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TO: TCC Members
FROM: Robert W. Cook, AICP
MUMPO Secretary
DATE: May 3, 2010
SUBJECT: **Additional May TCC Meeting Information**

The following addresses several outstanding issues from the TCC agenda packet distributed on April 30.

Agenda Item #1-Consideration of April Meeting Minutes

The draft April meeting minutes are attached. They were inadvertently omitted from the original agenda packet.

Agenda Item #4-Unified Planning Work Program

The following lists a few additions/corrections to the draft UPWP:

1. Section 5303 funds

The total number of Section 5303 funds is \$345,696, not \$388,908. These funds are received from the Federal Transit Administration and are divided equally between CDOT and CATS for transit planning purposes. To account for the reduced funding, the following changes are recommended for CDOT's proposed allocations:

Reduce V-1 (Congestion Management Strategies) by \$21,152 in STP-DA funds and apply to III-3 (Travel Model Updates) to replace lost Section 5303 funds. (See below for CATS information.)

2. CATS Section 5303 Allocations

CATS proposes to allocate its Section 5303 funds in the following manner:

III-3, Travel Model Updates:	\$48,000
IV-3, Transit Element of LRTP:	\$98,024
V-4, Transportation Improvement Program:	\$10,000
VI-12, Management & Operations:	\$16,824
Total:	\$172,848

The above figures reflect the reduced Section 5303 funding. CATS' original Section 5303 funding level for IV-3 (\$120,000) will be restored by transferring a portion of STP-DA funds from the II-10 (GIS Analysis & Mapping) and VI-2 (Environmental Justice) task codes.

3. Huntersville PL Allocation

The Task Code descriptions included in the UPWP memo distributed on April 22 contained an error in the amount of PL funds requested by the Town of Huntersville. The correct amount is \$23,800, which is the amount accounted for in the FY 11 Funding Sources & Projects spreadsheet.

Possible Additional Agenda Items

There may be a need to add two items to the TCC agenda. One is a TIP amendment for CATS and the other is a TIP modification for the Monroe Parkway. Both topics will be discussed at tomorrow's Transportation Staff meeting if information arrives in time.

May 5 Transportation Staff Meeting

The Transportation Staff meeting agenda will include a discussion of several TCC agenda items, including the proposed CMAQ TIP amendment and the functional class changes for I-485 and NC 24. The above-referenced possible TIP changes may also be discussed.

MECKLENBURG - UNION TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Summary Meeting Minutes
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center
Room 267
April 1, 2010

Voting Members: Wayne Herron-Chairman (Monroe), Bill Coxe-Vice-chair (Huntersville), Danny Pleasant (CDOT), Ken Tippet (CDOT Bicycle Coordinator), Jim Keenan (E&PM), Jonathan Wells – alt. for Debra Campbell (C-M Planning), Leslie Rhodes (LUESA-Air Quality), David McDonald (CATS-MTC), Anil Panicker (NCDOT-TPB), Andrew Grant (Cornelius), Lauren Blackburn (Davidson), Adam McLamb – alt. for Scott Kaufhold (Indian Trail), Ralph Messera (Matthews), Lee Bailey – via phone (Mint Hill), Shannon Martel - alt. for Brian Matthews (Stallings), Amy Helms (Union County), Jordan Cook (Weddington)

Staff: Stuart Basham (MUMPO), Robert Cook (MUMPO), Nick Polimeni (MUMPO), Andy Grzynski (CDOT), Norm Steinman (CDOT), Bjorn Hansen (Centralina COG), Julie Clark (Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation), Dana Stooogenke (Rocky River RPO), Loretta Barren (FHWA), Carroll Gray (Lake Norman Transportation Commission)

Guests: Padam Singh (HNTB), Carl Gibilaro (PBS&J)

TCC Chairman Wayne Herron opened the meeting at 10:00 AM. A matter related to the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) program was added to the agenda.

1. Consideration of March Meeting Minutes

Mr. Herron asked if there were any changes needed to the March minutes. Bill Coxe made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented. Jonathan Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/Requested Action:

Mr. Cook reviewed comments on the Equity Formula that were developed at the March 31 Transportation Staff meeting. It was agreed that the comments should be distributed to the MPO members for their review then, based upon feedback received, a letter should be prepared for the MPO chairman's signature that will be sent to the Oversight Committee.

3. FHWA Livability Initiative

Presenter: Loretta Barren, FHWA

Summary/Requested Action:

Ms. Barren discussed the FHWA's Livability Initiative. The Livable Communities initiative provides transportation choices that promote place-based transportation policies that are centered on people. Also discussed was the USDOT/HUD/EPA Sustainable Communities partnership and its six goals:

- Provide more transportation choices
- Promote equitable, affordable housing
- Enhance economic competitiveness
- Target resources to existing communities
- Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investments

- Value unique characteristics of communities, no matter their size

Ms. Barren recommended that MUMPO begin to incorporate livability concepts into its planning process. A recommended first step was to evaluate the UPWP. The Power Point presentation used is incorporated into the minutes.

4. Davidson Comprehensive Plan Transportation Element

Presenter: Lauren Blackburn, Davidson

Summary/Requested Action:

Ms. Blackburn reviewed Davidson's efforts to prepare a comprehensive plan. The presentation focused on the plan's transportation element, funding for which came from (in part) FY 10 PL funds. The Power Point presentation used is incorporated into the minutes.

5. Small Project Ranking Methodology

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary/FYI:

Mr. Cook reminded the TCC that it had agreed to the MPO's request to develop a small project ranking process after completing work on the LRTP. Mr. Herron stated that it was now time to establish a subcommittee and that Lauren Blackburn agreed to chair it. He asked those interested in serving on the subcommittee to contact him and Mr. Cook.

6. Monroe Parkway Status Update

Presenter: Carl Gibilaro, PBS&J

Summary/Requested Action:

Mr. Gibilaro reported on the following:

- The draft final EIS is being reviewed by FHWA officials in Atlanta; signing of the record of decision (ROD) is on target for June
- The final aesthetics guidelines have been submitted to NCDOT for review
- The RFP will advertise the project as a single project
- A pre-bid meeting was held the previous day in Wingate
- A letter of interest for a TIFIA loan has been submitted to the FHWA; alternate plans have been developed in the event the loan is not approved

7. Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Presenter: Anil Panicker, NCDOT

Summary / FYI:

Mr. Panicker reported that base maps should be available in early April and that the next subcommittee meeting will be held on April 21. He also reported on a CTP meeting between the three North Mecklenburg towns and Mooresville.

8. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)

Presenter: Robert Cook

Summary / FYI:

Mr. Panicker reported that he had recently received information from NCDOT regarding a call for CMAQ projects for fiscal years 2013, 2014 and 2015. He stated that more information would be provided to the TCC members.

8. **Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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