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FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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Agenda

8:30 a.m. – January 23, 2013

Hearing Room No. 3

Historic Courthouse - 130 Gillespie Street

1. Roll call
2. Approval of today's agenda
 - **ACTION:** Approval
3. Nomination and selection of Chair
 - **ACTION:** Select Chair
4. Approval of the minutes of the October 24, 2012 regular meetings
 - **ACTION:** Approval
5. Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program: Maurizia Chapman
 - **ACTION:** Approve Draft FY 2012 UPWP. CAC and TCC recommend TAC approval.
6. Fayetteville to Wilmington Trail Study: Maurizia Chapman
 - **ACTION:** Approve support of Trail Study by Resolution. CAC and TCC recommend TAC approval.
7. Appointment of Citizen Advisory Committee Members: Maurizia Chapman
 - **ACTION:** Appoint CAC Members.
8. FAMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Rick Heicksen
 - **ACTION:** Approve FAMPO MOU as amended by Resolution.
9. **Updates/Informational Items:**
 - a. ITS Regional Infrastructure Plan update: Rick Heicksen and Bruce Eisenhart, ConSysTech
 - b. FY 2012-2018 MTIP Administrative Modifications: Mike Rutan
 - c. Project W-5206Q and Amendment No. 4 to the MTIP Update: Mike Rutan
 - d. Air Quality update: Kelly Bah
 - e. Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom (JARC/NF) grants fund availability and call for projects: Maurizia Chapman
 - f. Little Cross Creek Greenway study: Rick Heicksen
 - g. TAC Bylaws: Rick Heicksen
10. Discussion: Video on Rowan St. Bridge replacement Rick
11. Adjournment

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Minutes **Regular Meeting**

8:30 a.m. – January 23, 2013

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Members Present

Ms. Jean Powell, Chair, Hoke County Commissioner
Ms. Jackie Warner, Vice-Chair, Mayor, Town of Hope Mills
Mr. Ed Grannis, NC Board of Transportation
Mr. Richard Higgins, Alderman, Town of Spring Lake
Mr. Bobby Hurst, Councilman, City of Fayetteville
Mr. Ed Melvin, Commissioner, Cumberland County
Ms. Jill Stark, Federal Highway Administration
Mr. Steve Smith, Fort Bragg Representative

Others Present

Mr. Tommy Burns, Town of Spring Lake, Town Manager
Mr. Jerry Bradley, City of Fayetteville, Transportation Planner
Ms. Brenda Cameron, Citizen
Ms. Maurizia Chapman, AICP, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Cecil Combs, Cumberland County Planning, Deputy Director Planning / Inspections
Mr. Bruce Eisenhart, ConSysTech
Ms. Cheryl Evans, NCDOT Traffic Engineer-ITS
Mr. Jerry Bradley, P.E., NCDOT Division 6, Division Project Manager
Mr. Lee Jernigan, P.E., City of Fayetteville, Traffic Services Division
Mr. Thomas J. Lloyd, Cumberland County Planning Director
Mr. Michael Mandeville, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Bobby McCormick, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Michael Rutan, FAMPO Staff
Mr. Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO
Mr. Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 8, Planning Engineer

1. Roll Call

TAC Vice-Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Vice-Chair Powell requested that Action Item No. 8 – Memorandum of Understanding – be moved under Item No. 9 - Updates and Information. A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mr. Higgins and seconded by Ms. Warner. The motion passed unanimously.

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3. Nomination and Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair

Mr. Grannis nominated Ms. Powell for the Chair of the TAC. Mr. Hurst seconded that nomination, which was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hurst nominated Ms. Warner for the Vice-Chair of the TAC. Mr. Grannis seconded that nomination, which was approved unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the October 24, 2012 regular meetings

Chair Powell requested a motion to approve the October 24, 2012 minutes. Mr. Higgins made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melvin, and passed unanimously.

5. Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman presented the Draft FY 2014 Unified Planning Work Program to the Committee and explained the budget for the FY 2014. She clarified that the FAMPO 104f budget is \$686,500, which came in \$500,000 less than the year before. Final allocations have not been released yet and the final budget may change prior to the April meeting. She asked for this budget to be approved by the committee.

Chair Powell requested a motion to approve the draft. Vice-Chair Warner made a motion to approve the draft. Mr. Hurst seconded that motion which passes unanimously.

6. Fayetteville to Wilmington Trail Study: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman presented and explained the prospective Fayetteville to Wilmington Trail. She presented two different routes. One route follows the Cape Fear River and the other follows an old rail line. She also informed the Committee that for the past few months staff from the Fayetteville and Wilmington MPOs and the Mid-Carolina and Cape Fear RPOs have been meeting to discuss the need of a study that would identify the route most feasible at this time. Both routes have been included in several Long Range Transportation Plans and are viable, however the MPOs and RPOs would like to have a unified plan to pursue them one at the time. The East Cost Greenway is in support of a proposed Benefit/Cost study to prioritize the routes. Ms. Chapman requested that the TAC approve a resolution of support for a Study that would provide direction on which route to pursue first. Both the CAC and TCC recommend that the TAC supports by Resolution a Study of the corridors.

Mr. Grannis asked how long the study will take. Ms. Chapman stated that a timeline hasn't been discussed. Mr. Grannis added that there has been a real movement towards bike/pedestrian spending.

A motion was made by Mr. Grannis to approve the Resolution of Support of the Fayetteville to Wilmington Trail Study. Mr. Higgins seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

7. Appointment of Citizen Advisory Committee Members: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman recommended three be appointed to FAMPO's CAC. Mr. Modlin and Ms. Young have agreed to be reappointed even though they have completed their second consecutive term. Both represent segments of the population that need advocates, however it has been very difficult to find replacements. She continued that the TAC has the authority to appoint CAC members for additional terms if needed. r Ms. Love-Stanley, representing environmental concerns and just completing her first term, declined to continue. Ms. Chapman recommends that Ms. Hanah Ehrenreich from Sustainable Sandhills be appointed to that vacant position.

Ms. Warner expressed her concerns about committee members' attendance. Ms. Chapman described the requirements set through the Bylaws and specified that two consecutive unexcused absences will cause the members to lose their seat on the committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith to appoint Mr. Modlin, Ms. Young and Ms. Ehrenreich to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

8. FAMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

This item was moved to the updates/information items section.

9. Updates and Information Items:

a. ITS Regional Infrastructure Plan update: Bruce Eisenhart, ConSysTech

Mr. Eisenhart presented the ITS Regional Infrastructure Plan update to the committee. He detailed the updated technology for the Fayetteville area. The FAMPO ITS Strategic Deployment Plan provides a consensus plan for the deployment of ITS in the region. It provides a set of outputs that can be used by regional stakeholders to start planning and project deployment.

Chair Powell stated that Robeson County didn't seem to be included in the plan. Mr. Eisenhart indicated that Robeson County didn't come to the meetings.

Mr. Grannis inquired to why Mid Carolina wasn't included. Ms. Chapman said she did not know why Mid-Carolina wasn't included. Chair Powell would like for Mid-Carolina to be included in future discussions.

b. FY 2012-2018 MTIP Administrative Modification: Mike Rutan

Mr. Rutan presented the FY 2012-2018 MTIP Administrative Modifications to the committee for their review. He explained the two maps that were in the memo that was given to the committee. He also gave an update on the Cape Fear River trail improvements, Old Raeford Rd., and the bridge over Lake Rim spillway.

c. Project W-5206Q and Amendment No. 4 to the MTIP Update: Mike Rutan

Mr. Rutan presented the Project W-5206 and Amendment No. 4 update. Amendment No. 4 was approved at the July 2012 meeting. The description included in the amendment described the project as various safety improvements throughout Division 6. He explained that these types of amendments are included to get funding set up in the TIP for use on smaller projects as they are identified.

d. Air Quality update: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman presented the Air Quality Update to the committee. Ms. Chapman stated that the Ozone Advance Program Action Plan should be completed by April, however the deadline for submission to EPA is September 2013. The poster contest is now open and the deadline for submissions has been set for March 4th. Sustainable Sandhills applied for an education grant to support environmental education throughout the community.

e. Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom (JARC/NF) grants fund availability and call for projects: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman presented the Job Access Reverse Commute and New Freedom (JARC/NF) grants fund availability and call for projects to the committee. The funds represent carryover amounts from FY 2011 and FY 2012. MAP-21 combined these programs with other existing ones and, at this time, FTA has not provided additional guidance on how to continue a competitive process starting with FY 2013 funds. The call for projects will be sent out on February 4th. The deadline for submittal of projects is March 8th. If necessary, a Selection Committee comprised of members of the CAC and TCC will give recommendations for project of April 24th, otherwise the applications will be provided to the TAC with CAC and TCC recommendations. Mr. Grannis inquired on how the (JARC/NF) grants make any connections to transportation for certain neighborhoods. Ms. Chapman noted there is money earmarked for urban and rural services. Mr. Grannis asked if counties have access to urban funds at the state level. Mr. Melvin said that the counties did not have access to urban funds through the State, however urban funds have to be used in urban areas. Ms. Chapman stated that rural citizens have access to transportation through the county. Ms. Stark noted that rural vs. urban funds need to be separate and accounted for.

f. Little Cross Creek Greenway: Rick Heicksen

Ms. Chapman presented the Little Cross Creek Greenway study to the committee. Stewart Engineering has the go ahead to continue with the project by April or July.

Mr. Grannis asked when to anticipate some action on the project. Ms. Chapman stated that FAMPO is actively pursuing all types of funding for this project.

g. TAC Bylaws: Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman presented the need to review the TAC bylaws. She stated that the TAC has never had formal bylaws, operating through general procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding. The Bylaws, together with the MOU, propose to change the TAC name to the FAMPO Transportation Policy Board, which better reflects the Federal requirements and that procedures to annually elect chair and vice-chair, attendance requirements and other operational explanations are also included. Ms. Stark asked if transit will be a voting member. Ms. Chapman stated that transit would be a voting member.

h. FAMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Maurizia Chapman

Ms. Chapman informed the committee that FAMPO is setting up meeting on updated MOU's with all jurisdictions.

Mr. Lloyd indicated that Spring Lake and Hope Mills, together with Cumberland County, were requesting more time to look at the MOU and at the urging of Mr. Melvin, provided Chair Powell with a letter from the Cumberland County Joint Planning Board.

10. Discussion

Mr. Rutan showed the committee the video on the Rowan Street Bridge.

11. Adjournment

With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 am.