

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

January 28, 2015

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills  
Cheryl Oliver, Selma  
Vines Cobb, Pinetops  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash  
Carol Ruffin, Tarboro  
Nancy Walker, Spring Hope  
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash

#### Other

Roy Whitley

#### NCDOT

Scott Walston - NCDOT  
Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT  
Terry Ellis, NCDOT

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

### Introduction

#### 1. *Welcome & Introductions – Kenneth Jones – TAC Chair*

Mr. Kenneth Jones began by introducing the two new members Ms. Nancy Walker of Spring Hope and Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis of Middlesex. After reminding all members of the Ethics and Conflict of Interests requirements, TAC Chair Mr. Kenneth Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

### Action Items

#### 2. *Minutes – September 10, 2014*

After reviewing the Minutes for the September 9, 2014 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Mr. Wayne Outlaw (Nash) they were unanimously approved.

#### 3. *Municipal Statement of Adoption (Consider accepting new Municipal Members to join UCPRPO immediately as they adopt MOU through March 1, 2015)*

After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** to allow new municipal members immediately until March 1, 2015 as their boards adopt the Municipal Statement of Adoption by Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Mrs. Carol Ruffin (Town of Tarboro) it was unanimously approved.

### Old Business

#### 4. *New Ethics Legislation Update*

Mr. Kenneth Jones informed members that they had had a brief Q&A on ethics requirement within the Agenda packets. He stated the deadline for filing is April 15. Mr. Salmons reported that failing to file and file accurately could now result in both fines and criminal penalties.

### New Business

#### 5. *Draft Release of STIP / SPOT 4.0 Schedule*

Members were provided with copies of the Draft STIP for Division 4. Mr. James Salmons reported that eight UCPRPO projects were included in the Draft STI STIP (State Transportation Improvement Program). Mr. Salmons shared with the members the web map on the UCPRPO web page for a reference. It was explained that the projects receiving right of way or construction funding within the first 5 years would more than likely move forward. However a project that receives funding after the first five years would more than likely have to be re-prioritized in the P4 prioritization process. The members were provided with the new P4 schedule and Mr. Salmons reported that the scoring would be done at the two separate levels at the Region and Division levels versus scoring projects all at once. It was noted that any new projects would need to be submitted to SPOT by September 2015.

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Mr. Salmons reported that the SPOT 4.0 Workgroup was continuing to meet to make any criteria changes based upon public feed back and recommendations from Cambridge Systems draft published report.

## **Other Business**

### **6. TAC Member Comments**

There were no TAC Member Comments

## **Report Items**

### **7. Southeast Raleigh Area Study Presentation - a Partnership between Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) and UCPRPO**

Mr. Salmons gave a brief presentation on the CAMPO/UCPRPO Southeast Area Study currently being contracted to provide transportation planning for the western areas of Johnston County. The area includes Smithfield, Selma, Benson, Wilson's Mills, and Kenly. The project is anticipated to last until August 2016. Mrs. Cheryl Oliver offered to host any upcoming public meetings.

### **8. CTP Updates and/or Revisions (CTP Study Priority List Submitted to NCDOT 1/9/15)**

Mr. James Salmons reported that he had delivered the annual CTP Study/Needs requests to NCDOT on January 7<sup>th</sup> and that the NC 43 Project in Dortches was included. Nash County requested the update to their County CTP. Mr. Scott Walston stated he was in the process of hiring someone to help update Nash County's CTP.

### **9. ENC Update**

Mr. Salmons reported that the ENC Coalition Staff recently met in mid December and that it was anticipated that transportation funding would be the topic coming up in the next legislation and that the Staff would continue to meet to monitor any developments.

### **10. Tarboro Pedestrian Plan (Public meeting held January 27, 2015)**

Mr. James Salmons reported that the UCPRPO held a public meeting for the Town of Tarboro's Pedestrian plan on Tuesday, January 27, 2015 and reported that there was good citizen attendance. He also asked if anyone has an interest in the pedestrian facilities in Tarboro to please complete the community survey provided.

### **11. NCDOT Division 4**

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that the Draft STIP was online and available for anyone to download. He informed the members that there would be a Public Information Session on the Draft STIP for Division 4 on March 17, 2015 at the Bob Martin Agricultural Center in Williamston, NC.

### **12. NCDOT Planning Branch**

Scott Walston reported that Suzette Morales accepted a position with the Rocky Mount MPO and he was in the process of hiring someone to take her place.

### **13. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **Upcoming meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2015.

**UPON A MOTION** from Mr. Vines Cobb (Pinetops) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kenneth Jones, TAC Chair

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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner