



TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Members: Tony Dennis (Stanly County– TAC Chairman), Charlie Akin (New London), Joe M. Estridge (Ansonville), Steve Garris (Peachland), Martha Sue Hall (Albemarle), Jim Harrison (Badin), Amy Helms (Union-Alt), Roy Helms (Oakboro), Bobby Sikes (Anson County), Larry Smith (Red Cross), Minnie Staton (Polkton), and Harold Thompson (Norwood).

Members absent: Kevin Barbee (Stanfield), Wade Barbee (Richfield), Frank Deese (Marshville), Peter Edquist (Misenheimer), and Harold Greene (Locust).

Others: Larry Branch (Oakboro), Rockne Bryant (NCDOT-TPB), J. Scott Cole (Anson & Union), Larry Milano (Badin-Alt), Barry Moose (NCDOT Div. 10), Jack Neel (Albemarle – Alt), Scott Rowell (TCC Chair), Carl Webber (TCC Vice-Chairman), Beverly Rogers (RPO Admin. Asst.), and Dana Stoojenke (RPO Director).

1. Welcome

Chairman Tony Dennis called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. A quorum was established.

2. Amendment to/Adoption of Agenda (Approved)

Martha Sue Hall made a motion to approve the Agenda and Charlie Akin seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the TAC meeting on August 16, 2007 (Approved)

A motion was made by Martha Sue Hall to approve the meetings. It was seconded by Charlie Akin and passed unanimously.

4. Monroe Bypass-Connector (Information)

Carl Gibilaro of NC Turnpike Authority (NCTA) presented the Monroe Bypass-Connector Toll Road project. Mr. Gibilaro presented an overview of the NCTA procedures and discussed the typical cost of using the toll road for the general public (10 to 15 cents per mile). He also discussed the new transponder technology for the collection of the toll, instead of tradition toll booths. If a driver does not have a transponder and goes through the toll, how will the charge be collected? Reid Simons (NCTA) explained her organization will market and educate the public. Once this is completed, there will be a camera at each toll that will pick up the license plate of those who do not have a transponder. The driver

would first receive a letter notifying him or her that they went through a toll without a transponder and to please pay the toll (\$2.00 for example). If needed, a second notice would be sent and the third notice would include a fine. NCTA is working on legislation that would connect this fine to vehicle registration.

Joe Estridge questioned if the study area of the bypass could be extended to the east of Marshville. Barry Moose stated he had mentioned this same request when NCDOT had asked the NCTA to take over the planning, but, if the study boundary was changed, it would delay the project. Thus, the original starting and ending points remained the same.

This PowerPoint presentation will be placed on the RPO website: www.rockyriverrpo.org.

5. Transportation Conformity (Information)

Eddie Dancaussee of the Federal Highway Administration presented transportation conformity basics and an air quality update. Transportation conformity is a way to ensure that federal funding and approval goes to those transportation activities that are consistent with air quality goals.

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6. Transportation Planning Branch Update (Information)

Rockne Bryant stated that the 2006 Vehicle ADDT counts were published. You can find this information on NCDOT's web site. www.ncdot.org.

7. Old Business

Tony Dennis mentioned that Larry Helms apologized because he was not able to attend this meeting due to a conflict of scheduling. A plaque recognizing all of Mr. Helms' work was sent to his office.

8. New Business (Approved)

9. Public Comment

12. Adjourn (7:15)

A motion was made by Harold Thompson to adjourn and Charlie Akin seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.