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Wake Transit Plan

Transit Planning Advisory Committee (TPAC)
Special Meeting
October 23, 2018 – 9:30 – 11:00 AM
CAMPO Administrative Offices

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Meeting Summary/Minutes

Voting Members/Alternates Present

Shelby Powell, CAMPO; Chip Russell, Town of Wake Forest; Tim Gardiner, Wake County; Erik Landfried, GoTriangle; Danny Johnson, Town of Rolesville; Saundra Freeman, GoTriangle; Nicole Kreiser, Wake County; David Eatman, City of Raleigh; Mike Kennon, North Carolina State University; Eric Lamb, City of Raleigh; Benjamin Howell, Town of Morrisville; Kevin Wyrauch, Town of Cary; Bret Martin, CAMPO

Other Alternates Present

Steven Schlossberg, GoTriangle; David Walker, City of Raleigh; Mila Vega, City of Raleigh

General Attendees

Adam Howell, CAMPO; Matthew Cushing, CAMPO; Tyler Bray, Atkins; Toy Beeninga, City Raleigh; Anita Davis, Wake County; Bill Gilmore, HDR; Nathan Spencer, Raleigh Transit Authority; Mark Huffer, HNTB; Juan Carlos Erickson, GoTriangle; David Jackson, Cambridge Systematics; Alpesh Patel, Cambridge Systematics; Michelle Brooks, Town of Cary

I. Welcome and Introductions – (Chip Russell, TPAC Chair)

Mr. Russell welcomed all to the meeting.

II. Adjustments to the Agenda – (Chip Russell, TPAC Chair)

None

III. General Public or Agency Speaks Out – (Chip Russell, TPAC Chair – 5 minutes)

Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Speakers must sign in to speak before the start of the meeting.

None

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IV. **Major Investment Study (MIS) – Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): Evaluation Results** – *(Discussion/Action Item – Patrick McDonough, GoTriangle Staff, 40 minutes)* - **Attachment A**

The Fixed Guideway Corridors Major Investment Study (MIS) conducted a high-level analysis of the 20-miles of BRT infrastructure defined by the Wake Transit Plan. The Plan identified BRT corridors connecting to downtown Raleigh from the north (via Capital), south (via Wilmington), east (via New Bern) and west (via Western). Using these corridors as a starting point, the MIS identified potential alignment and station area concepts within each of the corridors. All potential concept alignments within each of the four corridors were evaluated in order to understand strengths and weaknesses relative to each other against selected criteria, as well as how the four corridors themselves compare to one another. The results of the evaluation framework are designed to inform next steps of defining corridor alternatives with independent utility to study further, the selection of a preferred alignment within each of the four corridors, and the order of implementation of the segments that make up the 20 miles of BRT infrastructure that will be constructed in Wake County. The evaluation results can be found in **Attachment A**.

Requested Action: Consider recommending approval of the Major Investment Study – Bus Rapid Transit Evaluation Results to the Wake Transit governing boards.

Mr. Martin and Ms. Vega presented the MIS BRT Evaluation Results to TPAC.

Mr. Johnson asked about the matrix and the similarities between corridors and the rankings – that a clear choice is not necessarily apparent for the City to determine first corridor priority for implementation. Ms. Vega acknowledged the similar ratings across the board for all four sets of alternatives per each originally defined corridor. Ms. Vega stated that the City will be working closely with the Federal Transit Administration through initial design efforts as they work closer to determine when and how/when each corridor gets implemented.

Motion: Recommend approval of the Major Investment Study – Bus Rapid Transit Evaluation Results to the Wake Transit governing boards.

Motion made by: Shelby Powell

Second: Nicole Kreiser

Motion passes unanimously.

V. **Designation of Project Sponsor – Bus Rapid Transit** - *(Discussion/Action Item – Bret Martin, CAMPO Staff, 15 minutes)* – **Attachment B**

The TPAC-commissioned core technical team (CTT) for the fixed guideway corridors major investment study (MIS) has reached completion of its high-level, regional-scale evaluation of alignment and station area alternatives for the bus rapid transit (BRT) component of the study. The CTT and TPAC have reviewed the evaluation framework outputs for the alignment alternatives associated with the four corridors proposed in the Wake Transit Plan, and the next step in the process of moving the study corridors forward for further implementation is to designate a project sponsor to take on the responsibility of further developing the corridors into viable standalone projects with independent utility and advancing them into project development. The City of Raleigh was invited by the CAMPO Executive Board to serve as

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project sponsor for one or more BRT project corridors, or a combination thereof, that can be derived from the MIS BRT study corridors. The City Council of the City of Raleigh accepted this request on September 4, 2018.

A memo from CAMPO staff providing more information about the BRT project sponsor designation process and a memo from the consultant responsible for completing the MIS that recommends the City of Raleigh serve as BRT project sponsor are included in **Attachment B**.

Requested Action: Consider recommending approval to the CAMPO Executive Board for the City of Raleigh to be designated as project sponsor for one or more BRT project corridors, or a combination thereof, that can be derived from and that includes the full extent of the MIS study corridors, subject to the guidance of the FTA.

Mr. Martin presented an overview of the process that has led to the proposed recommendation to assign project sponsorship of one or more BRT corridor projects to the City of Raleigh. He also highlighted that, in addition to the original attachments provided through the TPAC agenda distribution, there is the provision of the invitation letter from CAMPO to the City of Raleigh to be BRT project sponsor, as well as the City's letter in response to accept the invitation to serve as BRT project sponsor.

Motion: Recommend approval to the CAMPO Executive Board for the City of Raleigh to be designated as project sponsor for one or more BRT project corridors, or a combination thereof (subject to the guidance of the FTA), that can be derived from and that includes the full extent of the MIS study corridors.

Motion made by: Sandra Freeman

Second: Danny Johnson

Motion passes unanimously.

VI. Subcommittee Chair Reports – (Information Item – Chip Russell, TPAC Chair – 10 minutes)

Mr. Russell decided to forego subcommittee chair reports and wait until the November regular TPAC meeting.

- a. Budget and Finance
- b. Planning and Prioritization
- c. Process
- d. Public Engagement and Communications

VII. Other Business – (Information Item – Chip Russell, TPAC Chair - 5 minutes)

- a. New Business

None

- b. TPAC Member Discussion

None

- c. Next Steps

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Mr. Howell clarified to TPAC and Stakeholders that the 10-Year Bus Capital and Facilities Plan that was on the printed version of the agenda for today's meeting will be coming to the TPAC for information only. This item is not to be confused with the overall 10-year Operating and Capital Plan. There were technological errors with printing of documents.

Mr. Eatman thanked all staff who played an integral part with the MIS coordinating technical team on the work done with the MIS-BRT components.

VIII. Adjourn

Upcoming Items to Note at November Regular TPAC Meeting (11/14/18)*

- Wake Bus Plan – Action on Deliverables:
 - 10-Year Operating & Capital Plan
 - Community Funding Area Market Analyses
- Wake Bus Plan – For Information/Discussion
 - 10-Year Bus Capital & Facilities Plan
 - Short Range Transit Plans
 - Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan
- Public Engagement Policy - Action

**Please be advised this list may or may not include all items for information/discussion/action.*