

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM on August 22, 2023, in the Lecture Gallery of the High Point Museum by Martha Wolfe.

TAC MEMBERS PRESENT FOR QUORUM: Doug Hunt, Richard McNabb, Jim Myers, Jay Wagner, Larry Warlick, Karen Watford, Martha Wolfe (Chair)

TCC MEMBERS PRESENT: Andrew Edmonds, Tommy Hutchens, Fred Haith, Mike Horney, Pat Ivey, Bryan Kluchar, Jason Miller, Andy Piper, Chad Reimakoski, Scott Rhine, Greg Venable

HPMPO STAFF PRESENT: Gwen Ford (Minute Taker)

OTHERS PRESENT: Phillip Craver, Richard Jones, Stephen Robinson, James (Alex) Rotenberry, Kathy Vollert, Jennifer Weaver, Tawanna Williams

ETHICS STATEMENT

Martha Wolfe read the Ethics Statement. No one reported any conflicts of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments

ACTION ITEMS

Item 1: Consideration of the June 27th TAC meeting minutes

Martha Wolfe opened the floor to any discussion of the minutes as presented in the meeting agenda packet.

Jay Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes.

Doug Hunt seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Consideration for approval of the 2024-2033 MTIP

Andrew Edmonds presented an overview the 2024-2033 MTIP, which is the High Point MPO subset of the NCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). A copy of the MTIP was included in the meeting agenda packet. There were no comments received during the 30-day public comment period.

Martha Wolfe opened the floor for the public hearing. There were no comments. Martha Wolfe closed the public hearing.

Jim Myers made a motion to approve the MTIP.
Jay Wagner seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Consideration for the approval of the amendments to the 2024-2033 MTIP

Andrew Edmonds presented amendments to the 2024-2033 MTIP as requested Davidson County Transportation and PART. The amendments were included in the meeting agenda packet.

Jim Myers made a motion to approve the amendments.
Doug Hunt seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Consideration for the approval of the High Point MPO smoothed urban area boundary

Gwen Ford presented an overview of the process undertaken to smooth the 2020 urban area boundary. A map illustrating the smoothed boundary was included in the meeting agenda packet.

Doug Hunt made a motion to approve the smoothed urban area boundary for the High Point MPO.
Larry Warlick seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5: Consideration for the approval of the memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (WSUAMPO)

Andrew Edmonds explained that an MOA with WSUAMPO is needed to maintain our current MPO boundaries and agree on the transfer of transportation planning activities. A copy of the MOA and maps of the urban areas affected were included in the meeting agenda packet.

Larry Warlick made a motion to approve the MOA with Winston-Salem.
Jay Wagner seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6: Consideration for the approval of the memorandum of agreement (MOA) with the Greensboro Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (GUAMPO)

Andrew Edmonds explained that an MOA with GUAMPO is needed to maintain our current MPO boundaries and agree on the transfer of transportation planning activities. A copy of the MOA and maps of the urban areas affected were included in the meeting agenda packet.

Karen Watford made a motion to approve the MOA with Greensboro.
Larry Warlick seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item 7: Consideration for the approval of P7.0 SPOT projects list

Andrew Edmonds presented the project list to the P7 prioritization cycle. The project list was included in the meeting agenda packet. The scoring process and timeline were discussed.

Jim Myers made a motion to approve the P7.0 SPOT projects list.
Jay Wagner seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

Item 8: Consideration for the approval of amendments to the 2022-2023 UPWP

Andrew Edmonds reported that an amendment to the UPWP was needed to re-allocate funds from the Special Studies category to cover exceeded expenditures in a few categories: Networks and Support Systems, Travelers and Behavior, Prioritization, Public Involvement, and Management Operations. The MPO only expended 63% of its total budget.

Jay Wagner made a motion to approve the amendments.
Doug Hunt seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Item 9: Review updates to the High Point MPO 2023 Title VI Plan

Gwen Ford reported that the 2023 Title VI Plan was developed with the assistance of the NCDOT Office of Civil Rights to update the 2022 Title VI Plan as part of the compliance review process. Data and maps were updated to reflect the 2020 Census data. A copy of the 2023 Title VI Plan was included in the meeting agenda packet.

Item 10: Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) call for projects

Andrew Edmonds reported the availability of federal funds for projects that offer carbon emission benefits. The HPMPO is accepting project submissions until Friday, October 6, 2023. The NCDOT CRP Project Application was included in the meeting agenda packet to be used for submitting projects.

AGENCY REPORTS

Item 11. NCDOT Board of Transportation Report

No representative present to make a report.

Item 12. NCDOT Division Reports

Division 7

Wright Archer presented project updates, as included in the meeting agenda packet.

Division 8

Bryan Kluchar presented project updates, as included in the meeting agenda packet.

Division 9

Pat Ivey presented project updates, as included in the meeting agenda packet.

Item 13. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Report.

No representative present to make a report.

Item 14. NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division.

Alex Rotenberry did not have any updates to report.

Item 15. Federal Highway Administration Report.

Suzette Morales was not present to make a report.

Item 16. Public Transportation Reports

High Point Transit

Andrew Edmonds reported that HPTS has been operating on a reduced service due to staff shortages.

Davidson County Transportation

Richard Jones reported that DCTS is a direct recipient with the FTA.

RCATS

Tawanna Williams reported that a deviated route project will begin in 2024.

PART

Scott Rhine referred to the report provided in the agenda packet.

OTHER BUSINESS

Andrew Edmonds reported that John Hanes has accepted a position with the Winston-Salem MPO. Also the MPO is requesting approval of the MOUs from the member jurisdictions so the TAC can take action in October. Printed maps from the 2018 Regional Bike Plan are available to take and distribute.

ADJOURNMENT

Richard McNabb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jay Wagner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM.

Minutes submitted by Gwen Ford.