



Technical Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2024

2:00 PM, Greensboro, NC

Zoom Online Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Tyler Meyer	<i>TCC Chair</i>	Stephen Robinson	<i>NCDOT Div. 7</i>
Lydia McIntyre	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Nishant Shaw	<i>NCDOT Div. 7</i>
Raunak Mishra	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Alex Rotenberry	<i>NCDOT IMD</i>
Craig McKinney	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Reginald Mason	<i>GTA Director</i>
Gregory Carlton	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Jesse Day	<i>PTCOG</i>
Mary Harward	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Michael Abuya	<i>NCDOT TPB</i>
Tram Truong	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Mark Kirstner	<i>PART</i>
Yuan Zhou	<i>MPO Staff</i>	Chad Reimakoski	<i>NCDOT STIP</i>
Tyler Fulton	<i>MPO Intern</i>	Frances Kallam	<i>GSO E&I</i>
Hanna Cockburn	<i>GDOT Director</i>	Jeff Sovich	<i>GSO Sustainability</i>
Chris Spencer	<i>GDOT Eng.</i>	Suzette Morales	<i>FHWA</i>
Nathanael Moore	<i>GDOT</i>	Matt Talbot	<i>Pleasant Garden</i>
Kelly Larkins	<i>GSO Planning</i>	Robbie Wagoner	<i>Stokesdale</i>
Jason Geary	<i>GSO E&I</i>	Scott Whitaker	<i>Summerfield</i>
Stephen Robinson	<i>NCDOT Div. 7</i>	Joel Strickland	<i>McAdams</i>

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

Introductory Items

1. Opening remarks/ TCC Roll Call/ Attendee Verification

Gregory Carlton took roll call for the public record inviting TCC members and others to identify themselves in the teams chat.

Action Items

1. March 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

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

2. Thoroughfare & Collector Plan Amendment: US 158 Stokesdale Bypass

Lydia McIntyre provided an amendment to remove the US 158 Stokesdale Bypass from the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan. The bypass was established in 2016 during the alternatives analysis phase of environmental review for project R-2577C to widen US 158 between Anthony Road and US 220 in Stokesdale. Based on that action, the bypass alignment was included in the consolidated Thoroughfare and Collector Plan adopted by the MPO in May 2023.

The Stokesdale Town Council, Guilford County Planning Board, and area property owners requested that the MPO re-evaluate the need for a bypass at a March 2024 town council meeting. MPO and NCDOT staff attended the meeting to provide additional details about the project and the Thoroughfare and Collector Plan amendment process. The MPO conducted an analysis of the project using a regional traffic model, current and past traffic volumes, and consulted with NCDOT. Results showed marginal congestion benefits relative to the high project cost; This is also reflected in the project's low scores in the prioritization process for the past 10 years. In April 2024, a public input period was conducted to get feedback on whether to amend the plan and remove the project. 60% of respondents supported removing the bypass plan due to traffic volumes that do not necessitate a new road, high costs, and negative impacts on future development in the corridor. 40% supported maintaining the bypass in the plan, citing predicted congestion from future development and safety concerns as reasons for not removing it.

The MPO recommended amending the Thoroughfare and Collector Plan to remove R-2577C and was of the opinion that low cost improvements can be made along the corridor to address future congestion (such as those included in project R-5823). The MPO committed to continued study of the corridor and provided a detailed response to resident concerns.

Tyler Meyer added that the department is focusing on the area of the project and taking short-term steps to address mobility needs in regards to traffic safety and traffic flow issues that emerge over time. Scott Whitaker addressed Craig McKinney and asked for a summary of staff's visit to the Stokesdale Council and the reasons the Council is opposed to the project. Lydia McIntyre and Craig McKinney responded that the Council asked GDOT staff to assess the project needs and concerns that had received from the citizens. McKinney also stated that this amendment is contingent upon Stokesdale approving their Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan. There were no other questions.

Scott Whitaker moved to approve the amendment. Nishant Shaw seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.

3. MTIP Amendment & Modification: Statewide Projects

Tram Truong introduced the Statewide Projects ER-5600 and HV-0001:

- ER-5600 provides funding for roadside vegetation management and improvements across the state. The amendment in December 2023 included \$4 million in FY 2022-2023 as a bookkeeping step and added \$5 million from FY 2024-2028. *Adds \$100,000 annually for preliminary engineering from FY 2024 to FY 2028 using Surface Transportation Program Funding.*
- HV-001 constructs electric vehicle supply equipment along North Carolina's Alternative Corridor and NEVI planning. Adds \$6.6 million for engineering phase and \$95 million for construction from FY 2024 to FY 2026.

The MPO recommended TCC approve of the MTIP amendment for the two statewide projects.

Mark Kirstner moved to approve. Michael Abuya seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.

4. MTIP Amendment & Modification: Aviation, Roadway, and Rail

Tram Truong introduced one aviation-related, two roadway-related, and two rail-related projects. These modifications and amendments will allow for additional time for planning and design phase activities and will impact the construction start date for each project.

- AV-5701 modifies Runway 5R-23L Extension project. *Shifts construction funding from FY 24 to FY 25. Funding amounts are unchanged at \$21 million.*
- I-5964 improves the interchange at I-40 and Elm-Eugene Street. *Shifts construction from FY 23 to FY 25. Funding amounts remain unchanged at \$575,000.*
- P-5700 constructs a parking lot with spaced for international containers, including security fence, pole-mounted lightning, and paved entrance at the Norfolk Southern Mainline, Norfolk South "Roadhouse" property. *Shifts construction from FY 2024 to 2026. Funding amounts remain unchanged at \$1.7 million.*
- P-5714 will extend the auxiliary track and add power turns out at the NCRR Norfolk Southern, Pomona yard. *Shifts construction from FY 2025 to FY 2027. Funding amounts remain unchanged at \$3.1 million.*
- U-5842 intersection improvements at Pisgah Church Road and North Elm Street. *Shifts Right of Way from FY 25 to FY 26 and construction from FY 26 to FY 27. Funding amounts remain unchanged at \$1.68 million.*

The MPO recommended TCC approval of the 5 amendments and modifications to the aviation, roadway, and rail projects.

Chris Spencer moved to approve. Kelly Larkins seconded. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.

5. MTIP Amendment & Modification: Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Transit

Tram Truong introduced the 11 bicycle, pedestrian, and transit projects:

- **C-5555E** is an MPO supported City of Greensboro project to complete sidewalks from Guida Drive to Ballinger Road where none exists. This project is completed and needs to be removed from the MTIP. *Removes this project from the MTIP and STIP.*
- **BL-0042** constructs Vance Arlington Greenway from Florida Street to Bragg Street. *Shifts construction from FY 24 to FY 25. Funding amount unchanged at \$1.5 million.*
- **BL-0116** will add provide for the A&Y Greenway Extension along the rail banked A&Y railroad corridor from Hill Street to Rollins Road. Thanks to the Earmark federal funding and Congresswoman Kathy Manning, the City of Greensboro has been allocated \$6,966,279 federal funding directed towards enhancing both Parks and Recreation facilities (A&Y Greenway, Bingham Park, and Windsor Chavis Nocho Community Complex) and the J. Douglas Galyon Depot. This project was programmed \$2.1 million for engineering phase in FY 2024. Thanks to the earmark funding, we can have the first part of construction packet to implement the construction. When we have a better cost estimate for this project, we will propose update on the cost. *Adds \$4 million using highway infrastructure earmark funding and \$1 million local match to this project.*
- **EB-5883:** constructs sidewalk on Wendover Avenue from Grecale Street to N. Church Street and Summit Avenue to US 29. *Shifts construction funding to from FY 24 to FY 25. Funding amount unchanged at \$2.811 million for Construction.*
- **EB-5900** constructs multi-use path Summerfield South Greenway from US 220 to Centerfield Road. The Town of Summerfield is far along in the design effort for this project. *Shifts construction to FY 24 to FY 25. Funding amount unchanged at \$4.19 million.*
- **EB-5987** constructs multi-use path on Old Battleground from Lake Brandt Rd to Bicentennial Greenway. *Shifts Engineering from FY 22 to FY 24, right of way from FY 24 to FY 25, and construction from FY 25 to FY 26. Funding amount unchanged at \$997,000.*
- **TL-0055** renovates J. Douglas Galyon Depot Phase 3 bringing the facility fully into a state of good repair. Thanks to the federal earmark funding supported by Congresswoman Kathy Manning, the City of Greensboro has received \$850,000 in Section 5339 *Bus and Bus Discretionary Facilities* funding to improve the J. Douglas Galyon Depot. This funding will be added to project TL-0055 to support additional renovations for the Depot, with specific details on the extra work to be determined at a later stage. *Adds \$850,000 using transit infrastructure earmark funding and \$212,500 local match to this project, brings total of the project to \$3,062,500.*
- **U-5532C** constructs sidewalk on Rudd Station Road from Scott Road and Townsend Road. This project was not included in the STIP. *Adds this project to the MTIP and STIP.*
- **U-5532G** constructs sidewalk on Byers Road from Lees Chapel Road to Byers Ridge Drive, on Four Seasons Boulevard from Vanstory Street to Creek Ridge Road, on Pear Street from Ardmore Street to Gate City Boulevard and on Summit Avenue from Rankin Road to Buffalo Creek. *Shifts construction funding from FY 24 to FY 25. Funding amount unchanged at \$1.15 million.*
- **U-5532H** constructs sidewalk on Seminole Drive from Josephine Boyd Street to Benjamin Parkway, on Whippoorwill Drive from Pennydale Drive to Jane Street, and on W. Bessemer Avenue from Grecale Street to Hill Street. *Shifts construction funding from FY 24 to FY 25. Funding amount unchanged at \$670,000.*

- **U-5532I** constructs sidewalk on Holden Road from Madison Avenue to Friendly Avenue, on Cotswald Avenue from Battleground Avenue to Cotswald Terrace, on Greenbriar Road from Church Street to Elm Street, and on Swing Road from Market Street to Burnt Poplar Road. *Adds Engineering in FY 2024. Shifts construction funding from FY 24 to FY 25. Funding amount for right of way and construction unchanged at \$1.568 million.*

The MPO recommended TCC approve of the MTIP amendments and modifications for the 11 roadway projects. Tyler Meyer noted that the project U-5532C has not been included in the TIP and has previously not been divided into standalone items. Meyer also noted that the projects proposed to shift from FY 24 to FY 25 are being reviewed with GSO E&I and some projects such as Latham Park and Lake Daniel will potentially be removed as TAC items.

Scott Whitaker also requested a wording change for EB-5900, changing “Centerfield Road” to “Medearis Street” in the project description. Meyer noted that the Town of Summerfield has reconceived the northern portion of the A&Y Greenway and is currently meeting with consultants about the realignment.

Hanna Cockburn moved to approve. Reginald Mason moved to second. The TCC voted unanimously to approve.

6. FY 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program Amendment

Tyler Meyer introduced an amendment to the 2023-2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The UPWP guides MPO planning activities for the fiscal year and identifies a program of work for annual planning grant reimbursements received under FHWA and FTA programs. The current year FY 2023-2024 UPWP will remain in effect through June 30. The step to amend the document is an administrative step at the end of the fiscal year to rearrange some of the current funding between line items to better reflect actual work and expenditures expected by the end of the fiscal year for year-end billing purposes. There is no change to the total funding amount for each program.

Hanna Cockburn moved to approve. Mark Kirstner seconded. Approved unanimously.

Business Items / Potential Action Items:

1. TCC/ TAC Calendar Changes

Tyler Meyer presented the proposed adjustments to the TAC calendar for the remainder of 2024. The calendar reflects changes made to NCDOT’S Prioritization 7 schedule. Abuzuaiter confirmed that her calendar had no overlaps with the proposed dates and asked the remaining quorum to confirm that the new dates worked for them as well. Hanna Cockburn requested that once changes were made, the calendar would be sent out to the TCC committee.

2. Division Engineer Report

Chad Reimakoski provided the Division Engineer Report. He requested the TCC members review their agenda packets which includes a NCDOT project status list and noted that anything in red denotes what has changed.

3. Projects Update

Jason Geary provided the Locally Administered Project Updates:

- **Davie Street Streetscape-** Bids were opened January 18, 2024 – ACCI was the apparent low bidder. Work should begin in May 2024 with a completion date of September 2025. Projects limits are from E. McGee Street to north of E. Friendly Avenue
- **Holden Road/ General Sidewalk Improvements- Contract 2013-080 (U-5532F)-** Revised plans and specifications have been approved by the NCDOT. Contract includes sidewalks on Holden Rd, Spring Garden St, & Rankin Rd. Work should begin July 2024 with a completion date of June 2025.
- **Lake Daniel and Latham Park Reconstruction-** Revised plans and specifications have been approved by the NCDOT. Contract includes rebuilding and widening failing trails within the parks. Work should begin September 2024 with a completion date of December 2025
- **Downtown Greenway, Phase 4- Contract 2015-030 (EB-6037C)-** Bids were opened August 15, 2023 with Yates Construction awarded the contract. Work began on January 29, 2024 with contract completion date of July 2025. Clearing is complete, with retaining wall work at Smith St. taking place. Roadway improvement work is taking place on Guilford Avenue. Contractor plans to work from Smith Street south to complete the work
- **General Sidewalk Improvements- Contract 2015-104 (U-5532E)-** Bids were opened September 21 2023 – ACCI was awarded the contract. Work will began on March 25, 2024, with a completion date of November 2024. Contract includes Hornaday Rd., Bridford Pkwy, Big Tree Way, and Hewitt St.
- **Murrow Boulevard Bridge Repairs- Contract 2021- 011 (EL-5101DR)-** Bids were opened June 29, 2023 - Smith Rowe was awarded the contract. Work began on January 29, 2024 with contract completion date of December 2024. Bridge deck work on westbound lanes is currently taking place.
- **Greene Street Streetscape- Contract 2018-0480-** AT&T conflicts in the northern most block have finally been resolved. Storm installation is progressing south of Bellemeade Street. Working on resolving other utility issues in the southern blocks. The completion date is approximately December 2024. Projects limits are from Washington St. to Bellemeade Street.

Gregory Carlton then gave an Update on Greensboro's Long Range Transit Plan (GOBORO). GOBORO is currently on its second round of outreach. Staff are sharing the draft long-range network vision for GTA Transit with members of the public to solicit their feedback and to make changes. The online survey, available until June 30th, has yielded 578 survey responses. Once the survey has closed, all feedback will be shared with the TCC. Carlton showed the group the calendar for past and future outreach efforts, which included the Wheels on the Greenway event and the South Side Street Market. Hanna Cockburn requested that the Wheels on the Greenway event be taken off of the list and the new date had not been yet confirmed.

Carlton also presented on the Transit-Oriented Development Grant. On April 2nd it was announced that Greensboro was the recipient of a \$500,000 TOD grant from the Federal Transit Administration. This is a prestigious grant, in that Greensboro was one of only 20 communities selected for this across the country and also the only city in North Carolina to receive the award.

The award will allow the city to study zoning and regulatory changes on the underdeveloped east side of downtown near the J. Gaylon Depot in an effort to spur new transit-based, affordable mixed-use housing for residents. This effort will be interdepartmental with significant inputs from the MPO, transit department, planning department, and housing and neighborhood development.

4. Strategic Reports

Tyler Meyer gave an overview of the 2024 Program of Projects, which account for discretionary funds for GTA, PART, and Guilford County TAMS for the current fiscal year. The program is a comprehensive list of transit projects scheduled for funding and is updated annually, providing more information than the MTIP. Tram showed the funding splits on the screen. The public comment period for the programs document will run from May 20 to June 19 and the TAC meeting in June will serve as a public hearing for the program document. The MPO aims to approve the document in the June MPO meeting.

Lydia McIntyre provided an update on the Comprehensive Safety Action Plan (CSAP). The MPO was awarded two Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants from USDOT. The first, awarded in FY 22, is getting underway and will develop a MPO-wide CSAP. The plan will include several components such as a listing of projects which will help the MPO pursue implementation dollars. The development of the CSAP will also include local towns.

Lydia McIntyre also provided an update on the Thoroughfare and Collector Street Plan revision process. The plan is used to assist in guiding development reviews and assisting with ensuring roadway connections can be made in the future. The requests will be reviewed jointly by GDOT, the Planning Department, and the MPO. A listing of those changes will be shared quarterly with the MPO and will tentatively go live in June.

Suzette Morales gave the FHWA updates. Morales referred TCC members to their packet to review grant information and other updates. If there were any requests or updates on grants needed, Morales encouraged the group to reach out to her.

Other Items

1. Member Reports

Alex Rotenberry gave Integrated Mobility Division updates. Every quarter the IMD hosts quarterly webinars on project overviews and TOD developments. The next webinar will be on May 23 at 10:00 AM and will be held virtually on Teams. The DOT Interim Design Safety Pilot Project was also referenced and will examine low-cost, interim design safety countermeasures on state-owned and maintained roadways, including short-term demonstration projects on DOT right-of-way. These projects will emphasize the safety of pedestrian and bicyclists through risk and exposure reduction methodologies at intersections.

Mark Kirstner gave the PART update. Kirstner mentioned the growth in a number of their routes and in overall ridership as encouraging from a transit standpoint. PART also has a couple of routes that may set five-year highs as the year progresses.

Reginald Mason of GTA gave an update on the CMAQ grant that was received for the new Crossmax Purple route, which has seen a high ridership count. The funding will assist GTA for the next three years to keep the route afloat. It may also possibly be used to implement another Crossmax Route.

Scott Whitaker, Town Manager in Summerfield, updated the group that this will be his last TCC meeting after approximately 12 years as his employment with the Town will end in June. He wished the group well and Tyler Meyer thanked him for his service on behalf of the organization.

There were no other updates.

2. Wrap-Up and Adjournment

Carlton noted that the next TCC meeting will be held on June 24, 2024 at 2:00 PM.

Tyler Meyer adjourned the meeting at 2:58 PM.