

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 11, 2013

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson
Gerrelene Walker, Tarboro
Cheryl Oliver, Selma
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
James Alston, Castalia
Gus Tullos, NCDOT Board
Al Wester, Red Oak
Ronald McCormick, Saratoga
Priscilla Everete-Oates, Princeville

NCDOT

Jimmy Eaton, Division 4
Ronnie Keeter, Division 4
Bill Bass, Division 4
Scott Walston, TPB
Suzette Ogbon, TPB

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Public

Michael Bennett – Edgecombe
Stephen J. Bennett – Princeville
Milton R. Bullock - Princeville

TAC meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – Kenneth Jones – TAC Chair

TAC Chair Mr. Kenneth Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He then introduced the two newest members to the TAC, Mrs. Lisa Barnes, appointed member from Nash County (who was not present) and Mr. Wayne Outlaw, appointed by Nash County as an alternate.

Action Items

2. Minutes – June 26, 2013

After reviewing the Minutes for June 26, 2013, UPON A MOTION by Mr. A.P. Coleman (City of Wilson) and a second by Mr. Al Wester (Red Oak), the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. After review of the UCPRPO Locally Coordinated Plan (LCP Transit Plan)

A MOTION by Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Mr. Al Wester (Red Oak) a resolution adopting the UCPRPO LCP Transit Plan was unanimously approved.

Old Business

4. Mr. James Salmons reported that new legislation no longer requires the TCC to be under the State Government Ethics Act. However the TAC members will still be required to submit the Statement of Economic Interests to the State Ethics Commission. The due date for submittal is April 15th of each year.

5. Mr. James Salmons reported and presented material providing an update on the Strategic Mobility Investment Act along with the updated Spot 3.0 Schedule. It was explained that the UCPRPO will need to determine the criteria and ranking methodology to be approved by NCDOT by May 1, 2014. It was also reported that any new proposed projects must be submitted to the Committees at the November 2013 meetings to allow enough time for public and member review prior to the final January 31, 2013 SPOT project submittal deadline.

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6. Proposed SPOT Projects for Removal and Call for new Projects

Mr. Kenneth Jones reported that the TCC recommended not removing any projects at this time and to wait to see how all of the projects ranked or scored with the new SPOT 3.0 criteria. Mr. Salmons also added that the new STI allows the ability to swap old projects for new projects. The Committee agreed that all of the projects would remain on the list at this time. Mr. Salmons reported that the RPO had developed a web site that displays all the current UCPRPO Prioritization projects with the ability to download the CTP's for each County and Excel database files for all SPOT 2.0 Projects across the State.

New Business

7. 2013 SPOT 3.0 New Project Submittal November 5 Deadline

It was also reported that any new proposed projects must be submitted to the Committees at the November 2013 meetings to allow enough time for public and member review prior to the final January 31, 2013 SPOT project submittal deadline.

8. What can UCPRPO do for you?

Mr. James Salmons asked that members to let him know if there were any special projects or other transportation planning tasks members may need help with. He reported that the UCPRPO was beginning the process of producing a Pedestrian Plan for the Town of Tarboro.

Other Business

9. TAC Member Comments

There were no additional comments from TAC Members.

Reports

10. NCDOT Division 4

There were no additional comments from NCDOT Division 4

11. NCDOT Planning Branch

Ms. Suzette Ogbon reported that all member Counties have completed CTP documents. Johnston County's CTP document is in final review however the maps have been finalized and are available for official use. Rocky Mount is beginning their CTP and it is important to be aware of their process to ensure their projects align with the surrounding CTP's. Mr. Scott Walston requested that if anyone had any changes to their CTP's to let them or Mr. Salmons know so that the changes can be placed on their schedule. He also reported that NCDOT was in the process of putting together a short video describing the STI and that he would pass it along as soon as it was completed.

Public Comment

12. Public Comment

Mr. Mike Bennett expressed the importance of the US 64 Westbound Off-Ramp SPOT 2.0 project 1277 has on the Town of Princeville and the surrounding Community. He stated that the project was critical to the economic develop for the Town of Princeville.

Mr. Milton Bullock also expressed his view of the importance of the US 64 Westbound Off-Ramp project and how critical it is to the community.

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Ms. Priscilla Everete-Oates (Princeville) stated the importance of the US 64 Westbound Off-Ramp project has on the Princeville Community and strongly recommended the project to continue to receive TAC support as it has in the past. She expressed the need of the project to support the new Freedom Hill Medical Center recently built in the Town of Princeville.

Mr. A.P. Coleman (Wilson County) also expressed his support of the new Freedom Hill Medical Center and the need for the Center for the poor in the Princeville community. He also commented on the value of tourism within the rural communities.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on November 13, 2013.

A motion from Ms. Priscilla Everete-Oates (Princeville) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Al Wester and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Jones, TAC Chair

UCPRPO Transportation Planner