

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

July 17, 2019

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro  
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex  
Cheryl Oliver, Selma  
Andy Moore, Smithfield  
Jerry Medlin, Benson  
Logan Liles, City of Wilson  
Brenda Lucas, Spring Hope  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash  
Miranda Boykin, Sims

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4  
Carlos Moya, TPD  
Ryan Purtle, Greenville MPO

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

### Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – Lu Harvey Lewis – TAC Vice Chair*  
TAC Vice Chair Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) called the meeting to order. Mr. Lewis welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. Mr. Lewis asked if any members have a conflict of interest on any of the items on the agenda. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.
3. Mr. Lewis asked everyone to review the agenda and requested a motion for approval. **UPON A MOTION** by C.B. Brown (Tarboro), second by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) the agenda was approved.
4. *Minutes – March 13, 2019*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the March 13, 2019 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by C.B. Brown (Tarboro), second by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) they were unanimously approved.

### Presentation

5. *Eastern NC Freight Mobility Study Update – Ryan Purtle, Greenville MPO*  
Mr. Ryan Purtle provided members with a presentation on the Eastern NC Freight Mobility Study progress. The study's main goal is to help guide transportation infrastructure investments to leverage economic growth and competitiveness and develop a network to support efficient land-use decision making. The study team has reached out to multiple stakeholders for input. In addition, the team identified the Region's key freight-intensive industries and core supply chain activities. Tasks completed to date include the Regional Goods Movement, Logistics Profile, and Commodity Flow and Futures Analysis. Results of the findings were briefly shared with members and were provided within the agenda packet. The next steps are to a Needs Assessment, Logistics Based Assessment, and finally Strategies and Recommendations. The final draft document is scheduled to be complete by the end of September 2019. Once complete, the document will help provide input into needs that can be used to help prioritize transportation projects in the STI process.

### Action Items

6. *New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations and Election for FY1920*  
Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) was nominated as Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by C.B. Brown (Tarboro), second by Ms. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) was elected to Chair. Mr. C.B. Brown (Tarboro) was nominated as Vice Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Brenda Lucas (Spring Hope), second by Logan Liles (Wilson) Mr. C.B. Brown (Tarboro) was elected to Vice Chair.

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7. *Resolution of support for Smithfield Pedestrian Plan Grant*  
Mr. Salmons provided a brief introduction to the proposed Town of Smithfield's Pedestrian Planning Grant application. After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Ms. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Logan Liles (Wilson) the Resolution of support for the Smithfield Pedestrian Planning Grant was adopted unanimously.
8. *Resolution of support for UCPRPO to apply for Mountains to Sea Trail Corridor Feasibility Study*  
Members were provided a brief background on the request from the NC State Parks Department's request to help provide a Feasibility Study to extend the existing greenway in Clayton to the existing greenway in Smithfield. The proposed greenway is planned to be part of the NC Statewide Mountains to Sea Trail. **UPON A MOTION** by Logan Liles (Wilson), second by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) the Resolution of support to help apply for planning funds to provide a Feasibility Study for the Mountains to Sea Trail between the Town of Clayton and Smithfield was unanimously approved.

### Discussion

9. *Review current Draft STI P6 Projects List*  
Members were provided with the most current Draft list of proposed STI P6 projects. The deadline to submit projects is currently December 20, 2019. The goal is to have a complete list by September to present to the TAC and to have plenty of time to receive public input. Members were asked to carefully review the list and to let staff know if there were any projects within their areas that needed to be added or omitted. The list included all modes of transportation.
10. *New STI P6 Calendar*  
Members were provided with the most current STI P6 calendar with revised due dates.

### Reports

11. *US 70 Commission*  
It was reported the next US 70 Commission meeting is scheduled for July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Carteret County Convention Center. Mr. Salmons stated that the Commission does an excellent job at promoting all of eastern North Carolina.
12. *Hwy 17/64 Association*  
Nash County hosted the most recent meeting and there was an update on the CCX Intermodal project. In addition, members were provided with an update on the US Department of Transportation's BUILD Grant recently submitted by NCDOT for the I-87 corridor to upgrade US 64 to Interstate standards. The grant application included supporting broadband infrastructure which follow's NCDOT's "Dig Once" policy.
13. *Legislative Update*  
It was reported that it appeared that the local match adjustment for pedestrian facilities did not carry over into the final budget presented and vetoed by the Governor. The budget did include a \$7.4 million increase in Powell Bill Funds for communities smaller than 200,000, however since the budget was vetoed it is hard to tell if it would remain in the final budget. In addition, SB 68 which provides for a lower match for relocation of utilities for transportation projects for smaller communities was still moving through committees within the General Assembly. In addition, the NCDOT Secretary of Transportation recently formed the NC First Commission to look for ways to help fund transportation projects.
14. *NCDOT Division 4*  
Mr. Jimmy Eatmon stated that the revised Draft FY2029 STIP is scheduled to be released in August. Due to project costs, the Map Act, and recent storm costs it is anticipated that some projects may have construction dates delayed.

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15. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

Mr. Carlos Moya provided members with information on the comments provided by the statewide NC Moves 2050 study.

**Public Comment**

16. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment

**Other Business**

17. *TAC Member Comment*

There were no TAC comments.

**Upcoming meeting:**

It was noted that the next meeting was pushed back one week to September 18, 2019.

**UPON A MOTION** from C.B. Brown (Tarboro) was made to adjourn with a second motion was made by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lu Harvey Lewis, TAC Chair

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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner