

AGENDA

Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization

7:00 PM – January 21, 2009

- 1. Call to Order** Lee Myers

- 2. Election of Officers** Lee Myers
ACTION REQUESTED: Elect Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

BACKGROUND: MUMPO bylaws require that the Chairman and Vice-Chairman be elected annually at the first regularly scheduled meeting of the calendar year. The bylaws also require that the Chair must have served as an MPO member (delegate or alternate) for one year immediately prior to the election.

- 3. Approval of Minutes** Chair
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve November 2008 minutes as presented.

- 4. Citizen Comment Period**

- 5. Safe Routes to School Endorsements** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse the projects on the attached list.

BACKGROUND: Application requirements for the SRTS program require MPO endorsement of the applications. The TCC unanimously recommended at its January meeting that the MPO endorse each proposal.

ATTACHMENT: Project list and descriptions.

- 6. I-485 Designation** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse adding I-485 from I-85 west of Charlotte to I-77 north of Charlotte to the Interstate System.

BACKGROUND: MPOs must officially endorse the addition of new segments to the Interstate System. The TCC unanimously recommended at its January meeting that the MPO endorse adding the portion of I-485 described above to the Interstate System.

- 7. Draft Public Involvement Plan Revision** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Release the draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for public review and comment.

BACKGROUND: The need for a revised PIP is due to the adoption of SAFETEA-LU and the revised metropolitan planning rules that followed. The requested action will result in staff beginning the required 45-day public comment period. Final action on the PIP is expected at the March meetings of the TCC and MPO. At its January meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO release the draft PIP.

ATTACHMENT: Draft PIP.

- 8. Draft 2011-2017 Candidate Project List** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Release the draft Candidate Projects List (CPL) for public review and comment.
BACKGROUND: The CPL is adopted at the beginning of the TIP development process and represents the funding priorities of the MPO. It has been the subject of significant review and discussion at three Transportation Staff meetings. Final action on the CPL is expected at the March meetings of the TCC and MPO. At its January meeting, the TCC unanimously recommended that the MPO release the draft CPL.

ATTACHMENT: Draft CPL.

- 9. Draft FY 2010 Unified Planning Work Program** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Release the draft Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public review and comment.
BACKGROUND: The UPWP is adopted annually and identifies the major transportation planning activities to be undertaken during the fiscal year. Final action on the UPWP is expected at the March meetings of the TCC and MPO.

ATTACHMENT: Memorandum.

10. Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Issues

- a. TIP Amendment: C-4953** David McDonald
ACTION REQUESTED: Amend the TIP to change the project scope from establishing regional express service to establishing a transportation demand program.

BACKGROUND: C-4953 is a CMAQ project funded during the 2004 Call for Projects and is for the establishment of regional express service to Waxhaw. The TCC unanimously recommended at its January meeting that the MPO amend the TIP.

- b. TIP Amendment: C-4965B** Andrew Grant
ACTION REQUESTED: Amend the TIP to shift funding from FY 2011 to FY 2009.

BACKGROUND: C-4965B is a CMAQ project funded during the 2004 Call for Projects and is for intersection improvements at NC 115 and Washam Potts Road.

Note: The requested action may be withdrawn if this project if the CMAQ Project Review Subcommittee recommends this project for fast tracking. See item d below.

- c. Project Fast Tracking Endorsement: C-4955** Andy Grzymiski
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse fast tracking this project.

BACKGROUND: C-4955 is a CMAQ project funded during the 2004 Call for Projects and is for the establishment of a center city Charlotte parking and way finding system. Fast tracking will permit funds to be expended in 2009 and will waive the required local match.

- d. Project Fast Tracking Endorsements** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse fast tracking projects as recommended by the CMAQ Project Review Subcommittee.

BACKGROUND: Fast tracking of CMAQ projects is possible provided that criteria established by NCDOT are met. MUMPO's CMAQ Project Review Subcommittee will meet on Friday, January 16 and may recommend that the MPO endorse projects for fast tracking. The NCDOT deadline for fast tracked projects is January 29.

- e. 2008 Project Proposals** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: A review of the proposals submitted by the January 7, 2009 deadline will be provided.

- 11. Economic Stimulus Projects** Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI, or possible action.

BACKGROUND: An economic stimulus program has been proposed that could provide funding for transportation projects throughout the nation. Attached to the agenda is a project list developed by NCDOT. This is the same list sent to MPO members on January 13. Any additional projects or policies identified by TCC members will be presented.

ATTACHMENT: Potential project list.

- 12. EPA Action Regarding the State Implementation Plan** Norm Steinman
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: The USEPA has notified the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for demonstrating attainment of the 8-hour national ambient air quality standard for ozone in the Metrolina area will be disapproved unless the state requests a voluntary reclassification. Either disapproval or reclassification will have implications for industrial sources and transportation planning in the region.

- 13. Monroe Connector/Bypass** Steve DeWitt
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the progress of this project.

- 14. Adjourn**