

TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MR. W. L. (LEE) JERNIGAN, JR.
CHAIRMAN

MR. JAMES CALDWELL
VICE-CHAIRMAN

Agenda
April 13, 2016
10:30 a.m. – Lafayette Room
Fayetteville City Hall, 433 Hay Street

1. Roll call
2. Approval of today's agenda
 - **ACTION:** Approval
3. Approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2016 Regular Meeting
 - **ACTION:** Approval
4. 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant: Eric Vitale
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval
5. Transportation Alternatives Grant 2014 Award: Joel Strickland
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6. Transportation Alternatives Grant 2015 Award: Joel Strickland
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval
7. Air Quality Annual Agreement Renewal with Sustainable Sandhills: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval
8. FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution
9. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Annual Self-Certification: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution
10. Amendment Number 4 to the FY 2015- 2025 MTIP: Michael Mandeville
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval by Resolution
11. Section 5310 Grant Applications Approval: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval

12. Updates/Informational Items:

- FAMPO Model Update: Joel Strickland
- 5307 Transit Funding: Joel Strickland
- SPOT Prioritization Update: Joel Strickland

13. Discussion

14. Adjournment

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Minutes
Regular Meeting
10:30 a.m. – April 13, 2016
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LaFayette Room - 433 Hay Street

Members Present

Mr. W.L. (Lee) Jernigan, Jr., P.E., City Traffic Engineer, City of Fayetteville, TCC Chair
Mr. James Caldwell, Director, Mid-Carolina Council of Government, TCC Vice-Chair
Mr. Joe Bailey, NCDOT Division 6 Construction Engineer
Mr. Rudolph Cardenas, Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Facilities Management, FSU
Mr. Tad Davis, Town Manager, Spring Lake
Ms. Hanah Ehrenreich, Executive Director, Sustainable Sandhills
Mr. John Ellis, Hope Mills Town Manager
Mr. Michael Gibson, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks and Recreation
Ms. Karen Hilton, Director, Planning Dept, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Randy Hume, Director, FAST, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Tracy Jackson, Deputy Manager, Cumberland County
Mr. Kim Nazarchyk, Manager, Town of Eastover
Mr. Glen Prillaman, Director of Public Works, Ft. Bragg
Ms. Janet Robertson, Planner, Lumber River RPO
Mr. Mike Rutan, Planning Director, Mid-Carolina RPO
Ms. Hemal Shah, FAMPO Coordinator, NCDOT, Transportation Planning Branch (TPB)
Mr. Rob Stone, Director, Engineering and Infrastructure, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Darius Sturdivant, PE, NCDOT-DH Division 8 Engineer
Mr. Frank D. West Jr., NCDOT-DH Division 6 Traffic Engineer

Members Absent (*excused)

Mr. Dennis Baxley, Manager, City of Raeford
Mr. Jeff Brown, Director, Engineering and Infrastructure, Cumberland County*
Mr. Greg Burns, NCDOT-DH Division 6 Engineer
Ms. Letitia Edens, Interim Hoke County Manager
Mr. Ockidde Harris, TAB Representative
Mr. Ricky Harris, Robeson County Manager
Ms. Tajsha LaShore, FTA*
Mr. Thomas Lloyd, Director, Planning Dept, Cumberland County*
Mr. Mark Locklear, Harnett County Planning
Mr. Ron Lucas, FHWA*
Ms. Crystal Odum, NCDOT, Public Transportation Division*
Mr. Timothy Shea, Installation Transportation Officer Directorate of Logistics Fort Bragg
Mr. Marty Tillman, NCDOT-Division 8 District 2 Engineer
Mr. Bradley Whited, Director, Fayetteville Regional Airport*
Mr. Mark Whitley, Planning Supervisor, Cumberland County Schools

Others Present

Ms. Katlyn Allen, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Jerry Bradley, NCDOT Division 6
Ms. Alyssa Cooper, Community Planner, Fort Bragg
Mr. Michael Mandeville, FAMPO Staff
Mr. John McNeill, Transportation Planner, City of Fayetteville
Ms. Suzette Morales, NCDOT, TPB
Mr. Behshad Norowski, NCDOT, TPB
Mr. Dock Rosenthal, NCDOT
Mr. Greg Shermeto, FAMPO Staff
Ms. Tiffany Snow, NCDOT
Mr. Joel Strickland, FAMPO Executive Director
Mr. Eric Vitale, FAMPO Staff
Ms. Deloma West, FAMPO Staff

1. Roll Call

Mr. Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:34 am.

2. Approval of today's agenda

- **ACTION:** Approval

Mr. Jernigan requested a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Stone and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the minutes of the January 13, 2016 regular meeting

- **ACTION:** Approval

Mr. Jernigan requested a motion to approve the January 13, 2016 minutes. Mr. Nazarchyk made a motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Caldwell and passed unanimously.

4. 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant: Eric Vitale

- **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval

Mr. Vitale discussed the Transportation Alternatives Program Grant, a federally funded program authorized in 2012 to enhance bicycle and pedestrian transportation modes. The budget is typically around \$400,000 per year. In order to avoid a loss of funds, FAMPO decided to combine 2016 and 2017 funds. This will also allow funding for larger projects if necessary. Funds are provided on a reimbursement basis. Upon completion, the recipient is reimbursed 80% of the total cost.

Applications for the TAP Grant will be accepted beginning May 1, 2016 with an application deadline of June 13, 2016. Projects will be approved on July 27, 2016.

Mr. Vitale then explained the point system on which the TAP Grant is awarded.

Project Needs/Goals and Objectives- 25 points
Facilitates Multi-modal Transportation- 25 points
Promotes Safety and Security- 20 points
Documented Project/Program Support- 15 points
Proximity to Existing/Planned Traffic Generators- 10 points
Innovation- 5 points

Mr. Ellis made a motion to approve and recommend TPB approval of the 2016 Transportation Alternatives Grant. Mr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Transportation Alternatives Grant 2014 Award: Joel Strickland

- **ACTION:** Approval and recommend TPB approval

Mr. Strickland discussed the Transportation Alternative Grant awarded to Hope Mills in 2014 for the Rockfish Road sidewalk project. The original estimate was \$180,000 with the Transportation Alternative Grant awarding roughly \$145,418. The actual cost of the project was much higher than originally projected, with the latest estimate totaling \$499,200. Mr. Strickland then proposed increasing the allocated amount by \$253,941.20, covering the costs of the project up to \$399,360—80% of the total project cost. The Town of Hope Mills is required to provide their 20% match, as well as any additional costs.

Mr. Strickland further explained that these funds are available in the TAP balance and are ready to be expended.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve and recommend TPB approval. Mr. Cardenas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Transportation Alternatives Grant 2015 Award: Joel Strickland
 - **ACTION:** Approval and recommend TPB approval

Mr. Strickland discussed the 2015 Transportation Alternative Program Grant applications for 2015. There were three applications submitted by the City of Fayetteville. The highest ranking project of those applications was for the Owen Drive sidewalk project, with an estimated cost of \$436,500. In December, the state funded the Owen Drive sidewalk project through the TIP, thus no longer requiring TAP funds to complete the project. The second highest scoring project was the Rosehill Road Project, providing sidewalks from Country Club Road to Shaw Mill Drive. Staff recommends reallocating the funds initially awarded to the Owen Drive project to the Rosehill Road project.

Mr. Hume made a motion to approve and recommend TPB approval. Ms. Robertson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Air Quality Annual Agreement Renewal with Sustainable Sandhills: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval

Ms. West spoke about the Air Quality Agreement with Sustainable Sandhills. FAMPO requests renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement, effective July 1, 2016, expiring June 30, 2017. The maximum amount for FY2017 is \$29,000, no change from the year prior.

Ms. West then discussed the annual poster contest. The winners have been selected and the ceremony will be held on May 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Arts Council. There will be cash prizes for first, second, third, and two honorable mentions per category.

Ms. Ehrenreich abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve and recommend TPB approval of the Air Quality Annual Agreement Renewal with Sustainable Sandhills. Mr. Sturdivant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval

Ms. West stated a draft copy of the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program was provided at the last CAC meeting. There were no changes to the UPWP. Mr. Strickland announced the FY 2017 UPWP has also been conditionally approved by the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Nazarchyk made a motion to approve and recommend TPB approval of the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ellis and passed unanimously.

9. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Annual Self-Certification: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval

Ms. West explained the MTPP Annual Self-Certification is a document that accompanies the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. It serves to ensure we, as an agency, are in compliance with the regulations set forth.

Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve and recommend TPB approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Annual Self-Certification, seconded by Mr. Ellis. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Amendment Number 4 to the FY 2015-2025 MTIP: Michael Mandeville

- **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval

Mr. Mandeville spoke about Amendment Number 4 to the FY 2015-2025 MTIP. There were changes at the division, regional and statewide level, primarily involving signal retimings and the Safe Routes to School Program.

Mr. Nazarchyk made a motion to approve and recommend TPB approval of Amendment Number 4 to the FY 2015-2025 MTIP. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caldwell and passed unanimously.

11. Section 5310 Grant Applications Approval: Deloma West

- **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TPB approval

Ms. West discussed the 5310 Grant Applications Approval process. There were three applicants for the Section 5310 Grant this year:

- FAST- Implement a discounted taxi voucher/coupon program for seniors and disabled persons; provide trips for city residents, even those who live outside of FAST's regular service area (3/4 mile limit) and outside of FAST/FASTRAC! Van operating hours.
- CREST (Cumberland Residential and Employment Services and Training)- Provide door-to-door transportation services for disabled persons in three underserved areas of Cumberland County to facilitate employment and vocational training.
- Town of Spring Lake- Increase safety and accessibility for elderly, disabled, youth and all others by eliminating hazards and impedances.

Ms. West explained that in order to determine the best way to allocate 5310 funding, a sub-committee was formed with two members from the CAC and TCC. FAST was awarded 100% of their requested amount, \$75,158. CREST was also awarded 100% of their requested amount, \$186,790. The Town of Spring Lake was awarded \$175,027 of the requested \$317,360. Ms. West mentioned the TAP grant as another possible option for the Town of Spring Lake to obtain the rest of the funding for their project.

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Davis spoke briefly about the multiphase project to improve safety and accesibility in Spring Lake. Ms. West explained that Spring Lake will be eligible for the TAP Grant to help

with the remaining costs of the project, not covered with 5310 Grant funding. Further discussion ensued.

Mr. Hume provided a more in depth explanation of the FAST project. He explained that patrons (disabled and elderly—65+) would receive coupon booklets. The cost of the fare will be covered 60%, and there will be a subsidy split, 50/50 between the city and the 5310 Grant.

Mr. Jernigan asked about a projected timeline on the voucher program. Mr. Hume explained that there are still some things to work out, but that they hope to have it ready later in the calendar year, possibly December.

Mr. Cardenas made a motion to approve and recommend TPB approval of the Section 5310 Grant Application Approval. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

12. Updates/Informational Items:

- FAMPO Model Update: Joel Strickland

Mr. Strickland discussed the Department of Transportation Model, explaining that it projects numbers over a 30-year time frame. The last model did not include the entire Fayetteville Area MPO. FAMPO and NCDOT are working together to update the model to year 2045. The model is expected to be completed by 2018-2019, as it's still in the very early stages.

Discussion of data collection methods ensued.

- 5307 Transit Funding: Joel Strickland

Mr. Strickland briefly discussed changes to the 5307 fund. In years prior, FAST has been the direct recipient. The state wants to provide every transportation agency within the metropolitan area an opportunity to get a percentage of the available funding. They are currently working to develop a formula to fairly distribute the funding. Mr. Strickland further explained the formula would likely be population-based, but more information would be available following a meeting with the NCDOT on Friday, April 15, 2016.

- SPOT Prioritization Update: Joel Strickland

Mr. Strickland announced the SPOT process is lagging this year, but statewide scores were expected to be in by this afternoon. He also mentioned the possibility of a June CAC meeting, dependent upon the timeline the state provides.

13. Discussion

Mr. Strickland introduced Kate Allen as the newest member of the FAMPO team.

Mr. Jernigan notified the TCC that the City will be developing a pedestrian study over the next 12-18 months.

Discussion ensued regarding walking and bicycling paths in the area.

14. Adjournment

Mr. Nazarchyk made a motion to adjourn the TCC Meeting. Mr. Ellis seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m.