

2. Minutes

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 09/20/2021

The Transportation Advisory Committee held a virtual TEAMS meeting on Monday September 20, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

Members Present

W.B. Bullock, Robbie Davis, Louise Hinton, Richard Joyner, Chris Miller, Melvin Mitchell, David Pride, Evelyn Powell

Members Absent

None.

Others Present

Secretary Brad Kerr, Kevin Bowen, Jennifer Collins, Elton Daniels, Bob League, Bill Marley, Carlos Moya, Jordan Reedy

Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Kerr called the meeting of the TAC to order at 4:33 pm with a quorum present. He welcomed those online to the virtual TEAMS meeting. Mr. Reedy introduced all in attendance.

Minutes of the 05/17/21 and 06/21/21 TAC Meetings

The minutes of the May 17, 2021, and June 21, 2021 TAC meetings had been mailed to members with the current meeting agenda. Secretary Kerr asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Ms. Hinton made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Bullock seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously as presented.

Action Items

STIP Amendments. Mr. League described the two projects presented for adoption in the STIP/MTIP. The first was HS-2004B, the addition of a center left-turn lane on NC 97 at SR 1603. The second was BL-0032, a CMAQ project to add sidewalk on Cokey Road. Ms. Miller stated the motion to approve the projects for inclusion in the STIP/MTIP. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion. The Committee approved with no opposition.

TAC Chairperson. Secretary Kerr introduced the request of Mr. Bullock to relinquish the TAC Chairmanship. Mr. Kerr asked the TAC members to consider this matter and return to the November TAC meeting prepared to elect a new Chairperson. Mr. Bullock was thanked for his long service.

Transportation Planning Activities and Initiatives

Prioritization 6.0 Mr. League reported that the NCBOT in August voted to delay the Prioritization process. As a result, the Draft STIP 2024-2033 will be released in December 2022. Mr. League noted that the delay should not affect the projects currently in progress or the next ones to go to Let.

Bicycle Helmet Initiative 2021 Mr. Reedy stated that he had distributed 12 helmets at a City summer event in August at Monk Park. He is asking for ideas for other ways to distribute the remaining helmets. Mr. Davis suggested checking with the Imperial Centre or Event Center. Ms. Powell also suggested the Down East Partnership for Children.

Information Items

STIP Project Status. Mr. League noted the following project developments:

U-4762 Springfield Road widening – 98% Complete. The road looks very good and only needs a final lift of asphalt and pavement marking. Mr. Bowen added that NCDOT would have the tree stumps in the r-o-w removed.

U-5026 & R-5720 (Sunset Ave / I-95 Interchange and Eastern Ave widening) - NCDOT reports that 23% of the project has been completed. The \$60M project completion date is April 2024.

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B-5980 (I-95 Interchange Improvements at Halifax Road, SR1544) has been Let to Barnhill Contracting.

Ms. Powell asked for the reason Seven Bridges Road is closed and how long will it be closed? Mr. Bowen agreed to get this information.

CSX Intermodal Terminal. Mr. League said the opening date for business is October 7, 2021. Ms. Miller asked if any opening ceremony was being planned. No one knew for sure, but the information will be provided when known.

NCBOT October Meeting in Division Four. Mr. Mitchell said the NCBOT visit to Division Four was on hold due to the Covid conditions

Other Business

Secretary Kerr asked if there was any other business. Mr. Reedy volunteered to help any member with their 2022 Ethics Requirements which will be due in April 2024.

Announcements

Mr. Kerr announced the next TAC meeting will be November 15, 2021, at 4:30 pm.

Adjournment

The TAC adjourned at 4:59 pm.