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# TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

## Agenda Packet

Thursday, December 4, 2014  
10:00 a.m.-Noon

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center  
Room 267 (Second Floor)  
600 East Fourth Street  
Charlotte, NC 28202

### DECEMBER TCC MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

1. P4.0 Work Group Update
2. TIP Development & Schedule
3. FY 2016 UPWP Administration
4. Bicycle Transportation Planning Initiatives
5. Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan
6. CONNECT Update

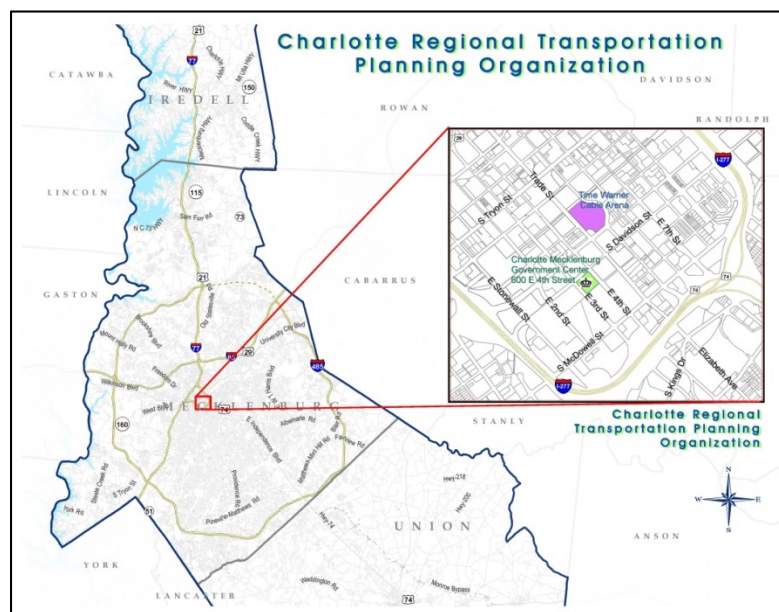
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## TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday, December 4, 2014 | 10:00 a.m.**  
Room 267 (second floor), Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center  
600 East Fourth Street, Charlotte, NC 28202

1. **WELCOME (5 minutes)** **Danny Pleasant**

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  - a. Introductions
  - b. Adoption of Today's Agenda
  
2. **CONSENT AGENDA (5 minutes)** **Danny Pleasant**

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  - a. Approval of November 6, 2014 TCC Minutes
  
3. **TCC INFORMATION REPORTS (60 Minutes)** **Neil Burke**

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  - a. **Prioritization 4.0 Work Group Update** **Neil Burke**  
BACKGROUND:
    - An update will be provided on decisions made and recent discussion topics at the Prioritization 4.0 Work Group meetings that are held bi-monthly in Raleigh.
  
  - b. **TIP Development & Schedule** **Robert Cook**  
BACKGROUND:
    - It is anticipated that the draft TIP will be released by NCDOT on or around December 4, 2014.
    - The release will trigger a variety of activities, including internal reviews and assessments, public involvement efforts, financial analysis, etc.
    - A subcommittee of TCC members is developing a methodology and will recommend a list of projects to distribute the bonus allocation and STP-DA funds to eligible projects throughout the CRTPO planning area.
    - Additional discussion will be provided on the air quality conformity and public involvement processes as they relate to the MPOs involvement in approving the TIP.
  
  - c. **FY 2016 Unified Planning Work Program** **Robert Cook**  
BACKGROUND:
    - The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is adopted annually in accordance with joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) transportation planning guidelines.
    - The UPWP describes the planning activities that are anticipated for the coming fiscal year and documents the allocation of state and federal funds associated with each planning activity.
    - An update on the preparation of the FY 2016 UPWP will be provided.

d. **Bicycle Transportation Planning Initiatives**

**Ken Tippet**

BACKGROUND:

- This brief presentation will focus on lower cost approaches to increase bicyclists' comfort, remove barriers and elevate a community's support of bicycle transportation.

e. **Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan**

**Heidi Pruess**

BACKGROUND:

- This plan is a joint initiative with eight jurisdictions and Foundation for the Carolinas to develop a community vision for our quality of life.
- The vision will build upon existing plans, identify partnership opportunities, and set measures of success for the community.

f. **CONNECT Update**

**Jonathan Wells**

BACKGROUND:

- A summary of the November 14 CONNECT Program Forum will be provided.

4. **OTHER REPORTS (10 Minutes)**

- a. NCDOT Report
- b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report
- c. Upcoming Issues

**NCDOT Staff  
Curtis Bridges**

5. **ADJOURN**

**CRTPO TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Summary Meeting Minutes**  
**Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center**  
**Room 267**  
**November 6, 2014**

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**Voting Members:** *Chair* - Danny Pleasant (CDOT), *Vice-Chair* – Joe Lesch (Union County), Jonathan Wells – alt for Ed McKinney (C-M Planning), Dan Leaver - alt for David Meachum (Charlotte E&PM), Bill Coxe (Huntersville), Adam McLamb – alt for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Andrew Ventresca (Iredell County), Erika Martin (Troutman), Ralph Messera (Matthews), David McDonald (CATS), Jim Loyd – alt for Lisa Stiwinter (Monroe), Kelsie Anderson ( Mooresville), Louis Mitchell (NCDOT – Div. 10), David Keilson – alt for Reuben Chandler (NCDOT – Div. 12), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Sherry Ashley (Statesville), Fern Shubert (Marshville), Megan Green (Mecklenburg County – LUESA Air Quality), Julian Burton (Weddington), Ken Tippette (Bicycle Focus Area Representative), Dick Winters (Public Health Focus Area Representative), Scott Curry (Pedestrian Focus Area Representative), Gwen Cook (Greenway Focus Area Representative)

**Staff:** Robert Cook (CRTPO), Curtis Bridges (CRTPO), Neil Burke (CRTPO), Candice Leonard (CRTPO), Scott Cole (NCDOT – Div. 10), Stuart Basham (NCDOT – Div. 10), Jeff Sloop (NCDOT), James Lim (NCDOT-Public Transportation), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Andy Grzymiski (CDOT), Jeff Derwort (Monroe), Loretta Barren (FHWA)

**Guests:** Todd Steiss (PB), Yolanda Reynolds (Parsons), Bill Thunberg (LNTC), Meg Fencil (Sustain Charlotte), Michael Lumberger (Charlotte School of Law)

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Danny Pleasant opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. TCC members and guests introduced themselves.

**1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr. Pleasant asked if any changes to the agenda are necessary. Hearing none, the November agenda was adopted by acclamation.

**2. Consideration of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Pleasant explained that the consent agenda for the November meeting contained 13 TIP amendments that were requested by NCDOT for various reasons. Neil Burke noted that there was an error on the staff memorandum that describes the TIP amendments, and the TCC is being asked to vote on the revised memo based upon his description of the error. Bill Coxe made a motion to adopt the consent agenda with Mr. Burke’s suggested correction. Joe Lesch seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**TCC BUSINESS ITEMS**

**3a. 2015 TCC Meeting Dates**

Presenter: Neil Burke

Summary/Action Requested:

Mr. Burke stated that the TCC agenda packet contains a memo with a list of potential meeting dates

for the TCC in 2015. The TCC has traditionally met on the first Thursday of each month. The only conflict is January 1, 2015 (New Year's Day), and it is recommended that the TCC consider adopting the 2015 meeting calendar with a revised date of January 8.

Motion:

Mr. Lesch made a motion to adopt the 2015 TCC meeting calendar with the corrected date of January 8. Megan Green seconded the motion. Upon being put to a vote, the motion passed unanimously.

## **TCC INFORMATION REPORTS**

### **4a. Toll Facility Bonus Allocation Subcommittee**

Presenter: Bill Coxe

Summary:

Mr. Coxe summarized the bonus allocation call for projects by indicating that 75 applications for potential projects were received between September 18 and October 3. He explained that the MPO has received information about the projects received, as well as a draft schedule of decision dates in 2015.

Subcommittee members are in the process of developing one framework to prioritize the bonus allocation revenues and the STP-DA funding. Mr. Coxe also indicated that NCDOT-Division 10 will be scheduling a meeting between subcommittee members and the I-77 Mobility Partners to discuss potential bonus allocation projects. He also stated that the subcommittee will review the submitted projects to determine that the methodology has been consistently applied.

### **4b. Prioritization 4.0 Work Group Update**

Presenter: Neil Burke

Summary:

Mr. Burke provided information to the TCC via a Power Point presentation, the contents of which are incorporated into the minutes [here](#). The presentation covered the following points:

- Mr. Burke is one of four MPO staff members that have been appointed to the P4.0 Work Group. This is a statewide group that is charged with updating and improving the process by which transportation projects are analyzed for funding priority.
- Specifically, the Work Group has the following defined responsibilities:
  - make recommendations to NCDOT for implementation of the next prioritization phase, known as Prioritization 4.0;
  - provide input to improve the scoring methodologies for project data, criteria, percent weights, and formulas associated with the highway and non-highway prioritization process; and
  - provide input to improve the project submittal process.
- Mr. Burke shared some the Work Group ideas for improvement by indicating that there is interest in making transit projects more competitive, increasing the weight of projects with local contributions, amongst other concerns that were discussed at the first two meetings.
- The Work Group has ordered the ideas for improvement based upon the following principles:
  - Issues Work Group can recommend to NCDOT for consideration in P4.0

- Issues that would require a change to NCDOT policy
- Issues that would require a change to STI legislation
- Mr. Burke sought input on the TCC's preference on the number of years to consider "committed" in the forthcoming ten year work plan. In prior efforts he indicated the first seven years were considered "committed". The STI legislation specified the projects that would be subject to reprioritization.
  - Mr. Coxe questioned the timing of a project that may use a portion of bonus allocation funding and STI funding. Mr. Burke responded that he would convey this question to the Work Group.
- Mr. Burke also reviewed two potential options for local input points public comment period. The Work Group is being asked to decide on one 90 day period or two 60 day periods. He indicated that the benefit of two sixty day periods would allow the SPOT office to develop a draft Regional Impact program list to understand the projects that may cascade into the Division Needs tier.
  - Robert Cook indicated that the local input points window is complex and difficult for the public to understand. He recommended that the TCC consider a one 90 day comment period to ease confusion.
- Ralph Messera inquired if CRTPO would revisit its local input points methodology prior to the start of P4.0. Mr. Burke responded that the subcommittee would be reconvened to review CRTPO's local input points methodology prior to P4.0.
- Bill Thunberg recommended that the timeframes for MPO and Division methodologies and local input points assignment are synchronized to the extent possible.

#### **4c. MAP-21 Performance Measures for MPOs**

Presenter: Robert Cook

##### Summary:

Mr. Cook provided a brief overview on CRTPO's effort to develop performance measures for MAP-21. A comprehensive update on the development of performance measures will be provided at the December 4 TCC meeting.

### **OTHER REPORTS**

#### **5a. NCDOT Report**

Anil Panicker stated that the DRAFT CTP maps are available on the CRTPO website by clicking [here](#). He indicated that NCDOT-Transportation Planning Branch would like the TCC and MPO to consider approving the start of a public involvement process for the CTP as soon as possible.

Mr. Pleasant asked if NCDOT has a draft schedule of deadlines for the approval of the CTP. Mr. Panicker responded that NCDOT does not have a public involvement process, rather they use the process that the particular RPO or MPO has in place. Mr. Cook said that the schedule and nature of public involvement will be discussed at the November 12 Transportation Staff Meeting. Mr. Cook also mentioned that NCDOT will lead an education session on the CTP at the January 21, 2015 meeting. He indicated that the TCC and MPO will not consider approving the start of a public comment process until a program is developed.

David Keilson provided an update on the I-40 and I-77 interchange reconstruction project.

**5b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group Report**

Curtis Bridges provided an update on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Work Group. He indicated that the Work Group is continuing the process of developing a methodology to distribute Transportation Alternatives funding with a target of completion by January of 2015. Mr. Bridges stated that the Work Group is looking for a representative from Union County. He provided an overview of the next Work Group meeting, and encouraged TCC members to attend these meetings. Mr. Burke said that Work Group meeting agendas can be included in upcoming TCC agenda packets to the extent possible.

**5c. Upcoming Issues**

Jonathan Wells provided an overview of a recent planning coordinating meeting that was held in Davidson on Friday, October 24. He stated that Warren Cooksey from NCDOT-Division 10 gave an informative presentation on STI and it was well received by the attendees.

Sherry Ashley explained that the City of Statesville has hired Kimley-Horn to complete its Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Statesville and the consultant team will coordinate with CRTPO and NCDOT throughout the process of this plan.

Mr. Cook stated that a process will be initiated to develop a methodology for allocating bonus allocation funds and STP-DA funding.

**5. Adjourn:** Mr. Pleasant determined that the agenda had been adequately completed and adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.



# Greater Charlotte

Big city opportunities, small town feel



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## Livability Vision for the Future

# Greater Charlotte is home.

Home to generations of families and cultures from all over the world. Home to neighborhoods that blend thriving businesses with natural landscapes. Home to endless opportunities for all, **where good people make great things happen.**



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We are a hospitable destination for those seeking opportunity.



### INNOVATIVE

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### CONNECTED

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### INCLUSIVE

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### HEALTHY

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# CONNECT Our Future and Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan Initiatives

## What is CONNECT Our Future?

**What** – CONNECT Our Future is a collaborative three-year process in which communities, counties, businesses, educators, non-profits and other organizations in the 14-county bi-state region create a regional growth framework.

**How** – The regional growth framework is developed through extensive community engagement and built on what communities identify as existing conditions, future plans and needs, and potential strategies. It considers job growth and workforce development, housing, transportation, economic development, water quality and quantity, local foods industry, energy, air quality and public health disparities.

**Outcome** – Residents' input from throughout the region will be used to identify a preferred growth scenario and strategies, tools, and national best practices, to create a regional growth framework. It will be completed in December for voluntary use by local governments.



Vibrant Communities – Robust Region

## What is the Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan Initiative?

**What** – The Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan initiative is a year-and-a half process to develop a resident-based vision and subsequent action plan for long-term quality of life in Mecklenburg County.

**How** – The plan will link existing plans addressing land use, economic development, community health, education of youth and adults, environmental health and various other strategic initiatives both in the public and private sectors. The vision and plan will address the interplay of health; safety; economic security; natural environment; education and youth; community character and culture; transportation; housing, and leadership.

**Outcome** – A vision and action plan with strategies and measurable outcomes will be completed for local government adoption by February 2015.



**Mecklenburg Livable  
Communities Plan**

## How are they Different?

**Geographical Scope** – CONNECT includes a 14-county bi-state region and the residents and needs of all of those communities; Mecklenburg Livable Communities includes the county, its residents and communities.

**Content** – CONNECT is a regional framework for growth; Mecklenburg Livable Communities focuses on issues specific to the county, some not covered by CONNECT such as K-12 education and arts and culture.

## How are they Complementary?

**Implementing Vision** – The goal of both is to ensure a vision for vibrant communities which contribute to a robust region.

**Utilizes CONNECT Work** – Mecklenburg Livable Communities is not repeating the work of CONNECT such as scenario planning, but where applicable will use and incorporate that work.

**Incorporates County Work in Updates** – Future CONNECT updates beyond the three-year development of the framework for growth anticipates updates incorporating subsequent local government planning, such as the Mecklenburg County Livable Communities Plan.

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**CRTPO Bicycle & Pedestrian Work Group  
December 4, 2014  
CMGC 8<sup>th</sup> Floor – Room 801**

**Agenda**

1. Introductions
  
2. Community Updates – What’s New?
  
3. **NC 150 Corridor Update**  
Neil Burke
  
4. **CRTPO Bike Suitability Map**  
Ken Tippette
  
5. Work Group Initiative  
**Transportation Alternatives**
  - i. Broad Evaluation Categories
  - ii. Criteria Selection
  
6. Other Topics, Looking Forward
  - a. Little Sugar Creek Greenway Tour

