

MUMPO TCC

AGENDA

February 2, 2012

- 1. Consideration of January Meeting Minutes** Bill Coxe
ACTION REQUESTED: Approve as presented, or with amendments.

- 2. Mobility Fund Candidate Projects** (5 minutes) Nicholas Polimeni
ACTION REQUESTED: Endorse Mobility Fund candidate project(s) for submittal to NCDOT.

BACKGROUND: The NCDOT has issued a call for Mobility Fund candidate projects, and has posted an application on its website for project submissions. The deadline for submitting projects to be considered for funding is February 29, 2012. The MPO, at its January meeting, took action to allow the TCC to endorse Mobility Fund candidate projects on behalf of MUMPO.

ATTACHMENT: Mobility Fund Memorandum

- 3. Transit TIP Amendments** (15 minutes) David McDonald
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO approve the attached TIP amendments as presented.

BACKGROUND: In consultation with NCDOT's Public Transportation Division, CATS has determined that the FY12-18 TIP needs to be amended in order to complete the grant applications for several projects. A list of the proposed amendments and a sample resolution is attached.

ATTACHMENTS: List of Amendments; Draft Resolution

- 4. Proposed Nonattainment Boundary for New Ozone Standard** (15 minutes) Eldewins Haynes
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the TCC endorse the comments to be sent to NCDAQ prior to the February 10, 2012 deadline.

*BACKGROUND: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is requiring states to implement a new 75 ppb ozone standard. Part of the implementation process for a new standard is to designate areas as nonattainment (i.e. violating the standard.). NCDAQ is soliciting comments on either of the following: **maintaining** the current nonattainment boundary for the new (75 ppb) ozone standard; or, **reducing the size of** the current nonattainment boundary. Proposed reductions impacting MUMPO include removal of five townships in eastern Union County from the nonattainment area. A draft comment letter on this issue is attached for TCC endorsement.*

ATTACHMENT: Draft Comment Letter

- 5. Congestion Management Process (CMP)** (15 minutes) Scott Lane
ACTION REQUESTED: Appoint a CMP Task Force.

BACKGROUND: MPOs with populations larger than 200,000 are required to develop a Congestion Management Process (CMP). MUMPO retained the services of the J.S. Lane Company to prepare a framework that would guide the development of a valid CMP. The presentation will review the framework's content and discuss its major findings. The TCC will be asked to appoint a task force to ensure the CMP's timely completion. [Click here](#) to view the CMP framework.

- 6. Long Range Transportation Plan Update** (10 minutes) Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Appoint an LRTP working group.
- BACKGROUND: Action on a full update to the current LRTP must be taken by the MPO by March 2014. The TCC is requested to appoint a working group to guide the preparation of an updated LRTP.*
- 7. Eastfield Road/I-485 Development Proposal** (15 minutes) Stuart Basham
ACTION REQUESTED: Recommend that the MPO approve a proposed amendment to the Thoroughfare Plan to realign Eastfield Road.
- BACKGROUND: Gandy Communities proposes to develop approximately 75 acres along Eastfield Road near the NC 115 interchange with I-485. As part of this project, the developer has proposed to realign the western end of Eastfield Road through the project area. A public meeting on this project was held on Thursday, January 19 and was attended by 75-80 people. There was no public opposition expressed toward the proposed Thoroughfare Plan Amendment.*
- 8. Lawyers Road TIP Amendment** (10 minutes) Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: Refer this item to the Transportation Staff meeting for discussion and a recommendation.
- BACKGROUND: The 2011-2013 biennial budget bill adopted by the General Assembly includes \$2 million for improvements to Lawyers Road between NC 51 and I-485. The TIP must be amended in order to program the funds; it may also be necessary to amend the 2035 LRTP and make an air quality conformity determination.*
- ATTACHMENT: NCDOT Letter; Budget Bill*
- 9. I-77 North Project Update (I-5405)** (15 minutes) Bill Coxe
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI
- BACKGROUND: The 2035 LRTP and 2012-2018 TIP both include a project (I-5405) to convert the existing I-77 HOV lanes to high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes and to extend them to exit 28. The project's scope may be expanded and the possibility of executing a public-private partnership (P3) agreement to complete the work is being explored by NCDOT. In addition, a request for comments was recently released by NCDOT for a Categorical Exclusion for the proposed project. The project status will be discussed.*
- 10. I-485 Widening Project Update (R-4902)** (5 minutes) Barry Moose
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI
- BACKGROUND: The scope of this project may be expanded from the current TIP project that proposes to add one lane in each direction from I-77 to Johnston Road. Any deviation from what is described in the TIP and LRTP will require the MPO to amend both documents, as well as to make an air quality conformity determination.*
- 11. FY 13 Unified Planning Work Program** (10 minutes) Robert Cook
ACTION REQUESTED: FYI
- BACKGROUND: The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) is adopted annually in accordance with joint Federal Highway Administration/Federal Transit Administration (FHWA/FTA) transportation planning*

guidelines. The UPWP describes the planning activities that are anticipated for the coming fiscal year and documents the allocation of state and federal funds associated with each planning activity.

12. Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) (5 minutes)

Anil Panicker

ACTION REQUESTED: FYI

BACKGROUND: Update on the status of the CTP process.

13. Upcoming Issues

14. Adjourn