

# MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## Minutes

September 20, 2023

The Multimodal Transportation Commission will meet on the above date at 5:30 p.m. in the conference room at the GK Butterfield Transit Station.

Current Members: Mr. Dan Hemme\* X      Ms. Katherine Dale X      Mr. Don McGlohon  
Mr. Bob Edwards X      Ms. Arcina Dixon X      Ms. Dee Dinsdale X

Staff Members: Mr. Kevin Mulligan      Mr. Eliud De Jesus X      Mrs. Donna Kabakjian X  
Ms. Elizabeth Stalls X      Mrs. Alisha Chapman      Mr. John Johnson X  
Mr. Eli Torres

Council Liaison: Les Robinson X

### I. Call to order

**Dan Hemme**

### II. Roll Call/Establish Quorum

**Donna Kabakjian**

Quorum was established with 4 present – 5<sup>th</sup> member showed up after roll call

### III. Approval of July 19, 2023 Minutes

Motion by Bob Edwards

Seconded by Kat Dale

All approved minutes

### IV. Public Comments

**Dan Hemme**

- Stephen Hardy Braz – was there to discuss delineators not allowing for wheelchairs to get through them – ex: left turn area near hospital. Arlington/Red Banks heading toward Fire Tower Rd – cement barriers in the middle to prevent turns do not have a wheelchair cut through – unmarked crosswalks in the area.
- Kaylyn Levine – new to the area, professor at ECU. She teaches Transportation Planning Classes. Interested in joining the MTC committee.

### V. New Business

- **Present list of Priorities to Les Robinson Dan Hemme**

MTC committee presented the list that was created of the items that they would like Les Robinson to focus on with the City Council. They went through each item and discussed them. Les requested that the committee come up with an action plan for each item. It was discussed that some of the items really just needed a formal or informal resolution to be presented to the City Council. Discussion ended with Les Robinson requesting some of the items being more pointed. Especially the City Ordinances to see where things need to be changes or updated.

**1. Follow Ups**

**Parking Minimums: Please see the link below for the Parking standards listed in the Zoning Ordinance.**

**[https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/greenvillenc/latest/greenville\\_nc/0-0-0-8034](https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/greenvillenc/latest/greenville_nc/0-0-0-8034)**

**The updated BikePed Cost Estimation Tool has also been posted on the Prioritization Data page under P7 in the duly named folder.**

**\* The tool itself is an Excel spreadsheet that can be saved locally on your own computer to be used and cleared repeatedly for multiple projects.**

**\* Various supporting documents are posted, including a Quick Start Guide and a User Manual that should both be thoroughly reviewed prior to using the tool, as there are built-in assumptions, disclaimers, and tips for various project types that the user should be aware of.**

**\*A short recording of a walk-through on how to use the tool is posted as well.**

**2. P7.0 Funding Availability and Projections**

**In the summer of 2023, the SPOT office released the available funding for the upcoming cycle. The slides attached below describe the funding availability, as well as provide information on how GUAMPO projects are scored and programmed. The STIP office has released available funding estimates for Prioritization 7.0 are:**

**Statewide: \$3.94B**

**Region B: \$34M**

**Division 2: \$-55M**

**For your reference: The last Prioritization Cycle P5 the Region B was \$256.3M, that's \$222.3M less and Division 2 was \$144.6M, that's \$199.6M less. So, there is not a lot of funding for this cycle. These numbers are a snapshot in time, and they are expected to change, as we get closer to the release date for the 2026-2035 STIP. Attached below are the funding breakdown and projections for P7.0, detailing how much is available per region and division, as well as how each of the modes and projects get scored.**

**As a result of this information, The MPO has been working on various strategies in order to create projects that will be able to both low cost, as well as high scoring.**

**3. Greenville-Washington Greenway Feasibility Study**

**The Greenville-Washington feasibility study has been progressing, as the consultant now has narrowed down the examined routes. There are now 4 major corridors in which the consultant is considering for the greenway connection path. All 4 come with their own varying degree of challenges and benefits.**

**4. Greenville-Raleigh Passenger Rail Study**

**The Rail division have a consultant scoped to start the study, but it has not started yet.**

**We will hear next month or in early October whether or not the corridor is picked to be included in the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program.**

**The CID program will provide funding to prepare / plan a Service Development Plan and subsequently fund NEPA and associated preliminary engineering. Whether or not it is in that program will shape / increase the scope of the study and the process we will need to follow.**

**Until we hear from the CID program and get further along with the consultant, there is not too much to update. Because the study has not yet progressed, it was recommended for the MPO to submit projects on the corridor for STI purposes. The purpose of this would be to test the feasibility of getting the project funded through STI, while also testing out some of the changes that the Rail division had made to the rail category for Prioritization 7.0**

- **Points of Ownership** **Dan Hemme**  
Voted to table this topic until after committee elections in 2024
  1. set schedule
  2. make sure each topic is covered by committee member
- **Vote to allow Co-chair to lead the November 2023 meeting**  
Motion was made to allow the Co-chair to lead the November meeting  
Motion made by Dee Dinsdale  
Seconded by Kat Dale  
All approved
- **Vote to table election of new Chairperson till January 2024 meeting**  
After short discussion – motion was made to table the election of the new Chairperson till January 2024 meeting  
Motion made by Bob Edwards  
Seconded by Kat Dale  
All approved

#### **VI. Transit Update**

**John Johnson**

Ridership is down 2000 from last month but still up since Covid  
See attached graph provided by John Johnson

#### **VII. Committee Announcements/ Comments: Dan Hemme**

Kat Dale – talked about the Bike Racks downtown and the progress that has been made on this project. Location has been picked. Some are ready to go and some will need to be prepped.

Safe Route to School program approved.

#### **VIII. Proposed Agenda Items for November 15, 2023**

- **Updates for Les Robinson**
- **Topics for 2024**

**IX. Adjourn Meeting**

**Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Arcina**

**Seconded by Kat Dale**

**All approved**

**MTC Meetings in 2023**

November 15, 2023