

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

November 3rd, 2009

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance TCC

Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson
Fleta Byrd, Wilson's Mills
Rosemary Dorsey, Nash Co.
Berry Gray, Johnston Co.
Brian D. Hassell, Edgecombe Co.
Mark Jonson, Wilson Co.
Troy Lewis, Tarboro
Charles Pittman, III, City of Wilson
Ola Pittman, Edgecombe Co.
Ryan Simons, Selma
Elaine Swinson, Wilson Co.
Pete Connet, Kenly
Tommy Hawkins, Saratoga
Gronna Jones, City of Wilson

NCDOT

Bobby Lewis, Division 4
Ronnie Keeter, Division 4
Saeed Mohamed, TPB
Julie Bolinger, TPB

Rocky Mount MPO

Bob League
Andy Holland

UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere
James Salmons

1. Welcome and Introductions

Troy Lewis, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

2. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Ms. Dorsey (Nash Co.), second by Mr. Pittman (City of Wilson), the minutes from the UCP RPO TCC meeting held on March 3, 2009 were unanimously approved.

3. Edgecombe County CTP

Julie Bolinger presented the Edgecombe County and the Town of Whitakers Comprehensive Transportation Plans. She explained that plan had been presented to the public, to Edgecombe County as well as the Town of Whitakers and adopted. She asked that both the Edgecombe County and the Town of Whitakers plans be endorsed by the Upper Coastal Plain RPO.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Pittman (City of Wilson), second by Mr. Gray (Johnston Co.), the Edgecombe County and Town of Whitakers Comprehensive Transportation Plan, was unanimously approved for a recommendation of endorsement to the TAC.

4. UCPRPO Human Service Transit Plan

Mr. Van Liere stated that he had sent the UCPRPO Locally Coordinated Human Service Public Transportation Plan out via email in the previous week, asking that the TCC members take a moment to review the document for adoption at this meeting.

UPON A MOTION by Ms. Dorsey (Nash Co.), second by Ms. Pittman (Edgecombe Co.), the UCPRPO Locally Coordinated Transit Plan was unanimously approved for recommendation to the TAC.

5. Support Letter for Federal RPO Funding

Mr. Van Liere reminded the TCC that the UCPRPO had sent a letter to UCPRPO's congressional representation asking for support for H.B. 2782. The RPO received a letter back from Congressman Etheridge expressing his support.

6. Project Request Form

Mr. Van Liere presented a project request form that had been developed by NCDOT Division 4 and the UCPRPO to be dispersed and made available to all the RPO's municipalities to request smaller projects outside of the TIP.

7. SPOT

Mr. Van Liere explained that the RPO was moving forward on submitting the top 25 projects that had been agreed upon in the past by the RPO. He continued, stating that future submittal will be done in more of a quantitative way, with this data made available by NCDOT.

8. Special Study

Mr. Van Liere gave a brief background on the special study, reminding the TCC that the RPO has hired a part time position to work on the special study. Mr. Van Liere then introduced James Salmons to explain the project. Mr. Salmons explained that this project began as a way to look at interchanges and find out what was needed to improve those interchanges for economic development. Mr. Van Liere stated that the project was continuing to evolve as the RPO dove further into the project. The RPO met with all four counties and with their economic development groups trying to better understand what data and information will be beneficial for these groups. Mr. Van Liere went on to explain that as the project develops and moves forward the RPO would send out updates to both the TCC and the TAC.

9. UCPRPO Website

The Upper Coastal Plain RPO now has a website that is live and available for all to access. The websites address is www.ucprpo.org It was requested that the TCC members to take time and visit the website and provide comments for improving the website.

10. Other Business

Mr. Van Liere explained that this point in the agenda is where members can bring up any issues that have not been addressed in the agenda.

Reports

11. Johnston County CTP

The Johnston Co. CTP has been moving along with resolutions of participation being adopted by all municipalities minus Pine Level and Princeton. The survey was completed and results were going to made at the next meeting.

12. Wilson County CTP

The Wilson County CTP is moving nearly parallel to the Johnston Co. CTP. The Wilson County survey has gathered more than 500 responses to their CTP survey, more than any other in the State. The results will be available at future meetings.

13. Nash County CTP

A Kick-Off meeting will be held on Monday Nov. 9th.

14. Division 4

No member Present

15. Transportation Planning Branch

Saeed Mohammed stated that the UCPRPO was in a unique position in having 4 CTPs but for the rest of the state a prioritization process has been developed and will be put in place for CTPs in the future.

16. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on January 5, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Lewis, TCC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner