

# Technical Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2023

2:00 PM, Greensboro, NC  
Zoom Online Virtual Meeting

## Attendance

Tyler Meyer	<i>TCC Chair</i>	Mark Kirstner	<i>PART</i>	<i>PART</i>
Lydia McIntyre	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Andy Bailey	<i>NCDOT TPB</i>	
Tram Truong	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Chris Smitherman	<i>NCDOT Div. 7</i>	
Raunak Mishra	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Stephen Robinson	<i>NCDOT Div. 7</i>	
Craig McKinney	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Nishant Shah	<i>NCDOT Div. 7</i>	
Gregory Carlton	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Alex Rotenberry	<i>NCDOT IMD</i>	
Mary Harward	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Scott Whitaker	<i>Summerfield</i>	
Grey Johnston	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Sean Taylor	<i>Oak Ridge</i>	
Hanna Cockburn	<i>GDOT Dir.</i>	Nathanael Moore	<i>GSO Field Ops</i>	
Kelly Larkins	<i>GSO Planning Dept.</i>	Irma Zimmerman	<i>TAMS</i>	
Jeff Sovich	<i>GSO Planning Dept.</i>	Elizabeth Jernigan	<i>GSO Parks &amp; Rec</i>	
Chris Spencer	<i>GDOT/Engineering</i>	Jason Geary	<i>GSO E&amp;I</i>	
George Linney	<i>GTA</i>	Suzette Morales	<i>FHWA</i>	

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Tyler Meyer called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 PM.

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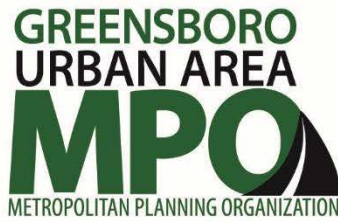
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## Introductory Items

### 1. Orientation to Zoom Software

Tyler Meyer welcomed everyone to the March virtual meeting and reviewed how to use the Zoom software.

### 2. Opening Remarks and Roll Call

Craig McKinney took roll call for the public record. TCC members and others identified themselves.

## Action Items:

### 1. May 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Tyler Meyer asked if any changes were needed to the minutes. No changes were recommended.

*Mark Kirstner moved to approve the minutes. Kelly Larkins seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.*

### 2. MTIP Amendments and Modification: Statewide Projects:

Tram Truong was invited to take the group through action items. The first project is a statewide project and NCDOT has requested that the MPO make amendments and modifications to the 2029 MTIP by modifying three state wide transit projects. The amendment will modify TC-00, TC-008, and TC-0010 for 5339B. The modification will adjust or add to the construction funding in FY2023. Recommendation is that the TAC will approve the MTIP modification and amendment for the 3 projects.

Meyer thanked Truong for presentation of the statewide projects and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions from the group.

*Sean Taylor moved to approve. Mark Kirstner seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.*

### 3. MTIP Amendment and Modification: Safety Projects

Tram Truong introduced the second modification. NCDOT requests the MPO to modify the MTIP to add six new safety projects, including three statewide projects. These projects aim to enhance safety at various locations that have experienced a high number of traffic crashes involving pedestrian, bicyclist, and other vulnerable road users. There will be sub-projects that focus on intersections, mid-block crossings, and greenway crossings based on NCDOT's highway safety improvement program methodology. Also noted was that this is the first time NCDOT has created a safety improvement project exclusively targeting vulnerable road users, in response to the new vulnerable road users rule introduced under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The recommendation is that the TCC will approve the MTIP Amendment for the six new safety projects.

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Meyer thanked Truong for the presentation of the Safety Projects and asked if there were any questions. Scott Whitaker did not have a question but noted that he would like to be added to the voting list. Lydia McIntyre asked if there will be two sets for the projects (HS-2015 and HS-2022), and Meyer responded yes. The projects each have three tiers (regional, statewide, and division) which reflects how they will be implemented as a way to account for the expenditures as required under the STI. There were no other questions or comments from the group.

*Sean Taylor moved to approve. Kelly Larkins seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.*

#### **4. MTIP Amendment and Modifications: MPO Area Transit Projects**

Truong introduced the area transit projects by explaining how funding levels are determined, and how the MPO establishes the funding levels based on estimated appropriations and later revises them once the full year appropriation is confirmed. The national funding for the core FTA formula programs increased by 2% from FY 2022 to FY 2023. For the Greensboro MPO, the FTA formula funding was increased by 1.9%, which amounts to \$138,000. Some projects that were impacted include TG-0019, TA-4767, and PART project allocations for capital and operating assistance. Meyer asked if there were any questions from the group, and also stated that the changes reflect careful consideration and collaboration with GTA and PART. Meyer also reminded the group that as it is nearing the end of the fiscal year, to keep in mind that the FTA has an extended closeout period, so grants have to be submitted well in advance. Recommendation is that the TCC will approve the MTIP modification and amendment for the MPO Transit Projects. There were no further questions or comments from the group.

*Sean Taylor moved to approve. Mark Kirstner seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.*

#### **5. Fiscal Year 2023 Program of Projects**

Tram Truong then presented the 2023 Program of Projects to the group. The annual Program of Projects is a publicly reviewed document account for formula and discretionary funds for GTA, PART, and TAMS for the current 2023 fiscal year. The project itself is a comprehensive list of scheduled transit projects that are funded through various sources such as Federal Transit Formula grants, transit discretionary grants, federal highway funds, FTA for transit improvements, and state formula grant programs. In order to be eligible for inclusion, these projects must be identified in the MTIP or in the UPWP. There was a public comment period from May 8 to May 9, during which no comments were received. The TAC meeting on June 21 will serve as the public hearing for the Program of Projects document. The recommendation is that the TCC will approve the Program of Projects.

Meyer then opened the floor to comments or concerns from the group. There were no comments.

*Andy Bailey moved to approve the modification. Elizabeth Jernigan seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.*

## **6. MPO Establishment of 2023 PM2 and PM3 Performance Measure Targets**

Lydia McIntyre presented the established PM2 and PM3 Performance Measure Targets with the aid of maps and information slides. At the beginning of the year the MPO approved safety measures for traffic fatalities, and now are presenting for approval PM2 and PM3, Performance Measure 2 and Performance Measure 3 respectively. Performance Measure 2 being the National Highway Performance Measure and Performance Measure 3 being the National Highway Freight Program (NHFP). The NHFP focuses on making sure the roadways are clear and reliable for use through the use of a truck travel time reliability index. McIntyre then showed the group the NCDOT targets for 2023 and 2025, which consisted of percentages and ranking of interstate payment. Targets for maintenance schedule for resurfacing were also shown. Meyer then opened the floor for questions, and there were none.

*Sean Taylor moved to approve the funding awards at the amount requested. Kelly Larkins seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.*

### **Business Items / Potential Action Item(s):**

#### **1. Division Engineer Updates**

Meyer then turned the time over to Stephen Robinson for updates from Division 7. Robinson stated that interstate resurfacing projects are currently under way, resulting in road closures which are expected to occur on the weekends (Friday through Monday morning) until the end of July. Robinson then reported that two bids for the I-5964 and U-5841 were unsuccessful, so the department is evaluating the next step for those projects. Meyer asked for elaboration on how the bids were unsuccessful, to which Robinson replied that one project did not have a bid and the other had one bid that was 92% above the engineers estimate. Robinson also stated that he will likely be attending future meetings, but project updating and some general duties will be transferred to Chad Reimakoski, the new Division 7 planning engineer. Assisting him will be Nishant Shah. Robinson asked that if any formal paperwork from the MPO was needed for the change, it would be sent.

Meyer thanked Robinson and gave the floor over to Jason Geary for local project updates.

#### **2. Local Project Updates**

Jason Geary provided the local projects updates.

- Bidding will open on June 29 for the Murrow Boulevard Bridge Repair Project (Contract 2021-011) and Phase 4 of the Downtown Greenway Project (Contract 2015-0030).
- A General Sidewalk Improvement Project (Contract 2015-104) on Hornaday Road, Bridford Parkway, Big Tree Way, and Hewitt Street is awaiting construction authorization. It will be advertised as soon as authorization is received, with an anticipated construction start date in October 2023 and a completion date in September 2024.

- The Davie Street Streetscape Project (Contract 2018-051A) has been under revision. Geary anticipates an advertisement date in July 2023 with a bid opening date in August 2023.
- The Alamance Church Road Improvement Project (Contract 2011-0670) is more than halfway complete. The contractor anticipates it will be paved in late fall, though this may be slightly optimistic, and if it is not completed by December 15, 2023 then it will be completed in spring 2024.
- The Eugene and Bellemeade Streetscape Project (Contract 2020-0180) has been slowed with multiple complications. Utility installations on Bellemeade Street East are complete, and waterlines have been installed. The contractor was supposed to repave the street on June 26, but weather has slowed the process and the repaving is likely to be rescheduled for after the July 4 holiday.
- The Summit Avenue Streetscape Project (Contract 2018-0200) is moving along well. Phase 1 is mostly complete, and phase 2 is underway and expected to be complete by September 2023. Thermo-marking will be completed at the end of these two phases.
- The Greene Street Streetscape Project (Contract 2018-0480) is underway. There have been utility issues. Storm sewer installation has begun near Bellemeade, and exploratory work is being conducted to begin the waterline installation. The completion date is estimated in December 2024.

Meyer then addressed NCDOT updates. Meyer stated that NCDOT is making plans to install an emergency crossover on I-785 and I-840 in the fall of 2023, and that the division has reported that they are going to evaluate potential emergency crossover relocations between Bryan Boulevard and Lawndale Drive or Battleground Avenue. There were no additional comments from Robinson or Shah.

Meyer then updated the group on upcoming Safety Project Improvements with diagram slides as well. One was to modify a crossover to a left-turn lane into Lakeview Memorial Park and restrict secondary movements. Two improvements include addressing crash patterns at Joe Brown Drive and Corbin Road. Meyer then asked the group if there were any questions or concerns. Craig McKinney brought up that NCDOT is looking at closing the crossovers and leftovers associated with those projects. There was then a discussion about these improvements between Meyer, Shah, McKinney, and Smitherman in which was concluded that McKinney would discuss further with the Division 7 engineers.

An update on project U-5823 was also given. U-5823 was submitted as part of P4 and is currently funded in step for construction in 2026. It is not being proposed that the scope of the project be changed, as traffic forecasts indicate that multi-lane widening is unlikely to be needed. Meyer then showed the group maps and diagrams justifying the change of scope. Smitherman agreed that more focus improvements were justified.

The conversation moved on with McIntyre updating the group on the US 220 Battleground-Lawndale Drive reconfiguration project (U-6108). The project has only been funded or preliminary engineering and is a P7 carry over. As part of early public engagement, 350 comments were gathered about the identified area. In order to advertise the public meeting that was held on March 27, a billboard was

used to push out the information to the community and an online survey was also used to gather feedback. McIntyre then described the layout of the public meeting and the general feedback from the public, which is currently being summarized into a report and slated to be available by the next MPO meeting. NCDOT is currently doing travel-time analysis on the area that will be worked into the final analysis. Greensboro MPO is working with NCDOT to be granted a submittal extension, as this project requires a more developed concept.

### **3. Strategic Reports**

Tyler Meyer reported that the Board of Transportation approved the new State Transportation Improvement Program 2024 to 2033 and it is available online. Staff is currently working on the 2024-2033 MTIP draft slated to be ready at the August 8 TCC and August 10 TAC meeting. The document should be approved on the state and federal level before the new fiscal year that starts on October 1. Meyer said that information about candidate project submittals is available. Staff will submit MPO submittal before September 29.

Meyer also reported that the MPO recently completed a \$500,000 Charging and Fueling Infrastructure discretionary grant application request for feasibility site analysis and registration of charging stations at public sites. Meyer closed out his updates by mentioning upcoming focus areas. PART is working to coordinate a model update for a program that deals with socioeconomic data assignment for scenario planning and growth allocation. Lydia McIntyre mentioned that the department is completing their review of the recently awarded Safe Routes to School Grant and that the original grant award terminates by October 25. McIntyre also took the time to introduce the department's two new staff members, Gregory Carlton and Mary Harward.

### **Other Items:**

#### **1. Member Agency Updates**

Meyer then opened the floor to any updates from member agencies. There were no updates from member agencies.

#### **2. Wrap- Up & Adjournment**

Meyer established the next TCC meeting as August 7, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

**Tyler Meyer adjourned the meeting at 2:57 PM.**