



MEETING MINUTES

Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation Board of Trustees February 10, 2021

Board Members Present:

Abuzuaite, Marikay – City of Greensboro TAC
Austin, Kevin - Yadkin County
Coleman, Carolyn – Guilford County
Carter, Steve – Alamance County
El-Amin, Fleming – Forsyth County
Frye, Darrell – Randolph County
Fox, Mike – NCDOT Board of Transportation
Neal Grimes – High Point TAC
Hightower, Sharon – City of Greensboro
Holmes, Michael – City of High Point
Horn, Mike – Winston Salem/Forsyth TAC
Marion, Mark – Surry County
Mengert, Paul – PTAA
Morris, Rick – Stokes County
Mundy, Kevin – City of Winston Salem
Perkins, Andrew – NCDOT Board of Transportation
Richardson, Mark – Rockingham County
Truell, Don – Davidson County
Williams, Leonard – Burlington-Graham TAC

Others Present:

Terry Anderson, PART; Archer Wright, NCDOT; Connie Conklin, PART; Sabrina Glenn, PART; Pat Ivey NCDOT; Mark Kirstner, PART; Toneq` McCullough, City of Winston Salem; Scott Rhine, PART; Tom Terrell Jr., Fox Rothschild; Tammy Turner, PART.

I) Call to Order: Roll Call of Teleconferencing.

A roll call was taken, and a quorum established with 19 members of the PART Board in attendance.

A. Consideration of Resolution for Teleconference and Electronic meeting for January 13, 2021

Chair Abuzuaite explained the virtual meeting conducted under the authority that the General Assembly has provided under Statutes §160A-639 and §160A-639(22) with regards to the current state of emergency due to COVID-19. With our voting today.

Board members who are in attendance please state if you are a no or an abstain vote, otherwise all of those included on the call today will be considered a yes. A Resolution is presented to acknowledge the virtual meeting format. Tom Terrell: to clarify, only those that have responded “present” during the roll call, count as voting yes.

Motion to adopt the Resolution for Teleconference and Electronic meeting for February 10, 2021: Mark Richardson

Second: Fleming El-Amin

Discussion: None

Vote: 19-Yes / 0- No / 0 -Abstain

II) Public Speakers registered via contactus@partnc.org

Scott Rhine indicated there was no public speakers. Chair Abuzuaiter asked if anyone on call requested to speak, there were no speakers.

III) Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Jan 13, 2021 PART Board of Trustees meeting minutes were accepted without revisions.

Motion to accept the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes: Darrell Frye

Second: Steve Carter

Discussion: None

Vote: 19-Yes / 0-No / 0-Abstain

IV) Consideration of PART Board Business Items

A. New Business

1) Resolution of Support for Federal/State Funding.

Scott Rhine: PART has prepared a project application for State Planning and Research program funds (SPR). The funds are from the Federal Highway Administration and are used to establish a cooperative continuous, and comprehensive framework for making transportation investment decisions and to carryout transportation research activities throughout the State. NCDOT puts out a call for projects on an annual basis for Federal SPR funds and in 2019 we received funds for a household survey. An Interlocal agreement was presented to the PART Board with the City of Greensboro as manager of the grant. Due to COVID19 pandemic, funds did not move forward for projects and the current data for the Household Survey is over 10 years old. With these funds being awarded, PART is prepared to move forward with a solicitation for professional services. We request to apply for SPR funds seeking NCDOT local match and approval for these federal and state funds to re-establish the Household Survey which will help update data for the Regional Travel Demand Model. We ask the PART Board for consideration to support our funding request.

Motion to approve the Resolution Requesting FY2022 NCDOT State Planning & Research Funds: Paul Mengert

Second: Carolyn Coleman

Discussion: None

Vote: 19-Yes / 0-No / 0-Abstain

2) Letter of Support – State Budgeting

Scott Rhine stated, the letter is addressed to Governor Cooper seeking his support to re-establish state budget funds for the State Maintenance Assistance Program (SMAP). These funds were removed from NCDOT's budget in FY2021. Letters of support and resolutions are being sent from other municipalities encouraging the re-establishment of SMAP funds. PART has received roughly \$650,000. For PART's situation, with the loss of local funds, SMAP funding would be beneficial for the upcoming FY22, if not there are adjustments to address based on local funds which are less than we have been receiving due to COVID19. We are seeking Board approval to submit the support letter encouraging the re-establishment of the SMAP program.

Motion to approve Letter of Support for State Budgeting: Steve Carter

Second: Fleming El-Amin

Discussion: None

Vote: 19 -Yes / 0 -No / 0-Abstain

3) Authorization to Sell Excess Fleet Vehicles

Scott Rhine: A group from South Carolina, Berkley-Charleston-Dorchester Council Governments (BCDCOG) is starting a regional vanpool program. An offer was extended to purchase 11 vehicles from our vanpool program. We have a notice of intent and with Board approval this council will pay us \$273,431.08. I present this opportunity to reduce our excess vanpool fleet and to replenish local funds into our budget.

Motion to Sell Eleven Vanpool Fleet Vehicles: Kevin Austin

Second: Steve Carter

Discussion: None

Vote: 19 – Yes / 0 – No / 0 – Abstain

B) Old Business – None

VI) Departmental Staff Reports

A. Department Staff Reports

Mr. Rhine stated the staff reports are in your package for review and there was no questions or discussion.

1. Executive Director

2. Departmental Reports

Scott Rhine stated Operations and Planning Committee meeting to be scheduled after the Board meeting in March. Topic will be updates and activities in our TDM program.

XI) Chairperson Report

Chair Abuzuaiter recognized Winston Salem MPO completing their Federal certification review with good results. Greensboro MPO is coming up in March. Federal Government mandated facial masks for all citizens that ride public transportation and highlighted that PART has had that in place since early March 2020. She added, please consider contacting your representatives, tomorrow the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will vote on supporting thirty billion COVID19 emergency funding for public transit in their budget reconciliation. Scott Rhine: The Finance Committee canceled their meeting as staff was out of the office a few weeks ago and documentation will to be sent out soon for preparation of a meeting in March or when schedules will allow a date and time. There were no questions or further discussion.

Chair Abuzuaiter made a motion to adjourn with Tom Terrell adding you may do so by affirmation.

Motion to adjourn 9:20am: Mark Richardson

Second: Steve Carter