

Cornelius
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Concord



Lincoln County
Mecklenburg County
Cabarrus County

June 1, 2016
10:30am-12:00 pm
Huntersville Town Center
Rotunda Conference Room, 3rd floor
101 Huntersville-Concord Road
Huntersville, NC

Regular Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Margaret Pearson	City of Concord
Jason Pauling	Town of Cornelius
Jason Burdette	Town of Davidson
Jack Simoneau	Town of Huntersville
Sushil Nepal	Town of Huntersville
Zac Gordon	Town of Kannapolis
Bjorn Hansen	Gaston-Cleveland-Lincoln MPO (GCLMPO)
Bill Russell	Lake Norman Chamber
Mike Reese	NCDOT – Congestion Management
Stuart Basham	NCDOT – Division 10
Warren Cooksey	NCDOT – Division 10
Linda Dosse	NCDOT – Transportation Planning Branch (TPB)
Andy Bailey	NCDOT TPB
Blair Israel	Centralina Council of Governments (CCOG)

Via teleconference:

Susie Morris	Cabarrus County
Phil Conrad	Cabarrus Rowan MPO

Welcome and Introductions:

Mr. Simoneau opened the meeting at 10:30 am. All present introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes from the September 9, 2015 COP meeting:

Motion was made to approve the minutes, was seconded and carried unanimously.

NC Preliminary Intersection Analysis (Section 4: Cabarrus County)

Mr. Reese presented a review of the 16 major intersections of NC 73 in Cabarrus County (excluding I-85, see accompanying presentation). Each intersection was evaluated in terms of base year counts, existing geometry and conditions, and recommended improvements for the 2016/2021 interim. These interim improvements are intended to be minor, low-cost and without significant geometric changes, in anticipation of an eventual widening of NC 73. Discussion included the potential advantageous of a continuous flow intersection (CFI) at the Kannapolis Parkway intersection.

Update on Prioritization 4.0 and NC 73 projects:

Mr. Simoneau detailed the three NC 73 projects in the CRTPO P4.0 Highway Project list (see attachment of projects identified by SPOT ID). These projects include: H090185-B (ranked #3), H140154 (ranked #6) and H090185-A (ranked #16). The two higher ranked projects are both scored at 100 points by both CRTPO and NCDOT Division 10. But H090185-A (Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) #R-5721-A) is a multi-jurisdictional project, with 45% of its extent within CRTPO and Division 10, and the remaining 55% in GCLMPO and Division 12. While CRTPO and Division 10 are each assigning a full allotment of points for their percentage (45), and GCLMPO will assign its 55 local input points, Division 12 is unable to assign any points to the project. The NCDOT Divisions have discussed transferring points from Division 10 to Division 12 in order to give the project a qualifying score.

TIP #R5721-A Resolution of Support:

To support this innovative effort by NCDOT for this NC 73 project, the COP has drafted a resolution (see attachment). Mr. Nepal presented the resolution that endorses the assignment of the maximum 100 Division P4.0 points to TIP Project #R-5721-A for funding in the 2018 State Transportation Improvement Plan. The motion was made by Mr. Gordon for the COP to adopt the resolution. It was seconded by Ms. Pearson, and passed unanimously.

Update on environmental documents for NC 73 TIP projects:

Mr. Simoneau presented a summary of the review schedule for three projects, including: R-5710, R-5721 and U-5765 (see attachment). Mr. Basham informed the group on several NC 73 corridor projects and their environmental review status. The Sam Furr interchange environmental review is due in May of 2017. This project is scheduled to be let in 2021. Davidson-Concord Road environmental documentation is undergoing revision.

NC 73 COP Administration Funding for FY 2016-17:

Mr. Simoneau reminded the representatives present from the COP member jurisdictions of previous communication concerning funding of CCOG for administrative services to the COP. CCOG will send invoices in July for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

What's New along the NC 73 Corridor:

Lincoln County

Mr. Hansen expressed interest in viewing an updated CommunityViz analysis of the NC 73 Corridor. The CommunityViz model includes the Lincoln and Mecklenburg County segments of the Corridor. Mr. Israel suggested that a report of the model results be made at the next COP meeting, and will make arrangements. Mr. Hansen requested that Mr. Reese initiate written coordination with Lincoln County/GCLMPO through an email to Mr. Hansen (cc: Mr. Simoneau and Mr. Israel) regarding extending improvements to NC 73 from business16 to NC16.

Huntersville

Mr. Simoneau mentioned an age-restricted 55-lot subdivision is underway.

Cornelius

Mr. Pauling described a study underway by the Town of the entire 115 corridor, in two phases using UPWP funds, focusing on some targeted intersection improvements. These projects did not score well, so the Town will consider conducting a study on how to improve the corridor. The southern portion requires extensive coordination with the railroad.

Davidson

Mr. Burdette provided an update on the Davidson-East development. They are still grading and soon installing infrastructure. There have been recent conversations with a developer on a commercial and office component that is part of the approved masterplan (125,000 s.f.). Along with that is the potential realignment of Rama Church intersection. The Town and the developer are currently in communication with the affected property owners. The Shear Road extension - a neighborhood street that intersects the project - will feature a separated bicycle facility.

Kannapolis

Mr. Gordon reported that strong residential growth continues on the north side of NC 73. There is major interest at the southwest and northwest quadrants of the Kannapolis Parkway intersection of NC 73. The City is in preliminary discussion on both quadrants. Minor development is occurring further east. We are seeing spill over growth from Mecklenburg County and I-85. Once construction is complete on I-85, we anticipate that project 5706-B will be accelerated due to the increased volume in the corridor. The City will begin its comprehensive plan update this Fall, which will address transportation and development along NC 73.

Concord

Ms. Pearson concurred there is a lot of development in their area and a lot of interest at every intersection of NC 73 in their jurisdiction. The rezoning at Moss Creek and Village Drive was approved for lower density. They will connect within the subdivision, so this will require approval by the HOA. We received an annexation petition for Odell at NC 73. We are also receiving a lot of inquiries about the area around International.

Cabarrus County

Ms. Morris said the application for the rezoning case adjacent to the Catholic school has been withdrawn and there has been no further word. There has been no other development activity along the corridor.

Next Meeting:

With no other issues to report by the group, Mr. Simoneau requested that CCOG send some potential dates for the next meeting, to take place in roughly four months. Mr. Gordon invited the COP to meet in mid-October at the Kannapolis City Hall. Wednesdays or Thursdays are preferred.

Mr. Reese reminded the group that the Preliminary Intersection Analysis is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. It will be sent to CCOG for distribution to the COP. Mr. Reese has arranged to teach a one-day introductory course on Site Development and Highway Access (see attachment), in Charlotte on June 22nd. The course, offered through ITRE, is particularly appropriate for planning board members, elected officials and planning staff.

Mr. Simoneau adjourned the meeting at noon.