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Agenda
January 26, 2011
8:30 a.m. Hearing Room 3
Historic Courthouse – 130 Gillespie Street

Roll call

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

2. Approval of the minutes of the October 27, 2010 regular meeting
   - **ACTION**: **Approval**

3. Reschedule of the April 2011 TAC regular Meeting: Rick Heicksen
   - **ACTION**: **Approval of April 20, 2011** as the meeting date for the quarterly meeting

4. Owen Drive Safety Project proposal: Mike Rutan
   - **ACTION**: **Approve Safety Project**, CAC and TCC recommend approval

5. U.S. 401 (Raeford Road) and U.S. 401 Bypass Safety Project proposal: Mike Rutan
   - **ACTION**: **Approve Safety Project,** CAC and TCC recommend approval

6. U-2519 (Future I-295) update and request for Department of Defense funds: Rick Heicksen
   - **ACTION**: **Approve request,** CAC and TCC recommend approval

7. Amendment No 3 to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Maurizia Chapman
   - **ACTION**: **Approve Amendment No 3 by Resolution**

8. Citizen Advisory Committee Appointment/Removal: Maurizia Chapman
   Natural Environment Citizen Representative: appoint Ms. Mindy Love-Stanley
   - **ACTION**: **Appoint Ms. Love-Stanley to CAC until December 31, 2012**

9. FY 2011 JARC/NF Federal Funds Call for Projects: Maurizia Chapman
   - **ACTION**: **Approve Call For Projects Schedule**

10. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Report update: Curtis Bridges, Stewart Engineering
    - **ACTION**: Information

11. Air Quality Update: Mark Nottingham
    - **ACTION**: Information

12. 18th Annual North Carolina Association of MPOs Conference update: Rick Heicksen
    - **ACTION**: Information

13. Discussion
    - Open Discussion

14. Adjournment

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Minutes
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8:30 am

Members Present

Ms. Jean Powell, TAC Vice-Chair, Commissioner, Hoke County
Ms Valencia Applewhite, Councilwoman, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Charles Evans, Commissioner, Cumberland County
Mr. Richard Higgins, Alderman, Town of Spring Lake
Mr. Ted Mohn, Councilman, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Steve Smith, Fort Bragg Directorate of Public Works
Mr. Terry W. Smith, Commissioner, Town of Hope Mills

Others Present

Mr. Curtis Bridges, Stewart Engineering
Ms. Maurizia Chapman, AICP, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Randy Hume, Director, F.A.S.T.
Mr. Lee Jernigan, P.E., NCDOT, Division 6 Traffic Engineer
Mr. Will Linville, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Ron Macaluso, Director, F.A.S.T.
Mr. Bobby McCormick, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Mark Nottingham, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Neil Perry, P.T.O.E. Assistant City Traffic Engineer, Fayetteville Traffic Services
Ms. Tracey Pittman, P.E., NCDOT, Division 6 Construction Engineer
Mr. Michael Rutan, FAMPO Staff
Ms. Sandra Smith, Citizen
Mr. Darius Sturdivant, MPO Coordinator, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

Roll Call

TAC Vice-Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Mr. Macaluso introduced Mr. Hume as the incoming Director of the Fayetteville Area System of Transit, (F.A.S.T.).

1. Approval of Agenda

TAC Vice-Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Vice-Chair Powell requested approval of the agenda. Mr. Terry Smith made the motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Higgins seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of the October 27, 2010 regular meeting**

Vice-Chair Powell requested a motion to approve the corrected October 27, 2010 minutes. Mr. Steve Smith made the motion to approve the corrected minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohn and passed unanimously.

3. **Reschedule of the April 2011 TAC regular Meeting: Maurizia Chapman**

Maurizia Chapman informed the committee that the next scheduled TAC meeting in April would have to be moved up by one week to April 20, because FAMPO is hosting the 18th Annual MPO conference during April 27th, 28th, and 29th. Vice-Chair Powell requested a motion to approve the date change of the next meeting. Mr. Higgins made the motion to change the date and Mr. Smith seconded the motion which 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. Mr. Mohn confirmed that this safety project/study would be similar to the one done for Raeford Road. Mr. Rutan informed the committee that there are currently 65,000 vehicles per day on Owen drive at the intersection with Village Drive. Mr. Evans asked about the crash data. Mr. Rutan explained that numbers are available for intersections and for segments of the corridor but they do not pin point each accident. Mr. Higgins asked what this study would encompass. Mr. Rutan explained that the study would be similar to the one done for Ramsey St. and the one done for Raeford Rd. Vice-Chair Powell requested a motion to approve a safety study for Owen Drive. Mr. Steve Smith made the motion and Mr. Higgins 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. Ms. Applewhite asked how far the median would stretch in the westbound Raeford Rd. turn lane onto Skibo. Mr. Rutan replied that exact distances of the median improvements would be determined in the engineering phase of the project. Vice-Chair Powell requested a motion to approve the project. Ms. Applewhite made the motion to approve the project and Mr. Higgins seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Chapman informed the committee that Mr. Heicksen had sent a letter to the Department of Defense requesting $40 million that would cover almost half of the section of I-295 from

Bragg Blvd. to the All American Freeway. The total project cost is estimated at $80.7 million. The Department of Defense will have the option to pay the $40 million over several years. Ms. Pittman stated that the connection to Murchison Rd. is a key part of this project and will be let for construction when the Department of Defense contributes funding. Mr. Steve Smith stated that Department of Defense funds have been programmed for this project in FY2012. Vice-Chair Powell requested a motion to approve the request for funds. Mr. Terry Smith made the motion to approve the request and Mr. Mohn seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. Amendment No 3 to the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP): Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman explained that the Community Transportation Program has been expanding and the UPWP allocated 5303 funds for an additional position. The money was not needed and so $18,000 will be transferred from there into management and operations. Ms. Applewhite asked why the funds were not needed. Ms Chapman explained that there was no way to know how much money NCDOT would contribute, so these funds were made available to cover the position if needed, and the funds were not needed. Vice-Chair Powell requested a motion to approve Amendment No 3 by resolution. Ms. Applewhite made the motion to approve which was seconded by Mr. Higgins and passed unanimously.

8. Citizen Advisory Committee Appointment/Removal: Maurizia Chapman

Natural Environment Citizen Representative: appoint Ms. Mindy Love-Stanley

Ms. Chapman informed the committee that some Citizen Advisory Committee members' terms have expired and that Ms. Love-Stanley from the Fort Bragg Sustainability office has volunteered to serve on the committee until December 2012. Vice-Chair Powell requested a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Love-Stanley to the CAC until December 31, 2012. Mr. Mohn made the motion and Mr. Terry Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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

Ms. Chapman informed the committee that the timeline for JARC and NF funds is as follows;

- February 1, 2011: Call for projects published, to include evaluation criteria
- March 7, 2011: Projects submittal deadline
- April 20, 2011: Selection of projects by MPO TAC

The funding amount for JARC is projected to be $398,733.00 and the amount projected for NF is $117,026.00 Vice-Chair Powell asked about which methods were used for advertising. Ms. Chapman stated that the notice is published in the Fayetteville Observer, the Acento Latino newspaper, our website, and possibly press releases from government agencies. Vice-Chair Powell requested information on what type of projects are eligible for this funding. Ms. Chapman stated that the extension of transit service hours, a new paratransit initiative, or other items listed in the Human Service Transportation Plan would be eligible. Vice-Chair Powell inquired about the geographic area that would be eligible to apply for these funds. Ms. Chapman informed the committee that the eligible boundary is limited to the MPO boundary. Mr. Mohn stated that it would be helpful and beneficial if the notice were sent directly to City, Town, and County managers. Vice-Chair Powell was informed that the RPO had their own advertising process for these funds. Vice-Chair Powell requested a motion

approve the call for projects schedule. Mr. Steve Smith made the motion to approve the schedule and Mr. Terry Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

10. Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Report update: Curtis Bridges, Stewart Engineering

Mr. Bridges gave a presentation on all the work that had been done on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Report to date. Mr. Bridges provided information on the public involvement that element of the report and highlighted the fact that over 400 citizens visited the Fayetteville Bike Walks booth at one 4th Friday. Ms. Applewhite asked about pedestrian accessibility around Cross Creek Mall and what the next steps for the plan are. Ms. Chapman stated that the location really determines which agency is responsible for making improvements. The NCDOT had previously considered a pedestrian bridge at the Mall, however previous pedestrian bridges in the state have been historically underused and ineffective at separating pedestrians from traffic. Ms. Applewhite stated that she is seeking details about this report and would like copies for the entire city council because they are going to be reviewing the budget soon. Ms. Chapman informed the committee that the plan has identified short, mid, and long-term projects. Mr. Higgins asked about how recommended improvements would be prioritized. Mr. Jernigan stated that the study will include prioritization of the projects. Mr. Bridges said that the report will identify which projects will be most cost beneficial. Vice-Chair Powell asked if these projects would be eligible for JARC/NF funds. Ms. Chapman confirmed that some projects may qualify for those funds. Mr. Jernigan made the point that this study really focused on connectivity. Mr. Bridges stated that the report is in the finalization step. Ms. Applewhite requested electronic copies of the draft report to distribute to the council for their budget workshop.

11. Air Quality Update: Mark Nottingham

Mr. Nottingham 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. Mr. Nottingham brought to the committees attention the 2011 Air Quality Calendars that had been distributed.

12. 18th Annual North Carolina Association of MPOs Conference update: Mike Rutan

Mr. Rutan informed the committee that the conference will be held from April 27-29, 2011 at the Doubletree Hotel. Ms. Chapman stated the sessions are almost finalized and that the registration form should be available by the middle of February.

13. Discussion

Mr. Rutan reviewed a funding chart from the FHWA that outlined our programmed funding and our actual fiscal needs for the period FY 2011-FY2020.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by consensus at 9:15am.