

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WESLEY CHAPEL TOWN HALL
6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28104
September 22, 2016 – 7:00 PM

The Village Council of Wesley Chapel, North Carolina met in the Town Hall at 6490 Weddington Road, Wesley Chapel, North Carolina.

Council Present: Council Members Como, Kaperonis and Rodriguez

Council Absent: Mayor Kapfhammer, Mayor Pro Tem Kenary

Others Present: Clerk Cheryl Bennett; Planning/Zoning Administrator Bill Duston

Bill Duston introduced Bob Cook – CRTPO Secretary, Neil Burke – CRTPO Planning Coordinator and Candace Rourik- CRTPO Transportation Planning Engineer. Bob Cook explained that the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is a result of the 1962 Federal Aid Highway Act which made federal funding contingent on a planning process. CRTPO covers Iredell, Mecklenburg and most of Union Counties. There are two committees, the MPO which is 17 voting elected officials, and the Technical Coordinating Committee which is 25 staff level members who make recommendations to the MPO. Most recommendations are accepted by the MPO. Being federally funded, the 20% match is allocated on population and is our “dues”. Charlotte has 45% of the votes; a municipality less than 20,000 population has two votes, and smaller towns have one vote. Responsibilities include the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, Congestion Management Process, Unified Planning Work Program, air quality conformity, travel demand modeling, Comprehensive Transportation Plan, and project ranking – MTP & SPOT. The process to get a road improvement can take ten or more years, there are funding issues. Staff support is 5 dedicated staff from the City of Charlotte Planning Department, the Charlotte Department of Transportation and local staff who lead sub-committees etc.

Currently we have a MUMPO Thoroughfare Plan which has limited information, includes only streets and highways for Mecklenburg and Union Counties. It will be replaced by the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) which will include highways, rail and public transportation, pedestrian and bicycle plans. It is required by NC GS 136-66.2. It provides a long-term, multi-modal vision for the region’s transportation network, provides detailed information and is not fiscally constrained.

The CTP is a twenty plus year plan, is state required, has no prioritization and is not fiscally constrained. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a twenty year plan, is fiscally constrained, updated every four years, federally required and must be consistent with the Transportation Improvement Program. The Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) is a ten year plan, fiscally constrained, projects must be in the MTP, and requires federal and state approval. The general assembly determines funding priorities. Implementation includes local jurisdictions through ordinances, prioritizing local capital projects, and incorporate into area planning and other planning efforts; CRTPO through project prioritization – MTP, UPWP preparation – local

project review, coordinate projects in multiple jurisdictions, and assist with ordinance development, and NCDOT through project scoping.

Prioritization began in 2009 with Governor Perdue's Executive Order for Transportation Reform, and has been conducted every two years. Currently we are in the final stage of Prioritization 4.0; the results guide funding and programming of the 2018-2027 TIP. Legislation materially changed how the process was conducted beginning in P3.0. The majority of funding originates from state or federal sources. MPOs and NCDOT Divisions submit projects to the Strategic Prioritization Office (SPOT) to be scored. MPOs and NCDOT Divisions are allocated local input points to be assigned to regional impact and division needs projects based upon an adopted methodology. 40% of funds go to statewide mobility which addresses significant congestion and bottlenecks for statewide type projects such as interstates. 30% of funds go for regional impact, and focus on improving connectivity within regions. Eligible projects are projects not selected in statewide mobility category, regional projects, and funding is based on population of the region. The last 30% is for division needs, and addresses local needs, each division has an equal share.

The village could submit widening of Hwy. 84 to Airport Road for the MTP, and if it scores well, it will be submitted to P5.0. The call for projects for the CTP will be in the first half of 2017, and they are starting to identify roads now, such as connecting Tan Yard Road.

An example of a committed project is the \$41 million Rea Road Extension which will construct a new four lane roadway between NC16 and NC 84, and widen to a four lane median divided roadway from Rea Road Extension to Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road, right of way acquisition is 2017 and construction 2019.

An example of a P4.0 statewide mobility project is the I-485 and Providence Road interchange improvements, draft right of way date is 2022, and draft construction date is 2024. Cost to NCDOT is \$41million.

An example of a P4.0 regional impact project is NC 16 being widened from Rea Rd. Ext. to Cuthbertson Road, cost \$52.1 million, draft right of way date is 2022 and draft construction date is 2024. Another example is NC 16 from Cuthbertson Road to Waxhaw Parkway being widened to four lanes at a \$30.3 million cost to NCDOT with the same time frame.

An example of a P4.0 Division Needs Project is Old Charlotte Highway being widened to a four lane median divided roadway with sidewalks, from Wesley Chapel Road to Airport Road for \$27.1 million.

Next steps - September – October is the CRTPO public comment period on Draft Division Needs local input point assignments. October 19, 2016 the C-RTPO will approve Division Needs local input point assignments, and in January 2017 the Draft STIP is released.

Bill Duston asked for input from CRTPO on how our ordinance can be worded to protect more right of way; he will meet with Candace Rourik who can help on this.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:45 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Bennett, Clerk

Mayor Dr. David Kapfhammer