



## Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Members Present:** Charlie Akin (New London), Richard Allen (Peachland), Tony Dennis (NC Board), Martha Sue Hall (Albemarle), Jim Harrison (Badin), Roy Helms (Oakboro), Dr. Nalin Mehta (Stanly County-Alt), Ray Quick (Red Cross-Alt), Bobby Sikes (Anson County), Minnie Staton (Polkton), Harold Thompson (TAC Chairman – Norwood), Henry Bill Watkins (Ansonville), and Denise Whitley (TAC Vice Chair – Marshville).

**Members Absent:** Allen Baucom (Union County), Harold Greene (Locust), Peter Edquist (Misenheimer), Wade Barbee (Richfield), and Kevin Barbee (Stanfield).

**Others Present:** Margaret Bivens (Marshville), Larry Branch (Oakboro), Walter S. Edwards (Ansonville), Calvin Gaddy (New London), Andy Lucas (Anson County), Larry Milano (Badin), Carolyn J. Solomon (Morven), Alvin Solomon (Morven), Carl Webber (Marshville), Jarvis Woodburn (Anson County), Jim Blackburn (NC Assoc. of County Commissioners), Tim Gibbs (Charlotte Dept. of Transportation), Dana Stoogenke (RPO Director), and Beverly Rogers (RPO Admin. Asst.)

### A. Welcome

The meeting convened at 6:00 pm. Quorum was established.

### B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

A motion was made by Martha Sue Hall to approve the agenda with the date correction and seconded by Dr. Nalin Mehta. It passed unanimously.

### C. Approval of minutes (Approved)

A motion was made by Tony Dennis to approve the November 2007 minutes. It was seconded by Bobby Sikes and passed unanimously.

### D. Election of New Officers

Tony Dennis nominated Harold Thompson as the Chair. Denise Whitley seconded the motion and Martha Sue Hall closed the session. It passed unanimously. Tony Dennis nominated Denise Whitley as the Vice Chair. Martha Sue Hall seconded the motion and Dr. Nalin Mehta closed the session. It passed unanimously.

**E. Presentation**

Harold Thompson recognized a former member not present - Frank Deese - for his participation with the Technical Advisory Committee. A Certificate of Appreciation from the TAC Board will be mailed.

**F. HOV, HOT and Managed Lane Study (Information)**

Tim Gibbs from the Charlotte Department of Transportation (CDOT) gave a presentation of the HOV, HOT and Managed Lane (Fast Lanes) Study. The study will determine the technical, financial and institutional feasibility of dedicating lanes on major highways in the Charlotte region for active traffic management. Fast Lanes give people the opportunity to find different ways to travel during peak traffic periods. Fast Lanes are long-term, sustainable facilities that safely provide travel time savings and trip reliability.

This study began June 2007 and is anticipated to be completed in August 2008. A key milestone is the workshop scheduled for February 12, 2008, that will determine which projects will move forward to the next phase of the study. Visit <http://www.charmeck.org/fastlanes/home.htm> web site, for detailed information concerning this study.

**G. Senate Bill 1513 (Information)**

Jim Blackburn from North Carolina Association of County Commissioners gave a brief history of the NCACC organized in 1908. One of the main items that brought these Commissioners together in 1908 was problems funding road construction. The counties borrowed too much money and defaulted in the 1920s. Thus, in the 1930s, the General Assembly took away the counties' authority to construct and maintain roads. Senate Bill 1513 is the new statute allowing counties to participate in road infrastructure. There are a lot of questions involving the bill that will be addressed during the 2008 General Assembly.

**H. 2008-2009 Planning Work Program / Five-Year Calendar (Approved)**

Each year NCDOT requires RPOs to submit a Planning Work Program and a Five Year Calendar. These documents describe upcoming projects and associated costs. The total budget this year is the same as last year, with a slight change in the distribution. Dana Stoogenke went over the seven funding categories and highlighted several projects in each section.

A motion was made by Martha Sue Hall to recommend adoption of the 2008-2009 Planning Work Program and Five Year Calendar. Denise Whitley seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**I. Safe Routes to School Resolution (Approved)**

Martha Sue Hall reviewed City of Albemarle's application for an Action Plan Service Award via NCDOT's Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). If successful, the Action Plan will provide a framework for identifying projects, programs and activities that will make walking and bicycling to school safer and more appealing. Action Plan Service Award recipients will create their plans by working with a consultant who is designated and directly contracted by NCDOT and trained to develop a SRTS Action Plan.

A motion was made by Martha Sue Hall for the TAC to endorse Albemarle's application for the Action Plan Service Award via NCDOT's Safe Routes to School Program with the correction of the date. Calvin Gaddy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**J. Statewide TAC Resolution (Approved)**

Dana Stoogenke explained that the North Carolina Association of Rural Planning Organizations is asking each individual RPO/MPO to endorse the formation of a statewide association of Transportation Advisory Committees. This formation would provide MPOs and RPOs with a state-level forum to develop joint legislative agendas, share best practices, and address state and federal issues.

A motion was made by Martha Sue Hall for the TAC to endorse the formation of a statewide association of Transportation Advisory Committees. Dr. Nalin Mehta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**K. Air Quality Letter and/or Resolution (Approved)**

Dana Stoogenke drafted an Air Quality Letter to the Environmental Protection Agency on behalf of the Rocky River Transportation Advisory Committee members regarding the intensification of air quality standards. It was suggested that the letter be mailed directly to an individual within the department. With the address correction, a motion was made by Calvin Gaddy for the TAC to endorse this letter to the EPA. Dr. Nalin Mehta seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**L. Old Business**

Sidewalk inventory for our region has been completed.

**M. New Business**

A motion was made by Martha Sue Hall to change the next meeting date from March 20, 2007 to March 27, 2007 due to religious conflicts. Dr. Nalin Mehta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**N. Public Comment**

**O. Adjourned at 7:30 pm.**

A motion was made by Martha Sue Hall to adjourn and Jim Harrison seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Adopted: This the 7th day of February, 2008.

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Harold Thompson, TAC Chairman

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Dana Stooenke, Secretary