

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

July 14, 2010

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston Co.  
Billy Summers, Kenly  
Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson  
Elaine Swinson, Wilson Co.  
Fleta Byrd, Wilson's Mills  
John Holpe, Spring Hope  
Mark Johnson, Wilson Co.  
Ola Pittman, Edgecombe Co.  
Rosemary Dorsey, Nash Co.  
Ryan Simons, Selma  
Tommy Hawkins, Saratoga  
Troy Lewis, Tarboro

#### NCDOT

Bobby Lewis, Division 4  
Jimmy Eatmon, Division 4  
Ronnie Keeter, Division 4  
Jeff Crouchley, Public Transit Division

#### Rocky Mount MPO

Bob League

#### UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

**General Information Meeting was held prior to TCC meeting.**

#### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

TAC Chairman Tommy Rodgers welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves as the group consisted of both TCC and TAC members. After introductions an invocation was given by Mr. A.P. Coleman and the attendees were invited to help themselves to the lunch that was provided.

#### **Old Business**

#### **2. Special Study**

Mr. Van Liere gave a brief update on the UCPRPO Economic Development website. He stated that the site was now live and that the RPO would be contacting the counties and Economic Development groups in the next few months to find out if the site is useful and what can be changed to make it more so.

#### **3. Review of PWP/Five Year Calendar**

Mr. Van Liere reminded the attendees that as of July 1<sup>st</sup> the RPO was in the new fiscal year and would be operating under the 2010-11 PWP that had been approved by both the TCC and TAC.

#### **New Business**

#### **4. Upper Coastal Plain RPO Direction**

Mr. Van Liere stated that this was the beginning of the third full year with the RPO housed at Nash County and second with him as coordinator. He stated that he felt the RPO was moving in the right direction but wanted to provide an opportunity for the RPO members, both TCC and TAC to weigh in on how the RPO is progressing and provide comments on how to improve participation and performance.

It was stated that a new data base would be developed as a partnership between the RPO and Division 4 to keep the counties and the municipalities aware of what projects are occurring in their area.

Conversation also stated that a transportation assistance list should be developed and distributed to the members as a way for the members to know what services are offered by the RPO

The statement was made that the RPO should make sure that it is involved in as many funding programs as possible, the example presented was CMAQ.

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### 5. Other Business

None stated

### Reports

#### 6. Johnston, Nash, and Wilson County CTP

Mr. Van Liere stated that all CTPs were still moving forward and Bike and Ped plans were still in process to be included within the Nash and Wilson County's CTPs documents.

#### 7. Division 4/ Transportation Planning Branch

Bobby Lewis and NCDOT Board member Gus Tulloss commented on the Mobility fund Legislation that had been recently passed which provides \$30million additional funds to be used for transportation within North Carolina. It was emphasized that this money exists outside of the equity funds that are distributed throughout the state. The \$30 million that had been secured would be used for the Yadkin River Bridge.

TPB member was not present

#### 8. TCC Meeting

Troy Lewis, called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

### Action Items

#### 9. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Ms. Dorsey (Nash Co.), second by Mr. Bunn (City of Wilson), the minutes from the UCPRPO TCC meeting held on May 42, 2010 were unanimously approved.

#### 10. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on November 2, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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Troy Lewis, TCC Chair

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Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner