



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Members: Tony Dennis (Stanly County – TAC Chairman), Charlie Akin (New London), Allan Baucom (Union County), Dora Bridget (Marshville - Alt), Steve Garris (Peachland), Harold Greene (Locust), Joe Estridge (Ansonville), Jim Harrison (Badin), Larry Helms (NCDOT Board), Larry McMahon (Norwood – Alt), Jack Neel (Albemarle – Alt), Bobby Sikes (Anson County).

Members absent: Kevin Barbee (Stanfield), Wade Barbee (Richfield), Peter Edquist (Misenheimer), Roy Helms (Oakboro), Larry Smith (Red Cross), Minnie Staton (Polkton).

Others: Dana Stoogenke (RPO Director), Calvin Gaddy (New London – Alt), Raymond Skidmore (Norwood), Larry Milano (Badin-Alt), Barry Moose (NCDOT Div. 10), Rockne Bryant (NCDOT-TPB), Carl Webber (TCC Vice-Chairman), Grant Russell (RPO-GIS), Beverly Rogers (RPO Admin. Asst.)

1. Welcome

Chairman Tony Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Amendment to/Adoption of Agenda (Approved)

Harold Greene made a motion to approve the Agenda and Joe Estridge seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the TAC meeting on May 17, 2007 (Approved)

Corrections were suggested for May 17, 2007 minutes. Allan Baucom made a motion to approve the corrected minutes and Charlie Akin seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

4. Highway 52 Presentation (Information)

Mayor Larry McMahon, Town of Norwood, expressed his gratitude to the TAC members for their continued support of the US 52 Anson – Stanly project. He affirmed that Norwood officials have been trying to increase US 52 to four lanes since 1972. He shared four newspaper articles discussing the widening of US 52 dated back to 1975 and 1978.

Barry Moose gave an update for US 52. He discussed the importance of interconnectivity and not just road widening.

5. Prioritizing TIP Projects for the 2009-2015 (Approved)

Carl Webber, the vice-chairman of the TCC board, described the TCC objective for developing the TIP ranking system. He also explained in detail the ranking process, including the method of using the flex points to rearrange the projects. Carl noted that there are two projects, R-0967(24-27) and R-2616(601), the TCC felt it was unnecessary to include on the Ranking list because they already have contracts underway. Also, the TCC realizes that NC 49 CB (7) and NC 49 D (4) should be revised and encourages the TAC to use the flex points to rearrange the projects. The TCC is in support of the interchange project on NC 73 and NC 49, however, this project is in Cabarrus County which is not a RRRPO county. Therefore, the TCC did not put this project on the Ranking List.

Carl Webber discussed the efforts the TCC and Rockne Bryant (NCDOT) are making to acquire the Crash Data information. This information was going to be included in the formula to create the TIP Ranking. However, due to the time factor involved in obtaining this information, the TCC agreed to omit this information from the current TIP Ranking List. Rockne Bryant (NCDOT) stated the TIP recommendation is due in Raleigh by the middle of September 2007. The NCDOT and RRRPO will continue efforts to obtain the Crash Data information for future reference.

Dana Stoogenke gave recognition to the TCC members and NCDOT staff for all their hard work creating the TIP Ranking List. She also noted that the TAC requested legal notification, and advertisements were placed in the Stanly News and Press (Stanly County), The Enquirer Journal (Union County) and the Anson Record (Anson County).

Several changes were agreed upon by the TAC board members (see attached TIP Ranking 2009-2015 spreadsheet). A motion was made by Allan Baucom to adopt the new order of the TIP Ranking List and Harold Greene seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

6. Air Quality Standards (Information)

Dana Stoogenke distributed information concerning the new Air Quality Standards that the EPA is in the process of issuing. These new standards may cause Anson and Stanly Counties to be pulled into the non-attainment designation. The new standards will be issued in March 2008, public hearings will be held summer 2008, and the effective date of designation will be in 2010. Dana stated she would keep the board updated as new information comes

available. Jack Neel requested a presentation from appropriate agencies to answer some of their questions.

7. Carolina Thread Trail & Uwharrie Bike Mapping Projects (Information)

Dana Stoogenke distributed copies of a map showing the Uwharrie Bicycle Routes Study Area and the Carolina Thread Trail Study Area. These two alternate transportation projects are underway. The Carolina Thread Trail covers Union, Stanly and Anson Counties and focuses on the counties around the Charlotte area. The Uwharrie Bike mapping project covers Anson and Stanly Counties and its regional focus is the Pee Dee River Basin.

8. Transportation Planning Branch Update (Information)

Rockne Bryant did not have any new information to share at this time.

9. Old Business

Dana Stoogenke demonstrated the new RPO website and how it will help communities submit new projects and understand the process of having these projects completed.

10. New Business (Approved)

Larry Helms made a motion to invite, via resolution, Wadesboro officials to renew its Rocky River RPO membership. Jack Neel seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

11. Public Comment

No comments.

12. Adjourn (8:00)

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