

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 12, 2010

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson  
Al Wester, Red Oak  
Billy Morgan, Nash County  
Doug Oglesby, Town of Benson  
Jim Alford, Town of Tarboro  
Ray Woodall, Johnston County  
Ron McCormick, Town of Saratoga

Thomas Cherry, Edgecombe Co.  
Vines Cobb, Jr., Town of Pinetops

#### Other

Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson

#### UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Councilman Coleman (City of Wilson), called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and asked that everyone introduce themselves

### Action Items

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Commissioner Morgan (Nash County), second by Mayor Cobb (Pinetops), the minutes from the UCP RPO TAC meeting held on March 10, 2010 were unanimously approved.

#### 3. TAC Chair and Vice Chair Election

Councilman Coleman (City of Wilson) asked that the Chair of the nomination committee, Mayor Cobb (Pinetops) report the nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Mayor Cobb reported that Councilman Tommy Rodgers (Nashville) be nominated for TAC Chair and Commissioner Doug Oglesby (Benson) be nominated for TAC Vice-Chair.

Councilman Coleman (City of Wilson) asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none the Chair entertained a motion for the acceptance or rejection of the nomination report. Commissioner Cherry (Edgecombe County) made a motion to approve the report and nomination, seconded by Councilman Alford (Tarboro), and was unanimously approved.

Due to absence of TAC Chair Elect Rodgers, Councilman Coleman resumed role as Chair for remainder of the meeting.

#### 4. Planning Work Program / Five Year Calendar

Mr. Van Liere presented the 2010-11 Planning Work Program (PWP) and Five Year Calendar, explaining that this document serves as the budget for the next Fiscal Year. Mr. Van Liere also explained that this document was nearly identical to the previous year document because of the similarities in projects between the two years.

Mr. Van Liere stated that the 2010-11 PWP and Five Year Calendar had been approved by the TCC for recommendation for adoption for the TAC. Councilman Coleman entertained a motion to adopt the 2010-11 PWP and Five Year Calendar.

UPON A MOTION by Councilman Alford (Tarboro), Seconded by Mayor Cobb (Pinetops) the 2010-11 PWP and Five Year Calendar was unanimously approved.

### Old Business

#### 5. Special Study

Mr. Van Liere gave a brief background on the special study, reminding the TAC that the RPO has hired a part time position to work on the special study. Mr. Van Liere reminded the group that he had presented the economic development website at the previous meeting and that he and the UCPRPO staff were continuing to

work on the site in an effort to improve its usability and functionality. Mr. Van Liere stated that he also hoped to meet with the Division 4 office and with individual counties to ask for their comments and suggestions for the website. The site will have a go live date of May 17, 2010.

## **New Business**

### **6. Membership and Attendance**

Mr. Van Liere stated that he has been successful in contacting most TAC members and that most members that he could reach were attending the TAC meetings. Mr. Van Liere also stated that he had been asked by the TCC to review the MOU and report back as to how membership should be rotated from year to year.

Concerns were raised for rotating membership due to the worry that new members may not attend where other members that rotated out had been attending regularly. Mr. Van Liere stated that he would investigate into this matter and report back to the group at the next meeting.

Councilman Coleman asked that Mr. Van Liere draft a letter to the respective Chairs with an attendance sheet attached, stating the attendance issue and asking that their members be reminded of their role on the Upper Coastal Plain RPO.

### **7. NCARPO Quarterly Meeting Update**

Mr. Van Liere stated that the NCARPO is working to developed standard Bike and Ped plans, ranking CTP recommendations, and RPO evaluation process. The next quarterly meeting will be held in Columbus at the end of July.

### **8. Nash and Wilson County Bike and Pedestrian Plan**

Mr. Van Liere stated that the Upper Coastal Plain RPO will be developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian plan for both Nash and Wilson Counties in coordination with their respective CTPs. Due to the workload on the RPO Bike and Ped plans for Edgecombe or Johnston Counties will have to occur in later years.

### **9. Other Business/TAC Member Comments**

Commissioner Oglesby (Benson) asked that minutes and agendas be posted on the RPOs website.

## **Reports**

### **10. Johnston, Nash, and Wilson County CTPs**

All CTPs are moving along on schedule. Updates and meeting dates will be shared with the group regularly at RPO meetings.

### **11. Division 4/ Transportation Planning Branch**

No representative present

### **12. Upcoming Meetings**

Next meeting will be held on July 14, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tommy Rodgers, TAC Chair

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Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner