

TRANSPORTATION POLICY BOARD

FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MAYOR JACKIE WARNER
CHAIR

MAYOR JOHN K. MCNEILL, III
VICE-CHAIR

Agenda
April 27, 2016
8:30 a.m. – Hearing Room 3
Historic Courthouse, 130 Gillespie Street

1. Roll call
2. Approval of today's agenda
 - **ACTION:** Approval
3. Approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2016 Regular Meeting
 - **ACTION:** Approval
4. 2016 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant: Eric Vitale
 - **ACTION:** Approval; CAC and TCC recommend approval
5. Transportation Alternatives Grant 2014 Award: Joel Strickland
 - **ACTION:** Approval; CAC and TCC recommend approval
6. Transportation Alternatives Grant 2015 Award: Joel Strickland
 - **ACTION:** Approval; CAC and TCC recommend approval
7. Air Quality Annual Agreement Renewal with Sustainable Sandhills: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approval; CAC and TCC recommend approval
8. FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approval by Resolution; CAC and TCC recommend approval
9. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Annual Self-Certification: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approval by Resolution; CAC and TCC recommend approval
10. Amendment Number 4 to the FY 2015- 2025 MTIP: Michael Mandeville
 - **ACTION:** Approval by Resolution; CAC and TCC recommend approval
11. Section 5310 Grant Applications Approval: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approval; CAC and TCC recommend approval

12. Updates/Informational Items:

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

13. Discussion

- June TPB Meeting

14. Adjournment

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Minutes
Regular Meeting
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Members Present

Ms. Jackie Warner, Mayor, Town of Hope Mills, TPB Chair
Mr. John K. McNeill III, Mayor, City of Raeford, TPB Vice-Chair
Mr. Lance Herndon, Commissioner, Robeson County
Ms. Cheryl Hudson, Town Council, Town of Eastover
Mr. Al McMillan, Mayor, Town of Parkton
Mr. Ted Mohn, Councilman, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Patrick Molamphy, NC Board of Transportation
Mr. Steve Smith, Directorate of Public Works Fort Bragg
Mr. Harry Southerland, Commissioner, Hoke County
Mr. Gordon Springle, Commissioner, Harnett County

Members Absent (excused*)

Mr. Mitchell Colvin, Councilman, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Terry Hutchens, NC Board of Transportation
Mr. Ron Lucas, Federal Highway Administration
Ms. Fredricka Sutherland, Alderwoman, Town of Spring Lake

Others Present

Ms. Kate Allen, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Randy Hume, Director, FAST, City of Fayetteville
Mr. W.L. (Lee) Jernigan, Jr., City of Fayetteville
Mr. Michael Mandeville, FAMPO Staff
Mr. John McNeill, City of Fayetteville
Ms. Hemal Shah, NCDOT, Transportation Planning Division
Mr. Greg Shermeto, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Rob Stone, City of Fayetteville, Director of Engineering
Mr. Joel Strickland, Executive Director, FAMPO
Mr. Eric Vitale, FAMPO Staff
Ms. Deloma West, FAMPO Staff

1. Roll Call

Chair Warner called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Chair Warner then went over the Ethics Statement and conducted roll call.

2. Approval of today's agenda

- **ACTION:** Approval

Chair Warner requested a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Hudson made the motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. McNeill and passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the minutes of the January 27, 2016 regular meeting

- **ACTION:** Approval

Chair Warner requested a motion to approve the January 27, 2016 minutes. Mr. Herndon made the motion to approve the agenda, which was seconded by Mr. McMillan and passed unanimously.

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

- **ACTION:** Approval; CAC and TCC recommend 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. Molamphy asked about limitations on the number of projects for the TAP Grant. Mr. Strickland explained that by combining fiscal year 2016 and 2017, it will allow funding for more projects as well as streamline funding.

Mr. Springle made a motion to approve the 2016 Transportation Alternatives Grant. Mr. Mohn seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Transportation Alternatives Grant 2014 Award: Joel Strickland

- **ACTION:** Approval; CAC and TCC recommend 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 costs above the awarded \$399,360.

Mayor Warner explained, on behalf of the Town of Hope Mills, that the costs were largely underestimated due to an embankment that will require notably more work than initially proposed.

Mr. Strickland added that the Rockfish Road sidewalk project was the only project submitted for the TAP Grant in 2014.

Mr. Mohn made a motion to approve the Transportation Alternatives Grant 2014 Award. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hudson and passed unanimously.

6. Transportation Alternatives Grant 2015 Award: Joel Strickland
 - **ACTION:** Approval; CAC and TCC recommend 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 deemed the Owen Drive sidewalk project high priority, 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. The City of Fayetteville would like to reallocate the funds initially awarded to the Owen Drive project to the Rosehill Road project.

Mr. Molamphy asked where the additional \$36,500 will come from since the TAP Grant maximum allotment is \$400,000. Mr. Strickland explained that the additional money is from rollover funding from the previous year, which has a balance of \$43,100.

Mr. Molamphy made a motion to approve the Transportation Alternatives Grant 2015 Award. Mr. McNeill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

7. Air Quality Annual Agreement Renewal with Sustainable Sandhills: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approval by Resolution; CAC and TCC recommend 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. She noted that this year, there were 493 entries, down from last year which had 692 entries. 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, to include \$20 for each of the honorable mentions which is new compared to years prior.

Mr. Herndon made a motion to approve the Air Quality Annual Agreement Renewal with Sustainable Sandhills. Ms. Hudson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approval by Resolution; CAC and TCC recommend approval

Ms. West explained that there were no changes made from the draft copy of the 2017 Unified Planning Work Program distributed at the January 2016 meeting.

Mr. Mohn made a motion to approve the FY 2017 Unified Planning Work Program. The motion was seconded by Mr. McMillan and passed unanimously.

9. Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification: Deloma West
 - **ACTION:** Approval by Resolution; CAC and TCC recommend 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 by the ADA, Title XI, etc.

Mr. Springle made a motion to approve the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Process Self-Certification. Ms. Hudson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

- **ACTION:** Approval by Resolution; CAC and TCC recommend 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.

Ms. Hudson made a motion to approve Amendment Number 4 to the FY 2015-2025 MTIP. Mr. Springle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

11. Section 5310 Grant Applications Approval: Deloma West

- **ACTION:** Approval by Resolution; CAC and TCC recommend 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. Mr. Thompson and Ms. Dye were the CAC representatives selected. 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.

Mr. McNeill made a motion to approve the 5310 Grant Applications. Mr. Springle 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.

- 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.

- SPOT Prioritization Update: Joel Strickland

Mr. Strickland explained that the state was delayed in providing the statewide SPOT scores and FAMPO received them roughly two weeks ago. With that, the deadline for regional scoring has been pushed to the end of July. There were two projects funded in our area: the interchange at Manchester Road and NC 24/87, and another intersection in Harnett County. He said to plan to discuss the SPOT scores at the July 2016 meeting.

Discussion ensued.

13. Discussion

Mayor Warner applauded the number of members in attendance at today's meeting, noting that there were more present than ever before. She then asked if there was a maximum allowance of absences from TPB meetings.

Mr. Strickland explained that after two consecutive absences, those members are no longer required for a quorum.

Mr. Strickland then introduced Ms. Allen as a new staff member and announced Mr. Mandeville will be taking a position elsewhere and this is his last meeting.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, Mr. Herndon made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Hudson and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 am.