

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 1, 2020

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes – Virtual Meeting

### Attendance

#### TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro  
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield  
James Diggs, Wilson  
Katina Braswell, Edgecombe  
Aaron Chalker, Wilson  
Braston Newton, Johnston  
Adam Tyson Nash  
Natalie Bess, Pinetops  
Wendy Oldham, Wilson's Mills  
Aaron Chalker, Wilson

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4  
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD  
Sam Lawhorn, NCDOT Division 4  
Gray Keeter, NCDOT Division 4

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

#### Other

Robert Hiatt, UCPCOG  
Erika Zito, Cummins  
Neal Davis, JCATS  
David Morton, Peanut Belt RPO

### Introduction

- Welcome & Introductions – James Diggs – TCC Chair*  
Mr. James Diggs welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.
- Approval of Agenda*  
Mr. Diggs asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to the agenda. **UPON A MOTION** by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield), second by Adam Tyson (Nash), the agenda was unanimously approved as written.
- Minutes – March 3, 2020*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the March 3, 2020 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Adam Tyson (Nash), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the minutes for the March 3, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.
- Member Updates*  
Each member provided a brief highlight of activities within each member's jurisdiction.

### Action Items

- Chair and Vice Chair Election for FY2021*  
**UPON A MOTION** by Adam Tyson (Nash), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) James Diggs was nominated and to serve as Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by James Diggs (Wilson), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) Adam Tyson (Nash) was nominated to serve as Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by James Diggs (Wilson), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) Adam Tyson was nominated to serve as Vice Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Jimmy Eatmon (NCDOT), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) James Diggs (Wilson) was elected as Chair and Adam Tyson (Nash) was elected to serve as Vice Chair unanimously for FY2021.

### Discussion

- STI P6 Prioritization Update – Submitted Projects/Prioritization 6.0 (P6) Revenue Memo*  
Members were provided with a brief update on the P6 STI process. It was noted that according to NCDOT's analysis, there will be very little funding available for new projects. Members were encouraged to visit the NC First Commission's website to learn more about potential transportation funding streams. (<https://www.ncdot.gov/about-us/how-we-operate/finance-budget/nc-first/Pages/default.aspx>) In addition, members were updated on the STI P6.0 key dates.

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7. *STIP FY2020-2029 Amendment Updates*  
Members were provided with the proposed updated STIP and reviewed key projects with pushed back construction start dates.
8. *Traffic Survey Data/COVID-19*  
Members were provided a brief presentation on the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on traffic and VMT flow within North Carolina.
9. *Legislative Update – HB 77 and JLPEOC Report*  
Members were provided a legislative update on HB 77 and the report provided to the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee (JLPEOC) on the State Auditors Report on NCDOT's budget crisis and overspending.
10. *New NCDOT Board of Transportation Member appointed.*  
It was reported that Gus Tullos who served over 12 years as the NCDOT Division 4 Board of Transportation member is stepping down. The new BOT Division 4 member is Mr. Melvin Mitchell.

## Reports

11. *US 70 Commission*  
It was reported the US 70 Commission had not met since January 23, 2020 due to COVID-19. A brief project report was included in the agenda packet.
12. *Hwy 17/64 Association*  
The next Hwy 17/64 meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2020 at 10:00am via Zoom.
13. *NCDOT Division 4*  
Division 4 reported that HB 77 will allow the Bond funds to be used on active projects which allows the department build up a cash balance. It also provided additional funds for maintenance. In addition, the storms that passed through the night before has caused significant wash outs on some roads in Wake and Johnston Counties.
14. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*  
TPD reported that due to COVID-19, there was still no one working out of the Highway building. They are waiting on a final decision from management. It appears it still may be a couple of months. The idea so far will be for workers to return on a part time allowing there to be two groups to limit the number of workers in the building at one time.

## Other Business

15. *TCC Member Comments*  
There were no TCC member comments.

## Public Comment

16. *Public Comment*  
There was no public comment.

## Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 2:00pm.

**UPON A MOTION** from Wendy Oldham (Wilson's Mills) to adjourn and a second motion was made by Jimmy Eatmon (NCDOT) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

 11/3/20  
Adam Tyson, TCC Vice Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO