

# **AGENDA**

## **Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization**

**7:00 PM – May 21, 2008**

1. **Call to Order** Lee Myers
2. **Approval of Minutes** Lee Myers  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Approve March 2007 minutes as presented.*

3. **Citizen Comment Period**

4. **Draft 2009-2015 TIP Conformity Determination** Jonathan Parker  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Make a finding that the 2009-2015 TIP is in compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and SAFETEA-LU.*

*BACKGROUND: A public comment period on the conformity determination report was held from March 28, 2008 through April 28, 2008. Two public meetings were held during that time period to receive public comment: April 17, 2008 (Charlotte) and April 23, 2008 (Monroe). No comments were received.*

*At its May meeting, the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) unanimously recommended to the MPO that it find the 2009-2015 TIP to be in compliance with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and SAFETEA-LU.*

*ATTACHMENT: Draft resolution. (The complete draft conformity determination report can be reviewed on MUMPO's website.)*

5. **Draft 2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program** Andy Grzymiski  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the TIP as recommended by the TCC.*

*BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum for additional information. At its May meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the TIP as noted in the memorandum.*

*ATTACHMENTS: Explanatory memorandum; draft resolution. The complete draft TIP can be reviewed on MUMPO's website at:*

*[http://www.mumpo.org/2009-2015 Transportation Improvement Program.htm](http://www.mumpo.org/2009-2015_Transportation_Improvement_Program.htm).*

*(The draft TIP has been updated and includes the financial justification used by NCDOT to demonstrate that it meets SAFETEA-LU requirements that revenue and cost estimates use inflation rates to reflect year of expenditure dollars.)*

6. **County-Level Population & Employment Projections** Anna Gallup  
*ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the county-level population and employment projections for the 2035 LRTP's horizon years: 2015; 2025; 2035.*

*BACKGROUND: See attached memorandum. At its May meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO endorse the projections as presented.*

*ATTACHMENT: Explanatory memorandum; projections spreadsheets.*

**7. 2007-2013 TIP Amendments-CATS**

David McDonald

**a. New Rail Car Purchase**

*ACTION REQUESTED: Amend the TIP as requested.*

*BACKGROUND: CATS is seeking to amend the 2007-2013 TIP in the amount of \$14 million to fund the purchase of new rail cars.*

*At its May meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO amend the TIP as requested.*

**b. New Bus and Transit Amenities Purchase**

*ACTION REQUESTED: Amend the TIP as requested.*

*BACKGROUND: CATS is seeking to amend the 2007-2013 TIP to fund the purchase of new buses and transit amenities (e.g. shelters).*

*These items must be purchased during the current fiscal year; however, CATS was not made known of the need to amend the TIP for these items until after the May TCC meeting, therefore there is no formal TCC recommendation. Since this is the final MPO meeting during FY 08, and there is no other need for a special meeting before the regular July meeting, it is recommended that the TIP be amended without the TCC's input. Staff contacted the TCC chairman and vice-chairman to determine if they were opposed to doing so; both indicated they had no opposition.*

**8. FY 09 Unified Planning Work Program**

Robert Cook

*ACTION REQUESTED: Approve the FY 09 UPWP as presented.*

*BACKGROUND: The UPWP is adopted annually and identifies the major activities to be undertaken by the MPO during the fiscal year.*

*At its May meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO approve the UPWP as presented.*

*ATTACHMENTS: Spreadsheet with funding amounts by task code; task descriptions.*

**9. MPO Self-Certification**

Robert Cook

*ACTION REQUESTED: Adopt the attached resolution certifying MUMPO's compliance with all federal transportation planning laws, statutes, etc. during FY 08.*

*BACKGROUND: Federal regulations require MPOs to self-certify that they comply with all laws, statutes, etc. governing the transportation planning process.*

*At its May meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO adopt the resolution as presented.*

*ATTACHMENT: Draft resolution*

**10. Draft 2035 Long-Range Transportation Plan Project List**

Robert Cook

*ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the project list.*

*BACKGROUND: An endorsement of the project list will allow staff to formally request the regional travel demand model staff to incorporate the projects into the model. Staff will also present this list to the public for comment and to the environmental resource agencies as a part of the Consultation process. The project list represents all projects requested to be included in the ranking process for possible inclusion in the LRTP; it is not fiscally constrained. Also, the scoring process will not be complete until the travel demand modeling process produces scores for the Reduces Congestion criterion.*

*At its May meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO endorse the list as presented.*

*ATTACHMENT: Project list. Due to the file size, the list will not be attached to the e-mailed version. It can be viewed on MUMPO's website at:  
[http://www.mumpo.org/2035\\_LRTP.htm](http://www.mumpo.org/2035_LRTP.htm)*

**11. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)**

Jonathan Parker

*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: NCDOT has raised the issue of Transportation Planning Branch staff developing the CTP for MUMPO.*

**12. Monroe Connector/Bypass Update**

Reid Simons

*ACTION REQUESTED: FYI*

*BACKGROUND: Update on the progress of this project.*

**13. Adjourn**