



Minutes of February 10, 2023

CRTPO Host
In Person and Zoom Meeting

AFTERNOON SESSION – QUARTERLY MEETING (1:00 PM)

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Agustin Rodriguez	CRTPO	Judy Dellert-O'Keef	CRTPO
Alena Cook	NCDOT	Julie White	NCDOT
Andrew Edmonds	HPMPO	Julio Paredes	GCLMPO
Arthur Cashwell	GCLMPO	Karyl Fuller	Triangle Area RPO
Beau Mills	Metro Mayors	Kendall Clanton	CRTPO
Bill Marley	FHWA	Kim Maxey	New Bern MPO
Bill McDow	WMPO	Lashonda Cherry-Crawford	FAMPO
Bob Cook	CRTPO	Laura Wisecup	JUMPO
Brandon Oliver	FHWA	Linda Rideout	Rocky Mount MPO
Brian Elgort	CRTPO	Logan DiGiacomo	FBRMPO
Brian Wert	NCDOT	Loretta Barren	FHWA
Chris Lukasina	CAMPO	Mark Eatman	NCDOT
Curtis Bridges	CRTPO	Marta Matthews	NCDOT
Dale McKeel	DCHC MPO	Matthew Burczyk	WSMPO
Daryl Vreeland	NCDOT-TPD	Mike Bruff	CAMPO
Deloma Graham	FAMPO	Mike Kozlosky	WMPO
Doug Plachcinski	DCHC MPO	Neil Burke	CRTPO
Eliud De Jesus	Greenville MPO	Pam Cook	NCDOT
Felicia McRee	New Bern MPO	Phil Conrad	CRMPO
George Hoops	FHWA	Randi Gates	GCLMPO
Hank Graham	FAMPO	Ryan Brumfield	NCDOT-IMD
Hannah Bagli	FBRMPO	Scott Adams	Land of Sky RPO
Heather Hildebrandt	NCDOT TPD	Scott James	WMPO
Jamal Alavi	NCDOT TPD	Suzette Morales	FHWA
Jennifer Collins	NCDOT-Division 4	Temekia Dae	CRTPO
Jennifer Stafford	CRTPO	Theo Thomson	CRTPO
Jen Weiss	NCDOT	Travis Johnson	CRTPO
Jerrel Leonard	CRTPO	Tristan Winkler	FBRMPO
Jordan Reedy	Rocky Mount MPO	Wannetta Mallette	BGMPO
Joseph Geigle	FHWA	Wendy Miller	CRMPO

- Welcome/Introductions** – Chris Lukasina called the meeting to order and opened the meeting by welcoming all present, both in-person and virtually.

2. NCDOT Multimodal Update

Julie White provided the following updates:

- The North Carolina: The State of Aviation 2023 report is out.
- The NC Advanced Transportation Mobility Strategic Plan has launched to develop a comprehensive framework for interconnected and shared autonomous multi-modal deployments.
- BIL Fund Collection for NC Public Airports – will start offering the General Aviation airports to start drawing this funding down.
- S-Line TOD Study Update – working on deliverables. Community playbooks are being developed for each community.
- Grant assistance program - If you have a project, reach out to NCDOT-IMD for support.
- S-Line Update – Richmond-Raleigh – corridor acquisition is underway, service development underway, FY 21 CRISI Grant was received for 30% engineering. An application has been submitted for a FY 22 CRISI Grant for 60% engineering.
- NC Passenger Rail Opportunities – FRA Corridor Identification and Development Program.

Ryan Brumfield provided the following updates for NCDOT-IMD:

- Paved Trails & Sidewalks Feasibility Study – \$2.5M (25 applications) was awarded out of ~\$5M (59 applications) requested. These studies will start in spring 2023
- Safe Routes to School – Non-Infrastructure Grant Program – the call for applications ended on February 6th. Just over \$5M in requests were received. Award announcements are anticipated in early April.
- Bicycle Helmet Initiative – 290 applications were received. Award announcements are expected in March or April.
- Multimodal Planning Grant Program – the application period is open with a deadline of April 10, 2023. Plan types include: Bicycle, Pedestrian, or Combined Plan, Project Acceleration Plan, Multimodal Network Plan, Existing Bicycle or Pedestrian Plan Update.
- FY 24 TDM Program applications are being accepted. The deadline for TDM applications and budget to be submitted in EBS is March 17.
- Various FTA Discretionary Grant NOFOs have been released, including: Areas of Persistent Poverty Program, FY 23 Low or No Emission Grant Program, and Grants for Buses and Bus Facilities Competitive Program.
- NCDOT-IMD FY23 Partner Survey Overview – later this month, IMD will launch a survey to determine stakeholder and partner satisfaction with IMD staff, programs, processes, activities, achievements and strategies. The survey will be open February 27 – March 10, 2023.
- Micromobility Strategy – funded through SPR funding. Microtransit is not being included in this. Guidance will be sent out next week.
- The Transit Communication Hub was also reviewed.

3. STIP Update/NCDOT Financial Status Update – Brian Wert provided the following updates:

- STIP Updates:
 - Project Swap Deadline – March 17, 2023
 - STIP Adoption – May/June 2023
- Workgroup Updates
 - Recent meetings have occurred on Dec. 13th, January 12th and 24th. The next meeting will be held on Feb. 14th.
 - The P7 schedule was reviewed.
 - The workgroup will continue to meet through May. The BOT will adopt the P7 methodology in June.
 - SPOT Online will go live for project submittal starting July 10th (targeted go live date), and will stay open through September.

- Data Review may be distributed throughout process as a way to help manage this process better. This way all changes won't come in at the last minute.
- Quantitative Scores and Statewide Mobility Funded Projects will be released in May 2024.
- Regional Impact Total Scores and Funded Projects will be released by the end of August 2024.
- The draft STIP will be released in February 2025 with anticipated adoption by the BOT in August 2025.
- Local Input Methodology review will be early next year.
- Workgroup discussions have included Resiliency, SE Tools, Highway Scoring, Project Carryovers and Submittals, LIP, and Normalization.
- Consensus Points have included: Workgroup Approach, Meeting calendar, P7 schedule, Interstate and Primary Route Designation, COVID Impacts to Highway Data for Safety and Volume, and Rail Modernization SIT. Upcoming Consensus Points include: Tool Tables and Highway Criteria.
- The P6 Methodology for Number of Submittals and Local Input Points was reviewed.
- P7 will not reflect new boundaries for MPOs.
- Chris asked about SPOT Online training. Brian responded that he is trying to nail these dates down. He is looking at May/June for the timeline for P7 and Spot Online training.
- Neil added that we need the project status spreadsheet showing carryover projects, etc. Brian said that this would come soon. The Congestion Management Unit is working on carryover projects, so they need this list as well.

4. 2023 Conference Update – Eliud de Jesus gave the following updates:

- The 2023 Conference will be held April 24-28, 2023 at the Greenville Convention Center.
- Registration has opened with 33 registered so far.
- Mobile tours are set up. They will be offering a bike rental option this year. 2 bike rides will be offered. There will be a Traffic Safety Project tour as well.
- The conference planning team is finalizing the details for the keynote speaker. The Draft agenda will be updated once this is finalized.
- There will be an opening session on Wednesday evening – “Taste of Greenville”. The planning team is nailing down the last details for this.
- Transportation to and from the evening events is being finalized.
- The Program Committee is meeting next week to review abstracts. They are looking to finalize this soon to put together the sessions for a final program.
- Eliud will send a draft agenda to put on the NCAMPO website.
- Neil noted that John Marshall has said that he is retiring and asked if we would want to present him with a plaque at the conference.

5. TPD Topics

- Jen Weiss gave the following updates:
 - NC Clean Transportation Plan
 - Jen's presentation included information on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions in NC, Executive Orders: EO 80 and EO 246, the plan's purpose, timeline, workgroups and training opportunities, and next steps.
 - The Draft Clean Transportation Plan is due March 1st with a public comment period and listening sessions March 1st-15th. The Final Plan is due to the Governor by April 7th.
 - National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program (NEVI)
 - Jen's presentation included an overview of the program, NEVI Station Criteria, a map of Alternative Fuel Corridors with existing and future NEVI stations, and the draft process and schedule.
- Heather Hildebrandt gave the following updates:

- Freight Plan – adopted Feb. 7th
 - There is a desire to revitalize the regional freight committees. If anyone in your areas is interested in being involved in this, please reach out to Heather to be added to the list as they start these committees back up.
 - Next focus – looking at commodity flow tool to see how this can be updated.
- CMAQ Program
 - Applications for FY 24 are due March 15th.
 - The program is changing due to feedback requesting that the Division start receiving applications on a more frequent basis. This will help with project delivery.
 - The CMAQ workgroup needs to be reengaged to make sure they are addressing all concerns and issues. Heather will be scheduling a meeting soon.
 - Mark Eatman will be the primary point of contact, replacing Phyllis Jones.
- Carbon Reduction Program
 - MPOs have received their allocations.
 - Please submit projects to TPD as you develop them so that they can verify eligibility and establish STIP #. Mark Eatman is the POC for this as well. These will be run as LAP projects.
 - A lot of MPOs are rolling their CRP funding into their CMAQ processes.
 - Mike asking for clarification on the need to ask permission from TBD, or if they are just needing projects to keep up with everything. Heather responded that TPD does need to confirm eligibility. Because of the Executive Orders, TPD will track projects and NCDOT has to develop a Carbon Reduction Report to submit to FHWA. Mike noted that this seems like we are adding more steps to the process. Bringing TPD into it is just adding to the process. Heather noted that there is a federal requirement to confirm that a project is eligible.
- Alena Cook provided the following updates:
 - She will be sending a call to RPOs to get some feedback on CTP updates. TPD is trying to plan in advance for priorities over the next several years.
 - The best practice is to see if MPOs can do a CTP update on the same cycle as the MTP updates.
 - With the potential boundary changes, MPOs would need to wait on this before initiating a CTP update.
 - If there is a need for update your CTP and you don't foresee any boundary changes, please get in touch with Alena Cook and your TBD coordinator.
 - MPO/RPO deadlines – please make sure you are staying on top of this.
 - PWPs are due at the end of March, with any PWP revisions due in April.
 - NCDOT Summit – posted recordings for the sessions are now online.
- Jamal Alavi gave the following updates:
 - SPR call for projects has been issued with projects due Feb. 24th.
 - TPD has received 2019 and 2022 employment data from InfoUSA. If interested, please get in touch with your TPD coordinator.
 - Urban Area boundaries and populations have been sent out, as well as the FHWA timeline. The MPOs can go ahead and proceed with any smoothing of boundaries, new MPO set up, etc.
 - Jamal is working on a document to give more info on Urbanized Area update requirements.
 - Chris asked Jamal to send the allocation table with 2020 numbers, and maybe include what it would look like with 1 additional MPO. We need to think about changing the formula – or not – and how many MPOs the formula applies to.
 - Mike asked when do updates to MOUs need to be made? Jamal replied that this could be done at the same time as the boundary changes.
 - Jamal and George will look at a template MOU to share.

6. FHWA Update - George Hoops gave the following update:

- The FHWA website has been updated with schedule, Q&A, etc.
- On Dec. 29th, FHWA announced new qualified urban areas – Clayton and Southern Pines. No new TMAs were identified. Having any new MPOs would require MPOs and NCDOT to revise their formula for funding. This would have to be submitted to FHWA before Oct 1, 2023. There would be reduced funding from existing MPOs to fund any new MPOs.
- Existing MPOs should have updates to MOUs.
- FHWA has developed a bunch of YouTube videos related to federal highways in general and federal transportation planning processes and funds. FHWA has also updated the Transportation Planning Process Briefing Book.
- SPR set-aside funding – FHWA is waiving local match requirements. Jamal sent out an email regarding this.
- NOFO – RAISE grants – Deadline is Feb 28, 2023. Selection will be announced in June 2023.

7. NCARPO Update – No update.

8. Other Business – there was no other business.

9. Next Meeting – April 25th (Greenville)

10. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 2:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randi Gates, GCLMPO
NCAMPO Secretary