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FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Agenda
8:30 a.m. – January 25, 2012
Hearing Room No. 3
Historic Courthouse - 130 Gillespie Street

1. Roll call
2. Approval of today's agenda
 - **ACTION: Approval**
3. Approval of the minutes of the October 26, 2011 regular meetings
 - **ACTION: Approval**
4. Draft TITLE VI and Limited English Proficiency Policies: Bobby McCormick
 - **ACTION: Approve Draft Policies - CAC and TCC recommend approval**
5. Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP: Maurizia Chapman
 - **ACTION: Approve Amendment No 2 By Resolution – CAC and TCC recommend approval**
6. Citizen Advisory Committee Appointment: Maurizia Chapman
 - **ACTION: Appoint Mr. Hatcher to CAC until December 31, 2013**
7. **Updates/Informational Items:**
 - a. Air Quality Poster Contest: Mark Nottingham
 - b. Unified Planning Work Program STP-DA funds and Request for Proposals: Maurizia Chapman
 - c. ITS Project Update: Mark Nottingham
 - d. Southwestern FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Plan Update: Will Linville
 - e. Job Access Reverse Commute grants fund availability for call for projects: Maurizia Chapman
 - f. Cameron Road (U-4706) and Legion Road (U-2809 A) projects: Rick Heicksen
8. Discussion
9. Adjournment

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Minutes
January 25, 2012
8:30 am

Members Present

Mr. Tim McNeill, TAC Chair, Commissioner, Harnett County
Ms. Jean Powell, TAC Vice-Chair, Commissioner, Hoke County
Mr. Ed Grannis, NC Board of Transportation
Mr. Richard Higgins, Alderman, Town of Spring Lake
Mr. Ed Melvin, Commissioner, Cumberland County
Mr. Steve Smith, Directorate of Public Works, Ft. Bragg
Ms. Jackie Warner, Mayor, Town of Hope Mills

Others Present

Mr. Rick Heicksen, FAMPO Executive Director
Ms. Brenda Cameron, Citizen
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. Bobby McCormick, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Mark Nottingham, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Michael Rutan, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Joel Strickland, Mid Carolina RPO
Mr. Darius Sturdivant, MPO Coordinator, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

1. Roll Call

TAC Chair McNeill called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Chairman McNeill requested a motion to approve the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Mr. Higgins, and seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 26, 2011 regular meetings

Chairman McNeill requested a motion to approve the October 26, 2011 minutes. Ms. Powell made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Higgins and passed unanimously.

4. Draft TITLE VI and Limited English Proficiency Policies: Bobby McCormick

Mr. McCormick explained that the Title VI and LEP Policies were previously part of the Environmental Justice Plan, but that State recommendations led us to separate the two and create a separate plan. The plan is available on our website, and has been sent to the State for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the Draft TITLE VI and Limited English Proficiency Policies. Mr. Grannis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

5. Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman informed the Committee that an updated version of the amendment has been included as a handout to include two additional projects that Mr. Rutan would discuss. She explained that we must process the amendment in order to use STP-DA funds for construction plans. We have \$100,000 budgeted for Little Cross Creek from Mazarick Park south to Veteran's Park, and \$800,000 for Big Cross Creek, from south of Fayetteville State University to Smith Lake, a distance of about 7 miles. This includes \$400,000 this year and \$400,000 next year. The local match has been established and agreed upon by all local jurisdictions.

Mr. Rutan gave an overview of projects SF-4906M and SF-4908M. Project SF-4906M is included in the current MTIP but has been delayed by request from NCDOT to allow additional time for design work. Project SF-4908M is a new project that has been requested by NCDOT Division 8. The project is in the FAMPO planning area so it must be approved and included in our MTIP in order for NCDOT to begin work.

A motion was made by Ms. Powell to approve by Resolution Amendment No. 2 to the FY 2012-2018 as revised in the handout. Mr. Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

6. Citizen Advisory Committee Appointment: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman gave a brief background introduction of Mr. Hatcher who has agreed to join the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC). He is an active cyclist, a member of the Cross Creek Cycle Club and will replace Mr. Bob Miarer who can no longer participate. His term will last until December of 2013. A motion was made by Ms. Powell to approve the appointment of Mr. Hatcher to the CAC. Mr. Grannis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. Updates/Informational Items:

a. Air Quality Poster Contest: Mark Nottingham

Mr. Nottingham presented the group a 2012 Air Quality Calendar and informed them that we have started advertising for this year's contest. An ad was in last Wednesday's paper and another will run on Sunday. The announcement has also been sent to all of the elementary schools in the county including Ft. Bragg schools. Last year we had over 900 poster entries. The theme for this

year's contest is 'Green Living'. Mr. Nottingham informed the group that winners would be selected in May.

b. Unified Planning Work Program Update on STP-DA funds and Request for Proposals: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman explained that the need to revise the UPWP is related to the previous TIP amendment. We would not be able to use the funds for construction plans as they are included in the UPWP, so we must transfer the money to the TIP. We are working on an MOA between the State and the County and hope to have everything ready by next month. Work should begin on the RFP for the Big Cross Creek project in June or July.

c. ITS Project Update: Mark Nottingham

Mr. Nottingham updated the group on the progress of the ITS RFP. Our current ITS plan is over 10 years old, and in order to receive funding, ITS project must be included in this plan. ConSysTec, a firm from Virginia that specializes in this type of work, has been selected and will begin work shortly. A project kickoff meeting is scheduled for February 1st. This group was involved in the recently completed Triangle ITS Report. Work should be completed by the end of the year. The NCDOT contributed \$200,000 of the \$250,000 cost.

d. Southwestern FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Plan Update: Will Linville

Mr. Linville updated the Committee on the Southwestern study RFP. After reviewing four candidates, Wilbur Smith Associates was chosen to contract for the study. He referenced the map handout and noted that the study area had changed to include a larger part of Hoke County, including the City of Raeford and areas farther South. Mr. Heicksen added that there were initially two phases, however BRAC was unable to secure funding for the area outside FAMPO's boundary. After meeting with Mike Bruff from NCDOT it was decided that NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch would fund the additional area with \$60,000 that required no local match. This additional area is very important to the study, as continued growth will affect the FAMPO region. The FAMPO boundary is also likely to expand in that direction with the upcoming release of the Census 2010 urban areas. Mr. Heicksen is scheduled to brief the Hoke County Commissioners on February 6th and has already met with Ms. Powell, who will help to gather stakeholders for the study. The study will begin around the beginning of March and should take approximately a year to complete.

e. Job Access Reverse Commute grants fund availability for call for projects: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman gave an overview of the JARC/NF programs, including eligible candidates, qualifications, and uses. In the past, the City of Fayetteville has been the only eligible applicant. NF funds have been used for sidewalk construction around bus stops and improving ADA access. JARC funds are used for projects that target low income populations such as extending hours on bus routes and extending routes. A Pre application workshop is being scheduled to try to get more participation in the program, and a selection committee will be convened if needed.

8. Discussion

Mr. Heicksen referred to the map handout centered on Hope Mills. He explained that this area has been congested for years, and that several projects have been constructed in and around the area. With the connection of Elk Road to US-301 scheduled to be completed soon, we would like to see how much traffic uses that and how the new pattern affects traffic through Hope Mills on NC-59. If enough traffic uses the bypass, we may look at possibly delaying the construction of Cameron Road and the southern portion of Legion Road.

9. Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, Chairman McNeill requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00am. The motion was made by Ms. Warner, and seconded by Mr. Smith. The motion passed unanimously.