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FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Agenda
January 13, 2016
8:30 a.m. – Lafayette Room
City Hall, 433 Hay Street, Fayetteville

1. Roll call

2. Election of Officers

3. Approval of today's agenda
   - **ACTION:** Approval

4. Approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2015 regular meeting
   - **ACTION:** Approval

5. Draft FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Deloma West
   - **ACTION**: Approve and recommend TPB approval

6. STIP Accelerated Projects: Eric Vitale
   - **ACTION:** Information

7. MTIP Amendment #2: Randy Hume
   - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution

8. MTIP Amendment #3: Michael Mandeville
   - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution

9. SPOT 4.0 Prioritization Methodology: Joel Strickland
   - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution

10. **Updates/Informational Items:**
    - Federal Transportation Legislation – FAST ACT: Greg Shermeto
    - Air Quality Updates: Deloma West
    - 5310 Call for Projects Update: Deloma West
    - NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Updates: Behshad Norowzi

11. Discussion

12. Adjournment

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Minutes
Regular Meeting
8:30 a.m. – January 13, 2016
Lafayette Room
Fayetteville City Hall – 433 Hay St.

Members Present
Mr. Joseph Guy, Chair
Mr. Rusty Thompson, Vice-Chair
Ms. Diane Grumelot
Mr. Justin Hall
Mr. Pate Hodges
Ms. Ann Locklear
Ms. Pam Presser
Ms. Vernorine Young

Members Absent (*excused)
Ms. Glenda Dye*
Mr. George Hatcher
Mr. Melvin E. Lewis*
Ms. Tracey Pittman*

Others Present
Mr. Michael Mandeville, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Greg Shermeto, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Joel Strickland, FAMPO Staff
Ms. Alison Van Nyhuis, New Member Orientation
Mr. Eric Vitale, FAMPO Staff
Ms. Deloma West, FAMPO Staff

1. Roll Call

   Mr. Hodges called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

2. Election of Officers

   Mr. Hodges announced that he cannot continue as chair and a new one would have to be elected. Mr. Thompson nominated Mr. Guy for new Chair of the board. Mr. Guy was nominated as Chair unanimously. Ms. Grumelot nominated Mr. Thompson for the new Vice-Chair. Mr. Thompson was nominated as Vice-Chair unanimously.

3. Approval of today's agenda
   - **ACTION**: Approval

   Mr. Guy made the motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2015 regular meeting
   - **ACTION**: Approval

   Mr. Hodges made the motion to approve the October 14th, 2015 meeting minutes. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

5. Draft FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Deloma West
    - **ACTION**: Approve and recommend TPB approval

Ms. West mentioned a few items in the draft unified planning work program for FY2017. Major tasks to be completed included the Hope Mills Congestion Management Study. Ms. West went over the tables, as well as the budget of $998,648 for the FY2017. She also stated that it should say "Metropolitan Transportation Plan" instead of "Long Range Transportation Plan" on page 9 in the Task Objective paragraph under Vehicle Occupancy Rate Counts. Mr. Guy asked should the Hope Mills Study be under Special Studies in Table 4? Ms. West noticed it was omitted and stated she would be sure to add it to the paragraph on page 15 under "Tangible Product Expected" prior to TPB meeting.

Ms. Van Nyhuis asked about bike/ped funding, wanting to see more, and asked where people should request more funds from. Mr. Thompson answered City gives funding for projects inside Fayetteville, NCDOT provides funding for projects outside Fayetteville. He mentioned greenway trails are most expensive, but most cost-effective. Mr. Strickland said it is strictly planning funds, not for infrastructure. Ms. West spoke about an additional $7,000 that was reallocated to bike/ped for next fiscal year. Mr. Strickland talked about all urban area projects will have sidewalks in their plans. Ms. Van Nyhuis asked if Cliffdale Road was one of those projects, which Mr. Strickland answered that it may not be, as the plan is from the 1990's. Ms. Grumelot said now is the time to begin asking for bike/ped updates on projects. Mr. Thompson responded that public hearings will encourage bike lanes and ped facilities, but when the money gets tight, the bike paths are the first to go.

Mr. Strickland spoke about two grants which provide funds for sidewalk/transit projects: The Section 5310 and the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). The Section 5310 grant funds sidewalks which connect to transit stops, and the TAP grant will come in a few months. Mr. Thompson mentioned that it is becoming more important to the area, spoke of 13 miles of sidewalk in last four years. He mentioned that the Cape Fear River trail cost $900,000 per square mile due to the NCDOT standard of building being very expensive for multi-use paths. Mr. Guy asked about Special Studies on Table 3 and why it was the most funded with $500,000? Mr. Strickland mentioned that it was the Hope Mills Congestion Plan, which would be consulted out and is a fairly expensive process. Mr. Guy asked about the difference in money not spent in the special studies, which Mr. Strickland answered it would be rolled over to the next year if not spent.

Mr. Thompson made the motion to approve and recommend TPB approval, which was seconded by Ms. Young and passed unanimously.

6. STIP Accelerated Projects: Eric Vitale
    - **ACTION**: Information

Mr. Vitale spoke about the STIP Accelerated Projects. He mentioned $1.6 Billion will accelerate projects in the next ten years, with 30% divisional, 30% regional, and 40% statewide projects. Mr. Strickland stated that NCDOT has approved the list. Mr. Guy asked if the R-3333 project extends all the way to the state line. Mr. Strickland answered that it ends in Laurinburg. Mr. Guy also asked about a rail bridge in Raeford and whether it would be updated with the plan. Mr. Strickland said he would let him know once he receives that information. Mr. Hall spoke about crime issues near Shaw Mill Road, and wondered if there

were safety issues which could increase crime in the area. Mr. Strickland answered that they had not spoken to law authorities, but would make sure to look over any traffic safety issues. He added that the Shaw Mill Road project would create a new East-West connection in town.

7. MTIP Amendment #2: Randy Hume
   - **ACTION**: Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution

With Mr. Hume not in attendance, Mr. Mandeville spoke about the MTIP amendment. He mentioned that the transit center funding and vehicle replacement were a part of the amendment. Mr. Thompson made the motion to approve and recommend TPB approval, which was seconded by Mr. Hall and passed unanimously.

8. MTIP Amendment #3: Michael Mandeville
   ACTION: Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution

Mr. Mandeville spoke about the accelerated projects, including the outer loop, which has been moved up by a year. Mr. Mandeville also mentioned the Gillis Hill Extension, which should reduce congestion. Mr. Hodges mentioned that these projects could all have bike/ped facilities added to them, and now would be the time to push for that if wanted. Ms. Presser made the motion to approve and recommend TPB approval, which was seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously.

9. SPOT 4.0 Prioritization Methodology: Joel Strickland
   ACTION: Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution

Mr. Strickland mentioned that the SPOT 4.0 prioritization is unchanged since it was approved two years prior. He would be setting up public meetings to help gauge public interest and support. He explained that 300 of 1,700 points are set aside for non-highway projects. Mr. Thompson asked if it would be competitive, like the SPOT 3.0 projects. Mr. Strickland answered that it would be similar to the SPOT 3.0 Projects. Ms. Van Nyhuis asked if they could revise the points for multimodal accommodations from 10 to 15. Mr. Strickland had no problem with that, but the points would have to be taken from another category. Mr. Strickland mentioned that it could be taken from the "Environmental Justice, Land Use or Economic Development" category, dropping it from 20 points to 15, and would bring up the change as well at the TCC meeting. Mr. Guy made the motion to approve the methodology with the changes and recommend TPB approval, which was seconded by Mr. Thompson and passed unanimously.

10. **Updates/Informational Items:**
    - Federal Transportation Legislation – FAST ACT: Greg Shermeto

Mr. Shermeto spoke about how the Federal FAST Act would be helpful for infrastructure on a national and state level over the next five years. Mr. Shermeto mentioned that it would raise federal highway spending by 5% and transit spending by 10% next year. He also mentioned that there will be grant priority to programs which train veterans for careers in the trucking industry, which is important to the area. Mr. Shermeto also spoke about two new highway projects in North Carolina, as well as a tweak to the 1998 pilot project to explore adding new tolls to interstates in North Carolina. Mr. Hall asked about I-73 and I-74 being completed, which Mr. Strickland said that he could get for him. Discussion of the appearance of I-95

between members ensued.

- Air Quality Updates: Deloma West

Ms. West informed the Committee that Sustainable Sandhills would be giving the Ozone presentation to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners; the poster contest deadline was moved from February 1st to March 1st; and the contracts with the FireAntz and SwampDogs were being renewed.

- 5310 Call for Projects Update: Deloma West

Ms. West mentioned that so far, no applications had been received for the upcoming Section 5310 grants due March 1st, but expected Spring Lake to provide an application for sidewalks. Mr. Guy asked about tweaking Section 5310 grant to make it easier to apply for, but Mr. Strickland mentioned that it would be difficult, as it is a federal grant. Mr. Strickland also stated that you could use Section 5310 for sidewalks if it provides access to transit stops.

- NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Updates: Behshad Norowzi

With Mr. Norowzi not in attendance, Mr. Strickland spoke of our new NCDOT coordinators, Hemal Shah and Behshad Norowzi. There is also a new FHWA representative, Ron Lucas. Mr. Strickland brought up the NCDOT Outer Loop meeting set for January 19th at 4PM. Mr. Hodges mentioned that House Bill 97 was good, as it helped to bump up the Outer Loop project.

11. Discussion

Mr. Thompson spoke about the river trail near I-95 Business, in which he was waiting for a 2-hour bridge removal plan for emergencies, but had found CSX tough to deal with. He hoped that the river trail could be open this year, but it depended on what happens with the bridge.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Thompson made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Presser and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:58 am.