

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

July 26, 2017

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro  
Brent Wooten, Pinetops  
Cheryl Oliver, Selma  
Brenda Lucas, Spring Hope  
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills  
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex  
Perry Harris, Smithfield  
Ted Godwin, Johnson County

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4  
Carlos Moya, TPB

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

#### TCC Member

Jae Kim, Spring Hope

### Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – Brent Wooten – TAC Chair*  
TAC Chair Mr. Brent Wooten (Pinetops) called the meeting to order. Mr. Wooten welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. Mr. Wooten 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. Wooten asked everyone to review the agenda and requested a motion for approval. **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Ted Godwin (Johnston) the agenda was approved.
4. *Minutes – May 10, 2017*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the May 10, 2017 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Ted Godwin (Johnston) they were unanimously approved.

### Presentations

5. *STI P5 Prioritization – The Process – Jimmy Eatmon (Division 4)*  
Mr. Jimmy Eatmon provided members with a brief presentation on the STI P5 Prioritization Process. The presentation is posted to the UCPRPO website:  
<http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/SPOT5/STI Prioritization and Programming Process UCPRPO.pdf>

### New Business

6. *Newly Released Draft FY2018-2027 STIP*  
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/STIPDocuments1/Draft%202018-2027%20STIP.pdf>  
Members were informed about the release of the updated Draft STIP FY1827 and that it was anticipated the NCDOT BOT will adopt the new document at its August meeting. Mr. Salmons reported that the NC 4 and I-95 Interchange was included in the new Draft STIP.

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## 7. *Proposed Draft STI P5 Project list*

Members were provided in their Agenda packets the current Draft STI P5 Project list. **UPON A MOTION** by C.B. Brown (Tarboro), second by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) the Draft STI P5 Project list was unanimously approved to publish on the UCPRPO web site and that the public comment period is open for comments. The deadline to submit the final project list is September 30, 2017 and it is anticipated that the TCC and TAC would adopt the final project list at their September 2017 meetings.

## 8. *Regional Projects Proposed Alternative Criteria Weighting*

Members were informed that the all the Divisions', MPOs', and RPOs' representatives of Region A met and agreed on alternative criteria for STI P5 Region Impact project weighting. The proposed alternative weighting for Region A's Region Impact projects was as follows:

Congestion = 15%  
Benefit Cost = 20%  
Safety = 10%  
Accessibility/Connectivity = 10%  
Freight = 15%

After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Ted Godwin (Johnston), second by Perry Harris (Smithfield) the proposed Region A alternative weighting was unanimously approved and adopted by the TAC.

## Reports

### 9. *US 70 Commission – FS-1604A Feasibility Study (late April design review meeting)*

Mr. Salmons reported that the US 70 Update to Interstate Standards feasibility study was still under way and the team is planning to provide the TAC with an update at their September meeting. He also reported that there was a Design Review Meeting scheduled for August 29, 2017. Mr. Godwin stated that at the recent US 70 Commission meeting on July 29th the focus was on flooding concerns in eastern North Carolina.

### 10. *Hwy 17/64 Association – FS-1504A Feasibility Study*

It was reported that the US 64 Interchange in Tarboro was recently classified as Functionally Obsolete but was repaired to eliminate the negative classification. Mr. Salmons stated that the bridge at the interchange was also identified in the recent feasibility study to be replaced and therefore would be a good candidate for a STI P5 project. The draft study is available on the UCPRPO website: [http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/feasibility/Feasibility-Study\\_1504A\\_Report\(Draft\)\\_Apr2017.pdf](http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/feasibility/Feasibility-Study_1504A_Report(Draft)_Apr2017.pdf)

### 11. *Legislative/STIP Update*

Mr. Salmons reported that the recently passed State budget gave Tier 1 and Tier 2 Counties assistance with local match funding required for corridor studies. In addition, he reported that in the near future there would be a team assembled to help RPOs with identifying potential projects and/or solutions for identified transportation needs within rural communities.

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## 12. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that both Wendy Johnson and Jerry Paige both were retiring from Division 4 within the next few weeks.

## 13. NCDOT Planning Branch

No report was given. Mr. Carlos Moya asked that if anyone had any questions or concerns they may contact him or Mr. Salmons.

### Public Comment

#### 1. Public Comment

There was no public comment

### Other Business

#### 1. TAC Member Comments


There were no TAC member comments.


### Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2017.

UPON A MOTION from Ms. Brenda Lucas (Spring Hope) was made to adjourn with a second motion was made by Ms. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Brent Woote, TAC Chair VICE  
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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner  
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