



Minutes of February 23, 2024
 CAMPO Host
 In-Person and Virtual

MORNING SESSION – BUSINESS MEETING (10:00 AM)

Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Abby Lorenzo	WMPO	Hank Graham	FAMPO
Andrew Edmonds	HPMPO	Kelly Garvin	WSMPO
Beau Mills	Metro Mayors	Luther Langley	FAMPO
Chris Lukasina	CAMPO	Mike Kozlosky	WMPO
Deanna Trebil	New Bern MPO	Neil Burke	CRTPO
Deloma Graham	FAMPO	Phil Conrad	CRMPO
Derrick Cameron	FAMPO	Randi Gates	GCLMPO
Doug Plachinski	DCHC MPO	Tristan Winkler	FBRMPO
Eliud De Jesus	Greenville MPO	Wannetta Mallette	BGMPO
Greg Carlton	GUAMPO		

1. Welcome/Introductions – Chris Lukasina called the meeting to order and opened the meeting by welcoming all present, both in-person and virtually and noted a few changes to the agenda.

2. Minutes – Chris Lukasina presented the minutes from December 8, 2023.

- The minutes were reviewed by all. Chris asked if any revisions were needed.
- Andrew Edmonds made a motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Neil Burke. A vote was taken and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer’s Report – Mike Kozlosky gave the following updates for NCAMPO accounts:

- Based on the direction of the Board at the September meeting, Mike Kozlosky placed \$100,000 in CDs at PNC (2 CDs at \$50,000 each). As of February, these have earned \$866.43.
- Housman Account – \$82,525.45
- PNC Money Market - \$27,569.15
- Andrew asked about purchasing a license to the AMPO Institute. Chris reported that NCDOT will be purchasing the license and will give each MPO access. More information will come after lunch.

4. Elections

- President – Mike Kozlosky nominated Chris to continue serving as President. Andrew seconded.
- Chris asked if anyone was interested in taking a slate vote. Andrew motioned to do a slate vote for President (Chris), Vice President (Neil Burke), and Treasurer (Mike). Doug seconded. All in favor.
- Secretary – Hank Graham nominated Tristan Winkler. Neil Burke seconded. A vote was taken and approved unanimously.
- Chris asked if there was any interested in amending the Bylaws to hold elections every few years vs. every year. Chris will add something to the agenda to discuss further in April.

5. Committee/Workgroup Updates

- CMAQ Workgroup- Neil Burke informed the group that Jennifer Stafford is part of the group and he's not aware of any meetings held recently.
 - The group discussed concerns about Statewide CMAQ funding being programmed in MPOs without much coordination- Chris Lukasina suggested requesting adding an MPO representative to the CMAQ review panel, which already includes air quality agencies.
- IPD Workgroup- Mike Kozlosky informed the group he is unaware of any recent meetings with the IPD Workgroup.
- Complete Streets Workgroups- Tristan Winkler informed the group that he's unaware of any meetings of the workgroups in the last year. This item will be removed from future agendas.
- SPOT Workgroups- Chris Lukasina provided an overview of the on-going workgroups for Prioritization.
 - Local Input Points Committee- tasked with identifying any potential modifications or improvements to local input points.
 - There was some discussion on tying points to available funding but several people noted that may be overly complicated
 - Process Improvement Committee- a broader mission to look at ways to improve how the prioritization workgroup functions.
 - Highway Multimodal Committee- tasked with reexamining the multimodal scoring criteria.
 - Destinations Strike Team- provided recommendations to the prioritization workgroup on how to improve scoring destinations for bike/ped projects.
 - Additional considerations
 - Open Meetings Considerations- there has been some discussion about whether or not Prioritization Workgroup meetings should be subject to open meetings law. Eliud De Jesus noted that would be helpful to enable non-workgroup members to get more information.
 - Local Input Point Methodologies- Chris explained that NCAMPO has typically had a representative on the committee to review methodologies. Doug Plachinski was appointed as the primary representative with Deanna Trebil as the alternate.
 - Phil Conrad asked if methodologies that were largely unchanged from the previous round would still be subject to committee approval; Chris Lukasina noted an email from Brian Wert noting that no- or limited- changes to an already approved methodology could be approved administratively.

6. NCAMPO Conference

- Deanna Trebil provided an update on the 2024 NCAMPO Conference
 - Technical speakers plan to be finalized in the next week.

- A conference agenda plans to be posted on the website shortly.
- More moderators are needed- roughly 10- Deanna asked if MPOs could make staff available to moderate sessions.
- Only eight of the thirty-six booths at the conference have been sold so far.
 - Mike Kozlosky noted that part of Housman's compensation is tied to the number of booths that get sold.
 - The group noted concerns about the NCDOT Transportation Summit being only a month away from NCAMPO and using the same event vendor.

7. Metro Mayors Update

- Beau Mills provided a legislative update to the group
 - Few legislative actions are anticipated in the short-session, especially considering it is an election year.
 - There is little expectation of a change in the makeup of the general assembly and a supermajority is likely to hold.
 - Beau reminded the group that there is an ongoing lawsuit regarding Board of Transportation appointments; the General Assembly recently passed a law that would shift appointment responsibilities to the General Assembly.
- Beau asked the group if there were issues they have been hearing about.
 - Neil Burke noted three items that have been discussed at varying levels at CRTPO.
 - Removing the Corridor Cap from STI, in-part due to express lane considerations.
 - Orphan Roads
 - Alternative Funding Sources
 - Hank Graham mentioned two items.
 - A new, proposed interstate facility through the Sandhills; there has been local interest about the interstate coming through Fayetteville.
 - Passenger Rail projects that have made it into the Corridor ID program, including the Fayetteville-Raleigh connection.
 - Eliud De Jesus noted several items.
 - Delays to projects in the STIP and the on-going funding concerns
 - Proposed passenger rail extensions to Greenville
 - Orphan Roads
 - ADA compliance
 - Mike Kozlosky noted two items.
 - Funding, especially revolving around the bridge in Wilmington.
 - Micromobility considerations, especially e-bikes and their use on multi-use paths
 - Randi Gates noted a few items.
 - Funding, especially related to a Catawba Crossings project.
 - Passenger Rail/Corridor ID projects
 - Alternative Funding Sources
- Beau also noted concerns about NCDOT's ability to pursue federal grants based on what was funded through STI and that economic development opportunities may be lost if grants can't be effectively pursued.
 - Mike Kozlosky noted they have recently been dealing with considerations regarding an economic development clause within STI that can be problematic within the Division Needs funding tier and insufficient for the amount of economic development requests.

The group adjourned for Lunch at 11:57.



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AFTERNOON SESSION – QUARTERLY MEETING (1:00 PM)

Attendees:

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Abby Lorenzo	WMPO	Hannah Bagli	FBRMPO
Alex Ricard	CAMPO	Jamal Alavi	NCDOT
Andrew Edmonds	HPMPO	Jason Johnson	NCDOT
Bill Marley	FHWA	Jennifer Stafford	CRTPO
Brian Wert	NCDOT	Julie White	NCDOT
Caitlin Cook	AMPO	Kelly Garvin	WSMPO
Chris Lukasina	CAMPO	Luther Langley	FAMPO
Curtis Bridges	CRTPO	Mike Kozlosky	WMPO
Deanna Trebil	New Bern MPO	Neil Burke	CRTPO
Deloma Graham	FAMPO	Phil Conrad	CRMPO
Doug Plachinski	DCHC MPO	Randi Gates	GCLMPO
Elena Cook	NCDOT	Sam Singleton	Mid-East RPO
Eliud De Jesus	Greenville MPO	Tristan Winkler	FBRMPO
Greg Carlton	GUAMPO	Van Argabright	NCDOT
Hank Graham	FAMPO	Wannetta Mallette	BGMPO

1. AMPO Institute

- Chris Lukasina introduced Caitlin Cook from the Association of MPOs (AMPO) and thanked Jamal and TPD for agreeing to fund the first year of membership at the AMPO Institute for all MPOs.
- Caitlin Cook provided an overview of the AMPO Institute and what is involved and available.
 - The first course is meant for new MPOs or new TMAs and what is involved with setup and new expectations.
 - The second course is MPO 101 and is targeted towards new MPO staff and includes five-six hours of content. Elected officials, committee members, or staff that may have been siloed for some time may benefit as well.
 - The last week of the course focuses on the evolving role of MPOs, including legislative trends, broadband, resiliency, housing coordination plans, and other items.
 - The third course focuses on federal funding and is recommended for middle and higher management, TIP managers, and anyone else involved in federal funds.
 - Caitlin noted that certificates will be provided when courses are complete and AICP credits are being worked on; the courses should be available in May.
- Jamal Alavi asked Caitlin about recent proposed rulemaking on greenhouse gas emissions and joint target requirements for MPOs.
 - Several states are declining to set targets and are making legal challenges to the federal rule.

- Caitlin advised MPOs to prepare targets to avoid any issues with FHWA.

2. NCAMPO 2024 Conference

- Deanna Trebil provided an update on Conference Planning.
 - Early Bird Registration was extended to the end of February.
 - Additional moderators are needed.
 - Finalizing details on evening activities.
 - 309 participants registered so far (aiming for roughly 450.)

3. TPD Topics

- Elena Cook provided an update from NCDOT's Transportation Planning Division.
- TPD Strategic Plan
 - Elena provided an update on TPD's Strategic Plan and its general purposes.
 - Additional input will be requested in the spring as the draft is developed.
 - Draft Mission, Vision, and Goals have been developed.
- Census Update
 - A couple of changes have been made to Urban Boundaries.
 - Several MPOs have submitted updated Planning Boundaries.
 - April 15th, 2025- deadline for requesting adjustments to Urban Boundaries.
- SPR Requests
 - Requests due February 29th.
 - Awards notification in July.
 - Tier I & II counties have lower match requirements.
- Key Deadlines/Important Dates Calendar
 - Provided on the Connect Website
- UPWPs due March 28th
- Elena noted that additional issues have emerged with invoices that have a 30+ day disparity between the date on finance invoices and when invoices are submitted to NCDOT- Elena & Jamal requested invoices to be submitted more quickly.
- Elena reminded the group on the Procurement Selection Process Handbook.
 - George Hoops added that every MPO should make sure studies are programmed in the UPWP and funding has been authorized.
- Regional Travel Demand Model Development
 - Region 17 is essentially complete.
 - Region 1 is well underway.
 - Region 16 and Region 18 are getting underway.
- Jamal reminded the group that Safety Performance Targets are due February 27th.
- Chris Lukasina noted a couple of items that were brought up in the morning meeting.
 - Statewide CMAQ Allocations
 - Several MPOs requested increasing coordination to increase MPO awareness of projects being considered- having MPOs made aware of applications and/or MPO participation on the review committee.
 - NCDOT Committees & Workgroups
 - Several NCDOT Committees and Workgroups appear to have gone dormant or are at least quiet.
 - Elena asked Chris to provide a list of committees and she can provide an update on their status.
 - NCDOT Trainings
 - Chris noted MPOs were involved in more training with NCDOT prior to the pandemic but that appears to have decreased and asked if MPOs could be made more aware of training opportunities.
 - Jamal said they can look for more opportunities to invite MPOs
 - Elena noted that some trainings have shifted towards more posted videos so there may just be fewer opportunities.
 - CLEAR Lunch and Learn provides training opportunities; Elena will see if MPOs can receive notifications and invitations.

4. STIP/Prioritization Updates

- Van Argabright provided an update on the P7 schedule.
 - NCDOT leadership asked staff to adjust the schedule for P7 in order to present a draft STIP at the January Board of Transportation meeting.
 - Option 1- maintains two local input point windows with altered schedules.
 - Option 2- combines Regional Impact and Division Needs local input point windows.
- Group Discussion
 - Mike Kozlosky asked what was motivating the schedule change.
 - Van said it was likely election considerations but didn't want to speculate.
 - Phil Conrad stated a preference for Option 2 due to the schedule conflicting with Board meeting dates; Neil Burke concurred and noted Option 2 would be less work for a round with limited funding; Mike Kozlosky agreed.
 - Alex Ricard stated a preference for Option 1- a combined local input point window would make Division coordination very difficult; Chris Lukasina agreed.
- Phil Conrad motioned for NCAMPO to state a preference for Option 2, Mike Kozlosky seconded.
 - Mike Kozlosky asked if Option 1's Regional Impact window could be extended to the end of August.
 - Van said if the Division Needs window was shortened a week in September, they could move the Regional Impact window to the end of August.
 - Phil said he would be open to a substitute motion, Mike withdrew his second
- Andrew Edmonds motioned for NCAMPO to state a preference for Option 1 with modified dates for local input point windows, Deanna Trebil seconded.
 - Regional Impact local input points would be due August 30th, the Division Needs local input point window would open September 23rd.
 - Mike Kozlosky asked if an updated financial forecast could be made available
 - Van Argabright said it would be available later in the process, likely in the spring, but said he would convey to NCDOT leadership that information is requested.
 - **All members vote in the affirmative on the motion with the exception of Phil Conrad.**
- Brian Wert provided other P7 updates
 - Methodology approval is due May 1st (administrative approval is possible for methodologies with limited changes.)
 - Data review is expected to begin soon.
 - Highway cost information is expected March 4th; expected to go out March 11th

5. Multimodal Updates

- Julie White provided updates
- Corridor ID Meetings
 - NCDOT staff is meeting with communities on Corridor ID projects to discuss non-federal match, schedules, and transit-oriented design studies.
 - If anyone is interested in having NCDOT present on Corridor ID projects, reach out to Julie.
- S-Line Award
 - The grant requires the project to be built by 2030 (very aggressive)
 - NCDOT plans to request an additional \$800 million for the next phase from Wake Forest to Henderson.
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- Aviation
 - Julie reminded MPOs to coordinate with their airport with lots of projects and funding in the works.
- Group Discussion
 - Mike Kozlosky asked about capacity to carry out the number of grants that have been awarded.

- Rail staff can expand to meet additional needs, IMD is getting stretched and looking at data points on IMD's workload.

6. FHWA Updates

- George Hoops reminded the group to pay attention to notices of proposed rulemaking
 - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Transportation Performance Measures is currently out for comment.
- Buy America
 - MPOs should make sure locally administered projects are aware of the Buy America provisions to make sure they aren't required to refund FHWA.
- Self-Certification
 - FHWA has been coordinating with Daryl Vreeland on establishing a template for self-certification.
 - Deanna Trebil asked if the template is required for FY 2025 or next year
 - Next year it will be required
- FHWA is operating on an extension through April 1st; UPWPs are authorized through the end of the fiscal year.
- Grant Deadlines
 - February 28th- RAISE
 - March 13th- Rural Autonomous Vehicles Program
 - March 19th- Bridge Investment Program

7. NCARPO Updates

- Sam Singleton noted NCARPO has received a couple of trainings
 - NEPA/Merger
 - Optimal Intersection Designs from Dr. Joe Hummer
- NCARPO met in Roanoke Rapids
- George Hoops noted it may be a good idea to hold a training or update on Categorical Exclusions.

8. Other Business

- Mike Kozlosky informed the group that he was appointed to the AMPO Technical Committee and can convey items from NCAMPO to the national group and may be reaching out to members for technical input.

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tristan Winkler, FBRMPO
NCAMPO Secretary