

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

November 9, 2011

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

TAC

Billy Morgan, Nash County
Tommy Rogers, Nashville
James Alston, Castalia
Jim Alford, Tarboro
Vines Cobb, Jr., Pinetops
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson
Ron McCormick, Saratoga
Evelyn Powell, Edgecombe County

Attendance

NCDOT

Gus Tulloss, NCDOT
John Rouse, Division 4
Ted Vaden, NDOT
Saeed Mohamed, NCDOT TPB

City of Wilson

Bryant Bunn

UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

TAC meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

TAC Chairman Tommy Rogers, called the meeting to order.

Action Items

2. Approval of the Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Alford (Tarboro), second by Mr. Austin (Castalia), the minutes from the UCPRPO TAC meeting held on September 14, 2011 were unanimously approved.

3. RPO Merger Resolution

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution to the TCC requesting that the RPO's have signatory status in the Merger process. Signatory status would allow the RPOs to not only express the views of the counties and municipalities within a projects area but would also all the RPO to vote for or against a project alternative as opposed to simply having their opinion noted in the meeting minutes.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson), second by Mr. Jones (Wilson's Mills), the RPO Merger Resolution were unanimously approved.

4. 2013-21 TIP Priorities

Mr. Van Liere presented a list of the UCPRPO's TIP priority projects with a point allocation breakdown. Mr. Van Liere explained that the prioritization was based on NCDOT's data that was provided by the SPOT office.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson), second by Mr. Alford (Tarboro), the 2013-21 TIP Priority list was unanimously approved.

5. Regional Transportation Project Resolution

Mr. Van Liere explained that he with the TCC and TAC Chairs had attended a set of Regional Transportation meetings to discuss a priority list of projects that were not only extremely important to the individual areas but important to the region as a whole as well. A list of projects had been put together at the meetings and it was agreed that the RPOs and MPOs would ask their respective groups to endorse the list as important projects for the region. Mr. Van Liere then presented the following list to the group and asked for the TCC to approve the list for consideration of endorsement by the TAC.

Urban Loop Project:

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- **Greenville Southwest Bypass, R-2250**
The Greenville Southwest Bypass is an eleven-mile freeway facility that will connect US 264 to NC 11, improving mobility for the Greenville metropolitan area and increasing regional connectivity.

SPOT Projects

1. **Slocum Gate, R-5516, SPOT ID: 786**
The Slocum Gate project will improve US 0 at the Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point Gate in Havelock to enhance access to the base and reduce congestion on US 70.
2. **Kinston Bypass, R-2553, SPOT ID: 128**
The Kinston Bypass is a proposed freeway facility along US 70 between LaGrange and Dover that will enhance the safety and efficiency of US 70 in Kinston.
3. **NC 11/241/24 Connector, SPOT ID: 125**
The NC 11/241/24 project will consist of a Pink Hill bypass, upgrading NC 241, and a northern NC 24 bypass of Beulaville. This freeway facility will enhance connectivity between Jacksonville, Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, Marine Corps Air Station New River and I 95, while also improving mobility between the North Carolina Global Transpark and the Port of Wilmington. This project is a substitute for improving NC 11-903 (R-2204) and US 258 (R-2235) currently identified on the NCDOT Strategic Highway Corridors Vision Plan.
4. **Maysville Bypass, R-2514B, SPOT ID: 108**
The Maysville Bypass is a proposed freeway that will improve regional mobility within eastern North Carolina by enhancing the efficiency and safety of US 17 between Jacksonville and New Bern.
5. **NC 24 Upgrade, R-2303 E & F, SPOT ID: 82 &83**
The upgrade of NC 24 between I 40 and I 95 will improve mobility between Fort Bragg and Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune/Marine Corps Air Station New River, while also providing greater regional connectivity to I 95.
6. **Hampstead Bypass, R-3300, SPOT ID: 215**
The Hampstead Bypass will improve mobility between Jacksonville and Wilmington, while enhancing the connectivity between Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune/Marine Corps Air Station New River and the Port of Wilmington.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Alford (Tarboro), second by Mr. Jones (Wilson's Mills), the regional list of transportation projects were unanimously approved.

6. **Nash CTP Resolution**

Mr. Van Liere presented a set of maps developed by the NCDOT TPB in coordination with the UCPRPO, Nash County and local municipalities displaying the recommendations made for the Nash County CTP. Mr. Van Liere asked the maps be approved for endorsement.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson), second by Mr. Alford (Tarboro), the Nash County CTP maps were unanimously approved endorsement by the TAC.

7. **Freedom Roads Endorsement**

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution of endorsement for the "Freedom Roads" trails program. This resolution was in an effort to help identify and mark areas of importance for the American Slave freedom movement and the routes of the Underground Railroad.

UPON A MOTION by Mrs. Powell (Edgecombe Co.), second by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson), the "Freedom Roads" endorsement was unanimously approved for endorsement by the TAC.

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8. Historic Site's Endorsement

Mr. Van Liere presented resolution of endorsement for Bentonville Battlefield project. This endorsement identified that the Bentonville Battlefield project had been under development for many years and hold great economic and educational potential for the region

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Mr. Austin (Castailia), the Bentonville Battlefield endorsement was unanimously approved for endorsement by the TAC.

Old Business

9. Special Study Update

Mr. Van Liere presented the TCC a power point presentation that demonstrated what functionality and status of the iPhone Application which the RPO had been developing over the past few months.

Legislative Update

10. Legislative Update

Mr. Van Liere stated that he was waiting to see the reauthorization of the SAFETEA-LU bill and for the General Assembly to come back to session,

11. 2040 Plan Update

Saeed Mohamed gave an updated presentation of the 2040 plan

12. Other Business

No other business presented

Reports

13. NCARPO October Meeting

Mr. Van Liere state he had been nominated to the Vice-President Role of the NCARPO association. He also stated that what had been discussed at the meeting had already been discussed

14. Division 4/ Transportation Planning Branch

Mr. Rouse spoke about the problem NCDOT may face should the gas tax be capped at the state level. He also spoke about I-95, the need for maintenance, and that tolls are a possibility but is yet to be a commitment.

Mr. Tulloss reiterated the importance of the NCDOT 2040 plan and asked that everyone take the opportunity to provide comments whenever able. NCDOT website, ncdot.gov has been updated and keeps many project updated on the page as well.

Mr. Vaden stated that he and his department at NCDOT (internal and external affairs) existed as a resource to the RPOs and the Governments within.

Upcoming Meetings

It was decided that the January meeting would be canceled and the TAC would meet again on March 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Rogers, TAC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner