

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

between

The metropolitan planning organizations of the Cabarrus-South Rowan Urban Area, the Gaston Urban Area, the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area and the Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study

It is hereby agreed that the metropolitan planning organizations serving the Cabarrus-South Rowan Urban Area, the Gaston Urban Area, the Mecklenburg-Union Urban Area and the Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study shall participate in a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process in an entity known as the Charlotte Regional Alliance for Transportation (CRAFT). As stated in 23 U.S.C. 134, metropolitan planning organizations shall engage in a 3-C planning process to "provide for the development of transportation facilities...which will function as an intermodal transportation system for the State, the metropolitan areas, and the Nation." The role of CRAFT shall be to integrate the 3-C concept into the transportation planning process for those projects and programs of a regional scope. The parties to this agreement shall endeavor to ensure that regional transportation planning in the Charlotte metropolitan bi-state region is conducted in such a manner that is beneficial to the public good. Participation of a metropolitan planning organization shall commence upon the signature of this document by its designated representative.

Section 1 Executive Committee

The primary governing board of CRAFT shall consist of the following members, or their designees:

- a. The chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Cabarrus-South Rowan Metropolitan Planning Organization
- b. The chair of the Transportation Advisory Committee of the Gaston Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization
- c. The chair of the Metropolitan Planning Organization of the Mecklenburg-Union Metropolitan Planning Organization
- d. The chair of the Policy Committee of the Rock Hill Fort Mill Area Transportation Study
- e. Chairperson of the Metropolitan Transit Commission
- f. One member of the South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission
- g. One member of the North Carolina Board of Transportation

This governing board shall be known as the Executive Committee. A presiding officer shall be elected from among the four chairs of the individual MPO policy boards as listed above in items a through d. The presence of three chairs, or their designees shall constitute a quorum of the Executive Committee. The designee of the chair of a metropolitan planning organization shall be an elected official serving on the policy committee of that metropolitan planning organization. The Executive Committee shall meet no less than three times during the calendar year.

Section 2 Executive Committee Responsibilities

Prior to action by the Executive Committee, members of the Executive Committee shall place all matters requiring action on the agendas of the respective policy boards chaired. On matters that require a vote of the Executive Committee, the chairs shall consult with the policy board they represent. The South Carolina Department of Transportation Commission member and the North Carolina Board of Transportation member shall vote in a manner consistent with the policies of their respective Department of Transportation. If in the event an individual chair has not had a reasonable opportunity to consult with the policy board he/she represents, that chair shall be permitted to exercise judgement on the matter at hand.

Section 3 Executive Committee Meetings

All meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to all members of the individual MPO policy boards, as listed in Section 1, items a through d. These members shall have an opportunity to address the Executive Committee, at the discretion of the presiding officer. Also, members of the Technical Committee (addressed in Section 5 of this document) and staff shall be permitted to attend meetings of the Executive Committee. Meeting locations shall rotate among the four member agencies. The inaugural meeting of the executive committee shall set the times, dates, and locations for the meetings to be held during the remainder of the year. During the final meeting of the executive committee during a given year, a calendar that sets forth the times, dates, and locations of meetings for the following year shall be approved.

Section 4 General Meetings

A general meeting of the four policy boards may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee. The purpose of these general meetings shall be to provide a forum for the discussion of transportation and related issues that affect the region. As no official business will be conducted, a specific quorum requirement is not necessary.

Section 5 Technical Committee

In addition to the Executive Committee, there shall be established a Technical Committee. The responsibility of the Technical Committee shall be to provide general review, guidance and coordination of the transportation planning process in the Charlotte region, and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee.

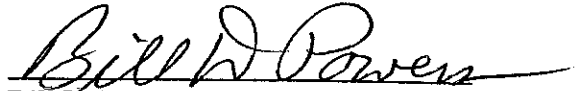
The Technical Committee shall consist of, but not be limited to, the following members, or their designees:

- Senior staff member of the local metropolitan planning organization
- Senior staff member of the lead planning agency of the metropolitan planning organization
- SCDOT MPO program manager
- NCDOT local area coordinators
- Director of the Charlotte Department of Transportation
- The chairs of the three North Carolina MPO technical coordinating committees and the chair of Rock Hill-Fort Mill Area Transportation Study study team.
- A representative of the public transportation staff of SCDOT and NCDOT
- Director of Public Transportation for the City of Charlotte
- The planning directors of the two regional COGs
- A representative of the bicycle and pedestrian planning staff of SCDOT and NCDOT
- Director of Aviation for the City of Charlotte
- A representative of the planning departments of the following counties: Cabarrus, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Union and York.
- A representative of both South Carolina and North Carolina's Division of Air Quality, or a representative from both states DOT whose primary responsibility is air quality
- A representative of the Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection

The Technical Committee shall meet no less than three times a year. The meetings shall be scheduled at least three weeks prior to meetings of the Executive Committee so as to allow for sufficient time for members of the Executive Committee to adequately review the findings and recommendations of the Technical Committee. Meeting locations shall rotate among the four member agencies.



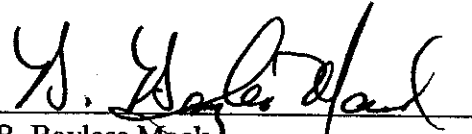
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