



Minutes of February 5, 2016
 10:00AM, Greensboro, NC
 Greensboro MPO Offices– Melvin Municipal Building
 300 West Washington Street, Greensboro, NC 27402-3136

Name (In Attendance)	Organization	Name (In Attendance)	Organization
Shelby Powell	CAMPO	Maurizia Chapman	NBMPO
Daniel Amstutz	GUAMPO	Tyler Meyer	GUAMPO
Patrick Norman	NCDOT	Craig McKinney	GUAMPO
Neil Burke	CRTPO	Fredrick Haith	WSMPO
Tristan Winkler	FBRMPO	Mike Kozlosky	WMPO
Hank Graham	GCLMPO	Lindsay Smart	DCHC MPO
George Hoops	FHWA		
Peggy Holland	JUMPO	Name (Attendance via Phone)	Organization
John Marshall	GHMPO	Kim Maxey	NBMPO
Bob League	Rocky Mount MPO	Suraiya Rashid	WMPO
Michael Mandeville	FAMPO	Daryl Vreeland	Greenville MPO
Edward Starks	GSATS	Debbie Collins	NCDOT-PTD
Mark Hoeweler	GSATS	David Wasserman	NCDOT-SPOT
Sue Lundberg	Ethics Commission	Sarah Lee	NCDOT-SPOT
		Julie White	NC Metropolitan Mayors Coalition

Open Meeting/Welcome/Introductions–Tyler Meyer opened the meeting by welcoming all present in person and via phone. He asked that introductions be made.

1. **Minutes**–Mike Kozlosky made a motion to adopt the minutes from the October 30, 2015 meeting. Peggy Holland seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
2. **Treasurers' Report**–Hank Graham gave the Treasurers' report:
 - Taxes will be filed soon (may look at other firm besides Butler and Stowe)
 - Need to keep account below \$50,000 – may look at funding grants or scholarships
 - Website maintenance is \$100 per month
 - With additional money we may be able to have an extra reception at the conference of classes for MPO staff
 - Need motion to spend \$425 for plaques for retirees. Motion made by Maurizia and seconded by Mike which passed unanimously

3. Organizational Appointments:

- Tyler said we needed appointments for Complete Streets Committee. Tyler nominated Daniel and Suraiya. A motion to approve these appointments was made by Mark and seconded by Bob which passed unanimously

4. Conference Update - Craig McKinney gave a conference update:

- Craig McKinney said there were several sponsors lined up for the conference and registration should be open in the next week
- Daniel has agreed to lead bike ride and asked if a 13 to 15 mile ride was too long. Previous conferences were 10 to 15 miles
- Daniel mentioned have a meeting of NC Chapter of Bicycle and Pedestrian Professionals. Fred thought that was a good idea and Hank agreed if we were not charged for a meeting room. Tyler said a room would be available
- Tyler mentioned having an additional reception on Thursday night and everyone agreed that would be a good idea
- Wednesday there will be an opening session followed by technical tracts and on Thursday there will be four technical tracts followed on Friday by a legislative and policy update

5. PTD Topics – Debbie Collins gave a PTD update:

- NC Public Transit is the fastest growing in the Southeast
- Funding Managed by NCDOT
 - FY 13 – 128.5 million
 - FY 14 – 300.3 million
 - FY 15 – 245.7 million
- NC Federal Formula Program FY 15 Total \$114,665,233
- FY 16 Funding Distributed by NCDOT: by Expense Category
 - Operating - 49%
 - Capital - 35%
 - Admin - 16%
- State Funding Categories
 - State Operating Assistance – 48.8 million
 - FTA Matching Assistance – 36.5 million
 - State Programs – 2.9 million
- Need for Funding Study
- NC Population Change – 2015 (10,042,802)
- New Funding Structure for Community Transportation Systems
- Funding Study 5 Year Budget and Recommendations
- Base Case NCDOT Budget Overview
- Urbanization of North Carolina
- FTA Formula Program Graduation Analysis
- FTA Formula Program – FY15 N.C. Funding
- FTA Formula Distribution Factors
- FTA Formula Program 5307 / 5311 Rates
- Recommended 5307 / 5340 Funding Allocation
- Graduation Analysis Recommendations
- Recommendations for Large Urbanized Areas (UZAs)
- Fixing America's Surface Transportation Program Changes

6. **SPOT Update**–David Wasserman and Sarah Lee gave a SPOT update:
 - David appreciates all the submittals so far
 - Scores could possibly be released in mid-March. Mike asked for them to be released at the beginning of March. David said as soon as possible
 - Neil asked if all modes would be released and David indicated they would
 - Shelby asked about the process and timeline to develop cost. David said they worked closely with the STIP Unit and others to develop costs
 - Neil asked about funding estimated per region and David advised he would check with Van Argabright

 - Sarah discussed transit cost estimates
 - Sarah mentioned that MPOs would need to complete some data on spreadsheets and verify costs for local shares

7. **Election of Officers:**
 - Tyler proposed continuation of existing officers for another year
 - Tyler made a motion to keep existing officers for another year and Peggy seconded the motion which passed unanimous
 - There was also a consensus for John to serve as co-signer with Hank for the NCAMPO bank account

8. **FAST Act Overview**– George Hoops gave a FAST Act update:
 - George said there were 10 fact sheets and eventually there would be 20 more
 - Apportionment
 - Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ)
 - Federal Share
 - Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP)
 - Metropolitan Planning
 - National Highway Freight Program (NHFP)
 - National Highway Performance Program (NHPP)
 - Railway-Highway Crossing Program
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program
 - Transportation Alternatives (TA)

9. **TPB Update** – Patrick Norman gave an update on TPB Issues:
 - CTO 2.0 process has established subcommittees
 - Strategic Highway Corridor study to begin soon
 - Alpesh Patel, Calvin Leggett and Bobby Lewis have all left NCDOT
 - Draft UPWPs were due January 31st
 - No PL funding updates yet. Allocation letters as soon as numbers released
 - Funding agreement letters to come out soon

10. **Association Business:**
 - Mike brought up the issue of MPO fund balances. Should funds be reallocated from MPOs that have large balances? Patrick will send out a balance sheet for all the MPOs so the Association can discuss the issue at a future meeting
 - Lindsey showed DCHC's new website that is their MPO online database:
http://www.dchcmpo.org/publications/maps/dynamic_maps/default.asp

11. **Ethics Overview** – Sue Lundberg gave an Ethics Overview for MPO Officials:
 - How the Ethics Act Apply to MPOs & RPOs
 - Enhanced Civil Fines and Criminal Penalties

- Enhanced SEI Civil Fines and Criminal Penalties for Late Filing, Incomplete or Non-Filing
- Initial Appointment Filing and Evaluation Requirements
- Statement of Economic Interest (SEI)
- Real Estate Disclosure Form (RED)
- Obtaining an NCID Account
Completing the Web Form
- Electronic Filing Confirmation
- SEI Civil Fines and Criminal Penalties
- Important Dates & Deadlines

12. Legislative Update – Julie White gave a Legislative update:

- H97 Budget Bill
 - Sec. 29.5a requires NCDOT to charge locals for changes they request that are not safety related to a project
 - Sec. 29.17D removes the percentage of the gas tax that paid Powell Bill and move to an appropriation of \$147.5m a year.
 - Sec. 29.41 limits the Strategic Transportation Investment spending on light rail to \$500k. The House subsequently passed S605 to remove cap, but it has not passed the Senate and remains alive for the short session.
 - Sec. 29.27A gives each city the ability to levy up to a \$30 municipal vehicle fee and requires they spend no more than \$5 on public transit, \$5 on any other lawful purpose, and the remainder on public streets.
 - Sec. 29.15A raises the cap on the number of turnpike projects in the State
 - Sec. 29.16m splits \$89m equally among each county for road maintenance (a House provision the body amended out on the floor)
 - Sec. 29.20a offers cities tiered help with utility relocation costs
- NCDOT Report
 - <http://ncdot.gov/contact/> or 1-877-DOT-4YOU
 - 2 days on potholes
 - clogged culverts, damaged shoulders, drainage issues, highway debris, and bad guardrails, traffic signals and traffic signs
- Rural Rumbblings on Trans \$
 - WRAL: "But Republicans and Democrats representing rural areas pushed back – hard. Brown called it "the biggest fight I've ever seen," blasting urban counties whose lobbyists have been leaning heavily on lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. "They act like the world is ending, and they're getting all the money" from economic incentives and transportation, Brown said. "These small counties don't get any of that money. None." "Gosh, guys, don't be so greedy! Give some. Give these counties some. Why do you want it all? Just give them something!" Brown exclaimed. "That's what this bill does. I've never see anything like this in my life up here
- The STI Attacks
 - Currently, three of the four House Transportation budget chairs hail from the coast
 - Senators remain somewhat firm
 - Rural legislators unhappy
 - I-77 revolt
 - Light rail cap
- Studies
 - S119 – Study of unpaved state roads – NCDOT to conduct survey of paved and unpaved roads that are open to the public but not current a part of the state system. Report June 2016. \$1m NR to improve them. State doesn't have to continue to improve them in the future.
 - S581 Study Subdivision Streets/Traffic Calming Devices passed – DOT to study requirements for DOT to accept subdivision streets into highway system and report by Feb 2016 – HOAs need 60% of property owners rather than 70% for traffic calming

- H232 Study Bike Safety - Visibility (clothing or other reflective gear) and lighting requirements, operating position in roadway, informal group rides on rural roadways require city permit
- Issues that Remain
 - Road Diets in H44 not gone for good
 - S396 Limit number of studies MPOs – didn't pass – Tarte
- Torbett Study Committee
 - Mega Projects: I-77 and I-95
 - Ports
 - Tech advances in infrastructure development
 - Autonomous vehicles
- Another Bond?
 - Governor is referencing another bond
 - Could include transportation

13. Next Meeting

- MPO Conference – May 10, 2016

14. Adjournment – Consensus was that the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Marshall, Secretary