

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 12, 2012

RPO Transportation General Committee Agenda

TCC

Ola Pittman, Edgecombe County
Berry Gray, Johnston County
Fleta Byrd, Wilson's Mills
Marvin Sharpe, Wilson County
Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson
Grona Jones, City of Wilson

TAC

Al Wester, Red Oak
Tommy Rogers, Nashville
Vines Cobb, Jr., Pinetops
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson

Attendance

Ron McCormick, Saratoga
Cheryl Oliver

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, Division 4
Haywood Daughtry, NCDOT

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 Kenneth Jones welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves as the group consisted of both TCC and TAC members. The attendees were invited to help themselves to the lunch that was provided.

Old Business

2. RPO Evaluation

Mr. Van Liere presented stated that the Transportation Planning Branch was conducting their annual evaluation of RPOs. Mr. Van Liere asked that the TCC and TAC keep an eye out for the survey that would be sent to their email for completion.

3. NC Report Mobile Application

Mr. Van Liere presented an update of the NC Report Mobile App that the UCPRPO has been working on. Mr. Van Liere showed how the app works in real time and stated that it had been available to the public for 2 months and had been used. The next step is to expand the app boundaries out and invite more areas to use it.

4. Review of 2012-13 PWP

Mr. Van Liere provided an update on the 2012-13 PWP. He explained that some work that had been originally placed on the work plan would be removed due to a reshuffling of projects at NCDOT. Mr. Van Liere asked the group if they had any suggestions of projects to let him know by the next meeting.

New Business

5. SPOT 3.0

Mr. Van Liere provided an update on the SPOT 3.0 process. He stated that there was a work group put in place with members from the RPOs and MPOs who were to work with NCDOT to look at the SPOT process and see if there were any changes that need to be made before resubmitting projects in the spring of 2013. Mr. Van Liere stated that some of the priority items such as proving additional point to projects with regional support were under fire from the more Urban areas who felt that this was giving certain projects an unnecessary

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advantage. Mr. Van Liere asked that the group keep their ears open and ask their Board members to make sure these points stayed in the SPOT 3.0 process.

6. City of Wilson Transportation Model

Mr. Van Liere shared that the RPO had been spending much of the fiscal year so far working on the Transportation Model with TPB. He said that they had been calling businesses to update location and employee numbers as well as confirming the actual business location. Mr. Van Liere stated that this work would continue and other tasks would be added on as requested by TPB.

7. Eastern North Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition

Mr. Van Liere stated that a lot of time had been spent by the RPO working on the ENC Coalition. Mr. Van Liere had been elected to serve as the Executive Director of the Coalition and had been traveling to meet with other TAC chairs from the MPOs and RPOs across the east. Mr. Van Liere stated that 41 counties had come together to have a unified voice in transportation issues in the east and that with the upcoming election it was even more important to stand together for commonalities of the east.

8. UCPRPO Direction

Mr. Van Liere asked if the members would like to comment on the direction of the RPO and whether they had any issues with how it was being operated. Mayor Cobb stated that he believed that RPO was working hard for the east and that it was working in the right direction. Mr. Bob League from the Rocky Mount MPO spoke to the expanding boundary. He stated that the Rocky Mount MPO would now include Sharpsburg and a small portion of Wilson County.

9. Other Business/ Public Comments

None stated.

Legislative Update

10. Update

Mr. Van Liere stated that Transportation oversight committee had recently recognized the RPOs as state boards and that we would now be responsible for adhering to state ethics requirements. The RPOs had not been given clarification as to what that exactly entails but information would be passed along when available.

Reports

11. Environmental Justice Training

Mr. Van Liere that he had attended Environmental Justice Training in Washington DC during the month of July. He said that the training was well worth the RPOs time and that he had learned new ways to reach environmentally challenged areas.

12. July NCARPO Meeting

Mr. Van Liere stated the NCARPO had meet in July in Charlotte. At that meeting we learned more about the upcoming RPO evaluations, CTP process, and had a presentation from the Southern Environmental Law Center.

13. Nash County CTP

Mr. Van Liere informed the group that the Nash County CTP had been finished and he had received the final draft in the mail.

14. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon shared that NC will now receive more money back the Federal Government due to a new "Floor" put in place. This means that States will receive at minimum, 95 Cents for every dollar paid by the states. North Carolina previously received only 88 cents.

15. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

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Saeed Mohamed stated the TPB and UCPRPO continue to work together and asked that he be contacted if he could assist in any way.

TCC Meeting

16. TCC Meeting

Fleta Byrd, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM

Action Items

17. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Berry Grey (Johnston Co), second by Bryant Bunn (City of Wilson), the minutes from the UCPRPO TCC meeting held on May 1, 2012 were unanimously approved.

18. ENC Coalition Resolution

UPON A MOTION by Bryant Bunn (City of Wilson), second by Ola Pittman (Edgecombe Co.), the Resolution was unanimously approved for recommendation to the TAC for adoption.

19. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on November 6, 2012

TAC Meeting

20. TAC Meeting

Kenneth Jones, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM

Action Items

21. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by A.P. Coleman (City of Wilson), second by Vines Cobb, Jr. (Pinetops), the minutes from the UCPRPO TSC meeting held on May 9, 2012 were unanimously approved.

22. ENC Coalition Resolution

UPON A MOTION by A.P. Coleman (City of Wilson), second by Vines Cobb, Jr. (Pinetops.), the Resolution was unanimously approved for adoption.

23. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on November 14, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Jones, TAC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner