

## Citizens' Advisory Committee

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July 15, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

### Agenda

Remote/Zoom Info: To be emailed to interested members

1. **WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING**

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- A. Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda Ted Figura
- B. April 2020 CAC Minutes Ted Figura

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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3. **BUSINESS**

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- A. MPO Updates MPO Staff
- B. MTP Engagement and "Virtual" Workshop Discussion MPO Staff & Committee
- C. Project Updates/Q&A MPO Staff

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, SPECIAL UPDATES**

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- A. Upcoming Public Input Meetings/Opportunities

5. **TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING?**

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- A. October 14, 2020

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT II**

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7. **ADJOURNMENT**

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**April 15, 2020 – Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT	NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Ted Figura	Nick Kroncke
George Webb	Tristan Winkler
Dennis Flanagan	
Rachael Bronson	
Lexi Binns-Craven	

**Welcome and Introductions, Approval of Agenda and CAC Minutes from January 2020.**

Ted Figura, Chair, started the meeting with a round of introductions. *All approved the previous meetings minutes.*

**Public Comment-** None

**Ongoing MPO Efforts**

Nick Kroncke briefed the group on efforts regarding the MTP, prioritization process and recent call for local government projects. Other initiatives the staff were working on are a Regional Trail plan and regional transit efforts in addition to administering special studies.

**MTP Update**

Nick gave an overview of the MTP 2045, the MPOs long-range plan, and talked to the group about the different components of the plan. He highlighted how public input is utilized throughout the various stages of the MTP. There have been three separate engagement opportunities including a survey in March 2019, attending of events in December 2019, and most recently three public workshops in March 2020. There is going to be public workshops help in summer of 2020, either in person or virtually depending on the COVID-19 situation. In addition to getting feedback on the draft plan and the draft list of projects, there will be public comment on the plan before it is adopted in Fall of 2020. Some group members asked about how people can comment and view the plan if the COVID-19 situation does not allow in-person attendance. Nick mentioned staff are flexible and wanted to discuss this as part of the next agenda item. Nick highlighted information available on the MPO website regarding land use summary data regarding population and employment projections as well as MTP project maps. Nick then gave a brief overview of the status of SPOT/prioritization timeline as it has been delayed for three months.

**Public Engagement Remote/Virtual Discussion** – Nick asked the committee for feedback on virtual meetings and engagement efforts during the COVID-19 situation. Land of Sky offices are closed through May, and potentially longer, meaning all FBRMPO meetings have to be postponed or held virtually. Nick highlighted that meetings have been held on Zoom, with proactive safety measures to ensure equal participation and to minimize risk of security threats. The group said that Zoom seems the most accessible and as long as opportunities to provide public comment are available, that it seems suitable for the time being. Members mentioned posting the Live meetings to Facebook to encourage more people to attend. Other feedback regarding holding virtual MTP workshops in the summer that encourage discussion from the public were offered.

**Project Updates/Q&A** - Nick and Tristan Winkler gave an update from NCDOT regarding the cash balance issues that NCDOT is facing, particularly that new construction projects are suspended till further notice due to major



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NCDOT funding sources being down and other complications with the department. Discussion took place around how this could affect projects in the region. Ted Figura gave an update from the I-26 aesthetics committee regarding their work, particularly around the Jeff Bowen bridge and the I-2513 project. Nick showed a map regarding vehicles mile traveled data showing the general trend region and nationwide showing the large drop in traffic.

**Announcements and Upcoming Events**– None. Potential Coffee with a Transportation Planner events to be held virtually.

**Next meeting tentatively scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 10am.**