

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 12, 2012  
11:00a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wilson Operations Center  
1800 Herring Ave.  
Wilson, NC 27893  
252-296-3341

## RPO General Information Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – Kenneth Jones – TAC Chair
2. Lunch

### Old Business

3. RPO Performance Evaluation
4. NC Report Mobile Application
5. Review of 2010-11 Planning Work Program / Five Year Calendar

### New Business

6. SPOT 3.0
7. City of Wilson Transportation Model
8. Eastern North Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition
9. Upper Coastal Plain RPO Direction
10. Other Business/ Member Comments

### Legislative Update

11. Update – Daniel Van Liere

### Reports

12. Environmental Justice Training – Daniel Van Liere
13. NCARPO Meeting – Charlotte – Daniel Van Liere
14. Nash County CTP – Daniel Van Liere
15. NCDOT Division 4 – John Rouse/ Representative
16. NCDOT Planning Branch, Saeed Mohamed

### Attachments:

1. RPO Performance Evaluation
2. ENC Coalition Resolution
3. TCC Minutes
4. TAC Minutes

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## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order – Fleta Byrd – TCC Chair

### Action Items

2. Minutes - May 1, 2012
3. ENC Coalition Resolution to Participate

### Dates of future meetings:

November 6, 2012

January 1, 2013

March 5, 2012

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# XXX RPO Performance Evaluation Survey

In the continuing effort to improve the services provided to the citizens of North Carolina by the Rural Planning Organizations (RPOs), we are asking for your input. The RPOs are mandated by the General Assembly with **four core duties**:

- Developing, in cooperation with NCDOT, long range local and regional multi-modal transportation plans.
- Providing a forum for public participation in the transportation planning process.
- Providing transportation related information to local governments and other interested organizations and persons.
- Developing and prioritizing suggestions for transportation projects the organization believes should be included in the State's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

This survey is designed to gauge the effectiveness of your Rural Planning Organization (RPO) dealing with the transportation planning and public involvement efforts during the past fiscal year (**July 2011–June 2012**).

The survey should be completed by all the RPO members and stakeholders including: TCC and TAC members, town and county officials, RPO Planner and Executive Director or Manager of the Lead Planning Agency, NCDOT Division representative, the TPB Group Supervisor and TPB RPO Coordinator.

## Basic Information:

1. Please provide your contact information in case we would like to do a follow-up interview (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of RPO: \_\_\_\_\_

3. I represent (check all that apply):

- RTAC
- RTCC
- LPA
- NCDOT
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. Thinking about the past year (FY 2011-2012), how well did your RPO fulfill its four core duties (See list of four core duties above):

5. Thinking about the past year (FY 2011-2012), please indicate any concerns you might have in regards to the performance of your RPO:

6. Please identify any products and/or services you would like your RPO to focus on in the upcoming fiscal year:

**Thank you for taking the Survey!**

*Please return the completed survey to your RPO Planner.*

*You can also mail this survey in the postage paid envelope to:*

Elina Zlotchenko

1554 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1544

*Or complete it online at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RPOSurvey\\_2011-12](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RPOSurvey_2011-12)*

Survey Duration: **July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012**

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## RESOLUTION AGREEING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA MPO/RPO COALITION.

**WHEREAS**, Metropolitan and Rural Planning Organizations exist as intergovernmental transportation planning agencies that proactively address local mobility needs by providing feedback to federal and state transportation organizations on multi-modal infrastructure needs and transportation policy; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 11, 2012, an ad hoc group representing fourteen MPOs and RPOs with planning areas located east of Interstate 95 convened to resume an on-going discussion of transportation issues facing the eastern part of North Carolina, which had previously begun in October of 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, at the meeting, participants heard from transportation professional on emerging transportation issues that galvanized the need for collaboration to: (1) strategically address the collective transportation needs of eastern North Carolina through cooperative dialogue and regional support, (2) educate stakeholders on transportation issues and their impact on our communities, and (3) develop transportation policy recommendations that may enhance the long-term economic prosperity of eastern North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, understanding the need for regional collaboration, representatives from each MPO and RPO verbally committed to form what has become known as the Eastern Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition and directed staff to begin formalizing the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, as the first step in developing the Coalition, each MPO and RPO has been asked to adopt a resolution formally recognizing the value of, and agreeing to participate in, Coalition activities on an at-will basis; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Upper Coastal Plain RPO Technical Advisory Committee recognizes the value of, and agrees to participate in, activities of the Eastern Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition to strategically address the transportation needs of Eastern North Carolina, Educate Stakeholders on transportation issues that impact our communities and develop transportation policy recommendations to enhance the long-term economic prosperity of our region.

**ADOPTED this the 12 day of September, 2012**

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Daniel Van Liere, Secretary

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Kenneth Jones, Chairman  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
Upper Coastal Plain RPO

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 1, 2012

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston Co.  
Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson  
Elane Swinson, Wilson County  
Fleta Byrd, Wilson's Mills  
Grona Jones, City of Wilson  
Harry Tyson, City of Wilson  
Mark Johnson, Wilson County  
Marvin Sharpe, Wilson County  
Ola Pittman, Edgecombe Co.  
Nancy Nixon, Nash Co.  
Ryan Simons, Selma

#### Rocky Mount MPO

Bob League

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, Division 4  
Terry Ellis, Division 4, Dist 1  
Grey Keeter, Division 4, Dist 1  
Saeed Mohamed, TPB

#### UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

### TCC meeting

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

TCC Vice-Chairman Fleta Byrd welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Action Items

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Mrs. Pittman (Edgecombe Co), second by Mr. Simons (Selma), the minutes from the UCPRPO TCC meeting held on March 6, 2012 were unanimously approved.

### Old Business

#### 3. Special Study Update

Mr. Van Liere shared an update on the RPO Report app that had been developed over the past year. Staff let the group know that he had decided against hiring an intern to develop the Android side of the app. He also let the group know that staff had updated the app to include a note letting the user know who they would be contacting when pressing the Emergency Report Button.

#### 4. 2012-13 PWP/ Five Year Calendar

Mr. Van Liere presented the 2012-13 Planning Work Program and Five year calendar and explained that they had not changed since it was presented at the last meeting.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Simons (Selma), second by Mr. Grey (Johnston Co.), the 2012-13 PWP and Five Year Calendar were unanimously approved

#### 5. Elections

Mr. Van Liere stated that it was time to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the TCC. He explained that Mr. Lewis was not eligible for another term.

Mrs. Pittman nominated Mrs. Fleta Byrd (Wilson's Mills) to serve as Chair. Ms. Nixon (Nash Co.) Seconded the nomination and Mrs. Fleta Byrd (Wilson's Mills) accepted the nomination. A vote was cast and Mrs. Fleta Byrd (Wilson's Mills) was unanimously elected.

Mr. Johnson (Wilson Co.) made a motion to nominate Mr. Berry Grey (Johnston Co.) to serve as Vice Chair of the TAC. Mr. Grey (Johnston Co.) accepted the nomination. A vote was cast and Mr. Grey (Johnston Co.) was unanimously elected.

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### New Business

#### 6. Amtrak Resolution

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution of support for expanding Amtrak service to eastern North Carolina.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson) to adopt the Resolution with the changes as noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan (Nash Co.), the vote was unanimous.

#### 7. Ferry Tolls Resolution

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution in opposition of increasing or adding Ferry Tolls.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (Tarboro), second by Mr. Jones (Wilson's Mills), the Ferry Toll Resolution was unanimously approved

### Legislative Update

#### 8. Legislative Update

Mr. Van Liere stated that he had attended the Joint Legislative oversight committee meeting in Raleigh. He explained that the JLOC had been given a presentation of a MPO/RPO Survey. Key points to take away, TAC and TCC members will have to abide by the State Ethics Act, SPOT prioritization is now part of State Legislation, Must be a place for Public Comment, greater link between Transportation and Land Use Planning, Language Change to state RPOs are defined as 50,000 or 3 contiguous counties.

Mr. Van Liere also stated that after the 2010 census MPO and RPO boundaries may change. Mr. Bob League stated that the Rocky Mount MPO will expand slightly in the Region. Sharpsburg will be invited into the MPO.

### Other Business

#### 9. TCC Comments

Mr. Johnson asked if with the new definition of an RPO being defined as 50,000 or 3 contiguous counties, would there be the possibility of a new RPO being created? Mr. Van Liere stated that did not believe NCDOT would consider expanding the RPO program.

#### 10. Public Comments

No Comments were made

### Reports

#### 11. Governors Summit

Mr. Van Liere stated the Governors Summit was held on March 16<sup>th</sup> in Greenville. He stated that Transportation in Eastern North Carolina was emphasized and the needs that still exist for economic development to expand.

#### 12. SPOT 2.0/3.0

Meeting was held in Williamston to discuss how money was divided within Transportation line items. This was an exercise to see where different areas priorities exist.

#### 13. Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reminded the group that the General Assembly would again be looking at the gas tax and that the group should keep an eye out for what occurs.

#### 14. Transportation Planning Branch

Saeed Mohamed stated that many of our CTPs are being finished up very soon.

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## **Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

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Troy Lewis, TCC Chair

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Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner

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May 9, 2012

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

### TAC

Al Wester, Red Oak  
Billy Morgan, Nash County  
Tommy Rogers, Nashville  
Jim Alford, Tarboro  
Vines Cobb, Jr., Pinetops  
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills  
A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson  
Ron McCormick, Saratoga

### Attendance

#### City of Wilson

Bryant Bunn

#### NCDOT

Gus Tulloss, NC BOT  
John Rouse, Division 4  
Jimmy Eatmon, Division 4  
Saeed Mohamed, NCDOT TPB

#### UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

### TAC meeting

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

TAC Chairman Tommy Rogers, called the meeting to order.

### Action Items

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (Wilson), seconded by Mayor. Cobb (Pinetops), the minutes from the UCPRPO TAC meeting held on March 6, 2012 were unanimously approved.

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Mr. Van Liere also stated that he was waiting for Tarboro to hire a new Planning Director before he could move forward with the Pedestrian Study as was slated for the 2011-12 PWP. He also stated that he had met with the City of Wilson to start working on a sign inventory and was waiting on a GIS database from the city to move forward.

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#### 5. Elections

Mr. Van Liere stated that it was time to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the TAC. He explained that Mr. Rodgers was not eligible for another term. Mr. Coleman nominated Mr. Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) to serve as Chair. Mr. Alford Seconded the nomination and Mr. Jones accepted the nomination. A vote was cast and Mr. Jones was unanimously elected.



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Mr. Coleman made a motion to nominate Mayor Cheryl Oliver to serve as Vice Chair of the TAC. Mr. Alford seconded this motion. With Mayor Oliver not in attendance, a vote was cast to elect the Mayor to serve as Vice-Chair of the TAC if she agreed to serve. The vote was unanimous.

### **New Business**

#### **6. Amtrak Resolution**

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution of support for expanding Amtrak service to eastern North Carolina. He stated that the resolution had been recommended by the TCC for approval. After discussion, it was asked to change the third Whereas statement to state “located in Wilson and Rocky Mount;” as well as adding a Whereas requesting the study of stops in Wilson and Rocky Mount if a train is passing through.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson) to adopt the Resolution with the changes as noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan (Nash Co.), the vote was unanimous.

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### **Other Business**

#### **9. TAC Comments**

Mr. Billy Morgan made the statement that there is a Study underway and a lot of conversation about tolling I-95. He stated that toll roads would be a problem in the region and looked for support from the RPO in later meetings.

#### **10. Public Comments**

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#### **12. Division 4**

Mr. Rouse stated that in Johnston County the Preliminary Engineering for Wilson’s Mills at Fork Creek Mills Study is underway. Also, I-95 Economic impact study is underway which will look to see what the impacts of tolls may be.

Board Member Tulloss stated that the 2040 Plan had been completed and that it was to go before the Board of Transportation for adoption in July.

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### **13. Transportation Planning Branch**

Saeed Mohamed stated that the three remaining CTPs for the RPO are nearly completed and should be presented and adopted in the very near future.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Tommy Rogers, TAC Chair

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Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner