It started up again about a year ago. A public survey was conducted and 80 residents responded to the survey. A focus group was formed to guide the study and has met or had a conference call each month. The group is made up of government staff, politicians and community stakeholders.

Anson County's Transportation Plan is based on historical records and the calculations are based on trend analysis which shows how the area is growing. Traffic counts are used from 2007 and then 2035 are projected from that data.

Wadesboro's Transportation Plan is based on hand allocations and these allocations have been completed. The map shows traffic volume for the base year 2007 (in blue) and the design year 2035 (in red) for comparisons. Considerations were made to account for normal traffic flow, as well as traffic passing through the study area. Later Wadesboro's CTP will be merged with Anson County CTP to create "one" transportation plan for Anson County.

E. NCDOT Updates
Stimulus and County Updates by Division Staff

Union & Anson County /John Underwood

Highway 109 South to the South Carolina line will get improvements in and around Wadesboro. NC 109 to Stanback Ferry will be resurfaced. Also, westbound US 74 near the high school out to the Anson County line will be widened with paved shoulders on each side. In Union County, NC 218 will be refurbished from I-485 to NC 74 in Polkton. NC 601 to NC 200 has the intermediate course down and crews are patching from NC 205 to NC 74 in Polkton. After crews complete the intermediate course they will come back and put down the surface. In Marshville, crews will resurface NC 205.

Anson County/Scott Rowell

There are two spot safety projects in the works for spring/summer 2010. Crews will be installing turn lanes and a signal on New Town Road and Rocky River Road.

Stanly County/Barry Moose

Two of the biggest stimulus projects are in Stanly County. These are the bridge replacement on NC 73 and the Ridge Street project. Both of these projects are going very well and we also have several resurfacing projects lined up for Stanly County.

There was enough money in the budget to add the Albemarle Greenway Project to the Division work program. Albemarle had sent a letter requesting Division to consider an extension of the Greenway. NCDOT had a 15-20% savings on contract bidding and were able to pick this project up as a result of the savings. March 1, 2010 is the "drop dead" commitment date and projects are earmarked to use all of the stimulus money.

**F. NCDOT (Transportation Planning Branch) Information
Update by Reuben Crummy**

Norwood's technical report will be complete on December 31, 2009.

G. Old Business

- **SPOT Program:** Beginning October 5, 2009 NCDOT has a new database for prioritizing projects. RPO staff will be inputting all of the prioritized highway projects, pedestrian/bike projects and feasibility studies into the database. Please provide Dana Stoogenke any additional pedestrian/bike projects in the database.
- **Monroe Bypass Connector:** Plans are to start construction of the Monroe Bypass connector in the fall 2010. The completion deadline will be 2013.

H. New Business

- **Grade Plus Program:** This is a reimbursement program for replacing older diesel engines, trucks, and farm equipment with more energy efficient, cleaner running models. The program pays 75% of the total cost for engine replacement and/or 25% to replace the entire vehicle. Go to www.gradeplus.net to apply.
- **Carolina Thread Trail (CTT):** The CTT will hold an upcoming meeting on November 5, 2009 in Mooresville. Stanly, Anson and Union County are all currently participating in the greenway plan.
- **MPO/RPO Conference:** Will be held Nov 4 – 6, 2009 in Raleigh.
- **Congestion Management and Air Quality Program CMAQ:** Union County and Marshville qualify to receive \$120,000 each year under this program. However, there is a 20% match and neither expressed any interest at this time. The deadline to send in an application for the Air Quality Program is the end of October 2009.
- **Walk to School Day:** Will be held on October 7, 2009.
- **Parking Lot Inventory:** Rocky River RPO hired an intern to help gather inventory of parking lot spaces within our designated area. A year has passed and GIS maps are now complete. We would like to thank Adrienne Ward for her hard work and the many hours she spent associated with this project. These maps are now available, so please let us know if you would like to receive a copy.

Also, the RRRPO is planning on purchasing GIS "ESRI" upgrades of demographics for 2009-2014. This upgrade will include a lot of really good information for transportation as well as economic development.

I. Public Comment

Gwen Hinson announced that on August 27, 2009 SCUSA started a new route for the western part of Stanly County. SCUSA has a bus that stays in the Locust area and provides public transportation. This is a general public route, so passengers will need to pay a fare.

SCUSA started advertising the new route in early February and March by sending out flyers to area churches and civic organizations. The City of Locust included SCUSA flyers in its residential utility bills. The new route was also announced in the Stanly News and Press and is currently running in the Weekly Post through September. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call SCUSA office.

J. Adjourned at 11:21 am.

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

Adopted: This the 10th day of November 2009.

Tim Fesperman, TCC Chairman

Attest:

Dana Stoogenke, Secretary



**RESOLUTION ENDORSES
THE APPLICATION FOR BICYCLE PLANNING GRANT BY
THE ROCKY RIVER RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION.**

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute 136-211 enacted July 6, 2000, provides for the establishment of Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs) to provide rural entities a cooperative and unified voice in project selection and funding, and enhance their involvement in integrated multi-model transportation planning; and

WHEREAS, safe and orderly bicycle paths are important to the overall quality of life for the residents of and visitors to the Town of Badin; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Badin has a need for a comprehensive plan for the building of bicycle facilities within its corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Badin citizens and elected officials are committed to making the City a bicycle-friendly city; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation has established a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant program which provides funding to projects that will result in comprehensive local bicycle and pedestrian transportation plans; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that the total cost of the plan will be \$28,000 with the town liable for a 20% match of funds (\$5,600).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rocky River Rural Planning Organization has endorse the application for the Bicycle Grant to the North Carolina Department of Transportation.

ADOPTED: This the 19 day of November, 2009.

Harold Thompson, Chairman Rocky River RPO

Attest

Dana Stoogenke, Rocky River RPO

Rocky River Rural Planning Organization

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

TAC Schedule: (Elected Officials)

3rd Thursday, every other month with a rotating location.

January 21, 2010	6-8 PM	Marshville Community Building
March 18, 2010	6-8 PM	Polkton (Horne) Library at SPCC
May 20, 2010	6-8 PM	Albemarle/Stanly Commons (Managers Conference Room)
July 15, 2010	6-8 PM	Marshville Community Building
September 16, 2010	6-8 PM	Polkton (Horne) Library at SPCC
November 18, 2010	6-8 PM	Locust Crutchfield Campus

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC)

TCC Schedule: (Staff Officials)

2nd Tuesday, every other month.

All TCC Meetings will meet at:
Highway Division 10 - Albemarle
716 W Main St.
Albemarle, NC 28001

January 12, 2010	10-12 (noon)
March 09, 2010	10-12 (noon)
May 11, 2010	10-12 (noon)
July 13, 2010	10-12 (noon)
September 14, 2010	10-12 (noon)
November 09, 2010	10-12 (noon)

For more information please call (704)986-3871 or (704)986-3876 or look us up online at www.rockyriverrpo.org.

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CTP REQUEST	COUNTY	RPO	TPB GROUP	RPO POINTS								PROGRAM & RESOURCE PLAN			LAST STUDY DATE		VMT GROWTH				TOTALS	COMMENTS (Optional)		
				RPO REQUEST RANK	RANK POINTS	BIKE PLAN		PED PLAN		UNIFIED PLAN		# NEW LOCATION SECTIONS	# MILES ADDIT'L LANES	TOTAL	LAST STUDY DATE	2000-2010 GROWTH		2010-2019 GROWTH		10YR VMT GROWTH				
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