



## Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

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**Members Present:** Scott Rowell (Anson County – TCC Chairman), Raymond Allen (Albemarle), Calvin Gaddy (New London), Richard Hancock (NCDOT-Division 10-Alternate), Amy Helms via phone (Union County), Todd Herms (Badin), Jerry Myers (Stanly County), Dwight Smith (Norwood), and Minnie Staton (Polkton).

**Members Absent:** Tim Fesperman (Locust), Lynn Griffin (Peachland), Heath Hahn (Red Cross), Baxter Jordan (Oakboro), Michael Orr (NCDOT), Kesha Smith (Misenheimer), Mandy Thomas (Ansonville), and Carl Webber (Marshville).

**Others Present:** Dana Stoogenke (RPO Director), Tim Gibbs (CDOT), Ritchie Hearne (NCDOT-Division 10), Tony Dennis (Stanly - ex-officio), and Beverly Rogers (RPO Admin. Asst).

### A. Welcome

The meeting convened at 12:13 pm. Quorum was established.

### B. Approval of agenda (Approved)

A motion was made by Dwight Smith to approve the agenda and seconded by Todd Herms. It passed unanimously.

### C. Approval of minutes (Approved)

A motion was made by Calvin Gaddy to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Todd Herms and passed unanimously.

### D. Election of New Officers (Approved)

Dana Stoogenke called for nominations for the TCC Chairman and Raymond Allen nominated Carl Webber as Chair and Todd Herms seconded the motion. Calvin Gaddy closed the session. The motion was approved by acclimation. Dana Stoogenke called for nominations for the TCC Vice Chairman Scott Rowell nominated Todd Herms as Vice Chair and Raymond Allen seconded the motion. Calvin Gaddy closed the session. The motion was approved by acclimation.

### E. 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 will 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.charneck.org/fastlanes/home.htm> web site, for detailed information concerning this study.

**F. 2008-09 Planning Work Program / 5 Year Calendar (Recommended Approval)**

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 Scott Rowell to recommend approval to the TCC of the 2008-2009 Planning Work Program and Five Year Calendar. Jerry Myers seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**G. Safe Routes to School Resolution (Recommended Approval)**

The City of Albemarle is applying for an Action Plan Service Award via NCDOT's Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS). Raymond Allen explained that Albemarle has a number of schools where children walk to school. In fact, there are quite a few children that walk from Albemarle's new middle school, which has no sidewalks to the school. This plan will provide a framework for identifying projects, programs and activities that will make walking and bicycling to school safer and more appealing.

Raymond Allen requested a typing error be corrected in the resolution title. A motion was made by Calvin Gaddy to endorse the Safe Routes to School Resolution for the city of Albemarle. Todd Herms seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**H. Statewide TAC Resolution (Recommended Approval)**

Dana Stoogenke described the benefits of the formation of a statewide association of Transportation Advisory Committees. The TAC Chairman's would meet once a year and provide MPOs and RPOs with a state-level forum to develop joint legislative agendas, share best practices, and address state and federal issues of

transportation. The North Carolina Association of Rural Planning Organizations is asking each individual RPO/MPO for its endorsement.

A motion was made by Ritchie Hearne to endorse the Statewide TAC Resolution and seconded by Scott Rowell. It passed unanimously.

**I. Air Quality Letter and/or Resolution (Information)**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is going to be lowering the Air Quality Standards in March/April of 2008. A few neighboring RPOs and MPOs have either sent the EPA Resolutions and/or letters regarding the intensification of air quality standards. It was discussed whether individual member governments of the Rocky River RPO should submit input to the EPA or if the Rocky River RPO should send a letter on behalf of the member governments. The members agreed to have Dana Stoogenke draft a letter to the EPA to be included in the January 17, 2008 TAC Agenda Packet for review. The letter will be drafted and emailed or comments and input to the TCC.

**J. Old Business**

Tony Dennis will be officially sworn in as our new representative on the North Carolina State Board of Transportation this week in Raleigh, NC.

**K. New Business**

**L. Public Comment**

**M. Adjourned at 1:05 pm.**

A motion was made by Jerry Myers to adjourn and Ritchie Hearne seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Adopted: This the 8th day of January 2008.

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Carl Webber, TCC Chairman

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Dana Stoogenke, Secretary