

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### FAYETTEVILLE AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

COMMISSIONER TIM MCNEILL  
CHAIR

COMMISSIONER JEAN POWELL  
VICE-CHAIR

#### Agenda

8:30 a.m. – July 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 April 25, 2012 regular meetings
  - **ACTION:** Approval
4. 2012 Vehicle Occupancy Rate (VOR) Report: Bobby McCormick
  - **ACTION:** Approval. CAC and TCC recommend approval
5. Amendment No. 4 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP: Mike Rutan
  - **ACTION:** Approve MTIP Amendment No. 4 by Resolution. CAC and TCC recommend approval
6. FAMPO Adjusted Urbanized Area (UZA): Maurizia Chapman
  - **ACTION:** Approve Adjusted UZA Boundary by Resolution. CAC and TCC recommend approval
7. FAMPO Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA): Maurizia Chapman
  - **ACTION:** Approve expanded MPA boundary by Resolution. CAC and TCC recommend approval
8. NEPA 404/Merger 01 Process Signatory Designations: Rick Heicksen
  - **ACTION:** Approve designated signatories by Resolution.
9. **Updates/Informational Items:**
  - a. FY 2012-2018 MTIP Administrative Modifications: Mike Rutan
  - b. Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update: Darius Sturdivant
  - c. ITS Regional Infrastructure Plan update: Bobby McCormick
  - d. Title VI Desk Audit update: Bobby McCormick
  - e. Southwestern FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Plan update: Maurizia Chapman
  - f. Air Quality update: Maurizia Chapman
  - g. 2040 Population and Economic Study update: Rick Heicksen
  - h. Little Cross Creek Greenway study: Rick Heicksen
  - i. FAMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Bylaws changes to reflect new UZA and MPA boundaries: Rick Heicksen
10. Discussion
11. Adjournment

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#### **Minutes**

#### **Regular Meeting**

8:30 a.m. – July 25, 2012

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#### **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. Bobby Hurst, Councilman, City of Fayetteville  
Mr. Ed Melvin, Commissioner, Cumberland County  
Ms. Jackie Warner, Mayor, Town of Hope Mills

#### **Others Present**

Mr. Rick Heicksen, FAMPO Executive Director  
Mr. Andrew Barksdale, The Fayetteville Observer  
Mr. Greg Burns, P.E., NCDOT Division 6  
Ms. Brenda Cameron, Citizen  
Ms. Maurizia Chapman, AICP, FAMPO Staff  
Mr. Lee Jernigan, P.E., City of Fayetteville, Traffic Services Division  
Mr. Bobby McCormick, FAMPO Staff  
Mr. Neil Perry, P.E., City of Fayetteville, Traffic Services Division  
Ms. Tracey Pittman, P.E., NCDOT Division 6  
Mr. Michael Rutan, FAMPO Staff  
Mr. Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO  
Mr. Darius Sturdivant, MPO Coordinator, NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

#### **1. Roll call**

Chairman McNeill called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

#### **2. Approval of today's 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. Hurst. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Approval of the minutes of the April 25, 2012 regular meetings**

Chairman McNeill requested a motion to approve the April 25, 2012 minutes. Mr. Higgins made the motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Warner, which passed unanimously.

**4. 2012 Vehicle Occupancy Rate (VOR) Report: Bobby McCormick**

Mr. McCormick briefly explained to the Committee how the VOR process was carried out and highlighted some of the findings of the report, noting that the rate remained unchanged for Ft. Bragg and increased slightly for the CBD. The CAC and TCC recommend approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Higgins to approve the 2012 Vehicle Occupancy Rate Report. Mr. Grannis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**5. Amendment No. 4 to the FY 2012-2018 MTIP: Mike Rutan**

Mr. Rutan explained the TIP Amendment Worksheet and Resolution to the Committee. He explained that the Legion Road project will be delayed for two years to allow time for NCDOT to reexamine the cross-section based on updated traffic counts and patterns since the opening of the new Elk Road and US 301/Business 95 intersection. He explained that the safety project, W-5206, includes funding for the entire Division that will be used as projects are identified. The CAC and TCC recommend approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Grannis to approve the Amendment No. 4 to the 2012-2018 MTIP. Mr. Melvin seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**6. FAMPO Adjusted Urbanized Area (UZA): Maurizia Chapman**

Ms. Chapman presented and explained the map of the UZA. She explained that it was developed and in coordinated with Mr. Sturdivant from NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch. Ms. Chapman explained how the Adjusted UZA determines Urban and Rural Roadway Classification and that it makes these classifications more consistent. The CAC and TCC recommend approval.

A motion was made by Mr. Melvin to approve the FAMPO Adjusted Urbanized Area. Mr. Higgins seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**7. FAMPO Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA): Maurizia Chapman**

Ms. Chapman referenced the same map from the previous item. She explained that the MPA encompasses areas adjacent to our UZA that are anticipated to be developed to urban standards within the next 20 years. This effort was also coordinated with Mr. Sturdivant from NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch and Ms. Jill Stark from the Federal Highway Administration. Mr. McNeill asked how far into Harnett County the MPA includes. Ms. Chapman described the changes, noting that the Eastern Boundary was expanded to include the Town of Eastover's Municipal Influence Area, the Southern Boundary now stretches into Robeson County and includes the Town of Parkton, The Northern Boundary extends farther into Harnett County to include the Spout Springs Urban Cluster and areas up to Highway 27, and the Western Boundary expanded into Hoke County and includes the Town of Raeford. The CAC and TCC recommend approval with the possibility that the boundary can be reexamined and modified if deemed necessary in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Higgins to approve the FAMPO Metropolitan Planning Area. Mr. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**8. NEPA 404/Merger 01 Process Signatory Designations: Rick Heicksen**

Mr. Heicksen briefly explained the NEPA 404/Merger 01 Process, and noted that a similar resolution was passed several years ago that designated himself as the Designee and Ms. Chapman as the Alternate signatories for the NEPA 404/Merger 01 process. The MPO is a full partner in the process, and therefore must sign off on the concurrence points to indicate support for TIP Projects. The resolution will designate Mr. Heicksen as the Designee and Mr. Rutan as the Alternate signatories for the process.

A motion was made by Mr. Higgins to approve the signatory designations. Mr. Melvin seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**9. Updates/Informational Items:**

**a. FY 2012-2018 MTIP Administrative Modifications: Mike Rutan**

Mr. Rutan presented the Administrative Modifications Worksheet to the committee. He referenced the map that corresponds to the projects affected by the modifications and the recently released STIP Amendment and Modification Guidelines document adopted by the NC Board of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the Federal Transit Administration.

**b. Comprehensive Transportation Plan Update: Darius Sturdivant**

Mr. Sturdivant presented the draft CTP Working Maps to the committee. He explained that there are multiple inset maps that go along with the set, and that the insets will be available on the FAMPO website in the coming weeks. The CTP Maps are a compilation of Mobility 2035, the most recent Long Range Transportation Plan, as well as the recently completed Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Report and other documents and plans. The CTP may be ready for approval at the October meeting. He added that Ms. Karen Hilton and Mr. Randy Hume have several recommendations that will be incorporated in the final maps. Mr. Hurst inquired about the timeframe of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects shown on the maps. Mr. Sturdivant and Ms. Chapman explained that the maps do not show a prioritization or scheduling of projects, but that this information is available in the recently completed Bicycle and Pedestrian Connectivity Report. The report is available on FAMPO's website.

**c. ITS Regional Infrastructure Plan update: Bobby McCormick**

Mr. McCormick updated the committee on the progress of the Intelligent Transportation System Strategic Deployment (ITS) Plan. He reviewed the need for and the expected results of the plan, and estimated the plan should be complete by December 2012. Projects must be included in this plan to be eligible for inclusion in the TIP. The primary users of the plan will be the Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST), The City of Fayetteville Traffic Services Department, NCDOT, and Emergency Services.

**d. Title VI Desk Audit update: Bobby McCormick**

Mr. McCormick explained that after the Title VI and Limited English Proficiencies Plan was approved at the April 25<sup>th</sup> TAC meeting additional information was requested by the NCDOT Title VI Office. All necessary steps have now been completed and the Title VI Desk Audit was officially closed, with FAMPO in full compliance with all requirements.

**e. Southwestern FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Plan update: Maurizia Chapman**

Ms. Chapman updated the committee on the Southwestern FAMPO Congestion Management Study. Two public meetings have been held recently, one in Hoke County and one in Hope Mills, and there is more public involvement planned. We will have the results from the survey soon, and she referenced the project website for members to get more information. Work on the plan is progressing as scheduled, with estimated completion in the March 2013 timeframe.

**f. Air Quality update: Maurizia Chapman**

Ms. Chapman informed the committee that the 2012 Air Quality Poster Contest was a huge success, and that calendars will be coming out later in the year. An awards ceremony was held for the winners in conjunction with Sustainable Sandhills. EPA has designated our area as “in attainment”. She gave an overview of the new Ozone Advance program that the EPA has developed to aid areas that are in attainment with ongoing air quality efforts. The Combined Air Team and the Air Quality Stakeholders have recommended that the area go ahead with participation in the Ozone Advance Program. This program will help the area continue to improve air quality by organizing strategies that reduce ozone precursors and other pollutants.

**g. 2040 Population and Economic Study update: Rick Heicksen**

Mr. Heicksen informed the committee that, due to recent staff turnover, the Population and Economics Study has been on hold and should be presented at the October meeting.

**h. Little Cross Creek Greenway Study: Rick Heicksen**

Mr. Heicksen explained that the Little Cross Creek Greenway Study has been delayed slightly due to funding issues. A switch in funding sources brought about additional requirements that must be in place before the study can continue. The contracts are being processed and the study should begin soon.

**i. FAMPO Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Bylaws changes to reflect new UZA and MPA boundaries: Rick Heicksen**

Mr. Heicksen explained that the TAC membership would be updated based on the new UZA and MPA boundaries that resulted from the 2010 Census. Bylaws will be drafted, and, after briefing each governing body, new MOUs will be executed with the member jurisdictions, including Parkton and Robeson County.

**10. Discussion**

**11. Adjournment**

With there being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.