

## TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

### FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

**W. L. (LEE) JERNIGAN, JR.**  
CO-CHAIRMAN

**Rusty Thompson**  
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**Agenda**  
**January 12, 2011**  
**10:30 a.m. Lafayette Room**  
**City Hall 433 Hay Street**

1. Roll call
2. Approval of today's agenda
  - **ACTION:** Approval
3. Approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2010 regular meetings
  - **ACTION:** Approval
4. Owen Drive Safety Project proposal: Mike Rutan
  - **ACTION:** Approve Safety Project and recommend TAC approval
5. U.S. 401 (Raeford Road) and U.S. 401 Bypass Safety Project proposal: Mike Rutan
  - **ACTION:** Approve Safety Project and recommend TAC approval
6. U-2519 (Future I-295) update and request for Department of Defense funds: Rick Heicksen
  - **ACTION:** Approve and recommend TAC approval
7. FY 2011 JARC/NF Federal Funds Call for Projects: Maurizia Chapman
  - **ACTION:** Information
8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Report update: Maurizia Chapman
  - **ACTION:** Information
9. Air Quality update: Mark Nottingham
  - **ACTION:** Information
10. Annual North Carolina Association of MPOs Conference update: Rick Heicksen
  - **ACTION:** Information
11. Discussion
12. Adjournment

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MINUTES  
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**10:30 a.m.**

RUSTY THOMPSON  
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### Members Present

Mr. Lee Jernigan, Jr., P.E., Co-Chairman, NCDOT Division 6 Traffic Engineer  
Mr. Rusty Thompson, P.E., PTOE, Co-Chairman, Traffic Engineer, Fayetteville Traffic Services  
Mr. Randy R. Beeman, Manager, Town of Hope Mills  
Mr. Greg Burns, P.E., NCDOT Division 6 Engineer  
Mr. James Caldwell, Director, Mid-Carolina Council of Government  
Ms. Tracey Pittman, P.E. NCDOT Division 6 Construction Engineer  
Mr. Glen W. Prillaman, Directorate of Public Works, Ft. Bragg  
Ms. Jill Stark, Community Planner, Federal Highway Administration  
Mr. Joel Strickland, Planning Director, Mid-Carolina RPO, Transportation Advisory Board Rep.  
Mr. Brad Whited, Manager, Fayetteville Regional Airport

### Others Present

Mr. Rick Heicksen, FAMPO Executive Director  
Ms. Maurizia Chapman, AICP, FAMPO Staff  
Mr. Will Linville, FAMPO Staff  
Mr. Bobby McCormick, FAMPO Staff  
Mr. Mark Nottingham, FAMPO Staff  
Mr. Michael Rutan, FAMPO Staff

### 1. Roll Call

Co-Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

### 2. Approval of Agenda

Co-Chairman Thompson requested a motion to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Caldwell made the motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whited and passed unanimously.

### 3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting

Co-Chairman Thompson requested a motion to approve the October 13, 2010 minutes. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whited and passed unanimously.

### 4. Owen Drive Safety Project Proposal: Mike Rutan

Mr. Rutan presented crash data for Owen Drive from the All American Freeway to Gillespie St. He informed the committee that the current crash numbers are disproportionately high. FAMPO is seeking funding from the NCDOT to implement a safety project for this section of Owen Drive. Co-Chairman Thompson stated that Owen Drive functions almost like an inner loop for the Fayetteville Urbanized Area. Co-Chairman Thompson requested a motion to approve a request for funding for an Owen Drive Safety Project and recommend TAC approval. Mr. Burns made the motion to approve and Mr. Prillaman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**5. U.S. 401 (Raeford Road) and U.S. 401 Bypass Safety Project Proposal: Mike Rutan**

Mr. Rutan gave a brief overview of the proposed safety project and explained to the committee that the study has recommended this project for the intersection of Skibo Rd. and Raeford Rd. He showed a simulation of the current traffic flow and a simulation with the proposed project. The proposed project includes continuous Raeford Rd. eastbound travel lanes that will be median protected and a continuous right-hand turn lane from Raeford Rd. onto Skibo Rd that will also be protected. Mr. Beeman asked if the project would decrease the travel lanes. Co-Chairman Thompson stated that farther down the corridor, thru lanes are reduced to three. Mr. Beeman asked if this project would require significant signalization changes at this intersection. Co-Chairman Thompson responded that this intersection may not see extensive signalization changes but other intersections may require the changes because of the effects this project will have on the corridor. Mr. Beeman raised the issue that pedestrian safety will need to be addressed, most likely with the use of push button activated accommodations for pedestrian crossings, which would be the only time east-bound travel on Raeford Rd would be stopped. Co-Chairman Thompson requested a motion to approve this project and seek funding as well as TAC approval. Mr. Beeman made the motion to approve and Mr. Caldwell seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**6. U-2519 (Future I-295) update and request for Department of Defense funds: Rick Heicksen**

Mr. Heicksen informed the committee about the use of equity funds to finance the section of I-295 from Bragg Blvd. to the All American Freeway. The project cost is estimated at \$80.7 million. Mr. Heicksen stated that the costs should be split with the Army and that he is requesting that the Army contribute \$40 million for the project. Ms. Stark asked if we could get a partnership agreement with Ft. Bragg. Mr. Heicksen stated that he and Mr. Prillaman drafted a justification letter and that the funds will be requested to be received over a period of years. Co-Chairman Thompson asked if this dollar amount would include paving. Mr. Heicksen and NCDOT responded that this would include paving and would be a turn-key project. Co-Chairman Thompson requested a motion to approve the request for funds and recommend TAC approval. Mr. Caldwell made the motion and Mr. Beeman seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**7. FY 2011 JARC/NF Federal Funds Call for Projects: Maurizia Chapman**

Ms. Chapman informed the committee that during the call for projects last year, the City of Fayetteville was the only entity to apply for New Freedom funds. Future funding levels have not been determined so projections will be made using existing levels of a little over \$398 thousand for JARC and a little over \$117 thousand for New Freedom for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. The tentative schedule, to be endorsed by the TAC, has the call for projects to be issued on February 1 with the deadline on March 7. The TAC should approve the selection of projects in April.

**8. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Report update: Maurizia Chapman**

Ms. Chapman informed the committee that comments have been submitted to the consultants about the draft plan and maps. The draft plan addressed all previously made comments. A draft plan will be made available prior to TAC approval. It was discussed that one of the maps will be focused on rider proficiency.

#### **9. Air Quality update: Mark Nottingham**

Mr. Nottingham brought to the committees attention the 2011 Air Quality Calendars that had been distributed. Mr. Nottingham then gave the committee an update on the proposed ground-level ozone standards. He stated that the EPA has again delayed the selection of the new standard until the end of July 2011. Given our current level of ground-level ozone, it may be possible to remain in attainment if the EPA chooses to set the new standard at 0.070 ppm and if we have low amounts of ground-level ozone in 2011. EPA has said it would like more scientific information and evidence before it makes a decision on the new standard, which is the reason for the delay.

#### **10. Annual North Carolina Association of MPOs Conference update: Rick Heicksen**

Mr. Heicksen reminded the committee that we would be hosting the annual NCAMPO conference during the end of April. He invited the Citizens Advisory Committee to attend free of charge in order to gain more statewide knowledge and meet planners from other jurisdictions. Co-Chairman Thompson commented that we have a well attended, knowledgeable, and helpful citizens committee.

#### **11. Discussion**

Co-Chairman Thompson opened up the floor for discussion items. Mr. Heicksen introduced a handout produced by the Federal Highway Department that outlines our funding for fiscal years 2011 through 2020. The programmed amount is \$449.754 million. Our needs are estimated at \$891.524 million. These figures are subject to change. Co-Chairman Jernigan clarified that the \$40 million requested from the Army is not included in these numbers.

Co-Chairman Thompson requested that Mr. Rutan provide an update on the Strategic Planning Office of Transportation and their prioritization process. Mr. Rutan gave an overview of the process that was used to rank transportation projects statewide. He informed the committee that the NCDOT SPOT office had requested comments and suggestions to improve the process. Last year each MPO had the same number of points they could use to rank 25 projects. One of the comments submitted suggested that the process use population values to distribute the points statewide.

#### **12. Adjournment**

With there being no further questions or comments, Co-Chairman Thompson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15am. A motion was made by Mr. Beeman and seconded by Mr. Caldwell, which passed unanimously.