

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 11, 2015

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
Cheryl Oliver, Selma
Vines Cobb, Pinetops
Wayne Outlaw, Nash
Derrick D. Creech, City of Wilson
Ron McCormick, Saratoga
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex
Ted Godwin, Johnston
Charles Williams, Smithfield

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Introduction

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

TAC Chair Mr. Kenneth Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order and read the Ethics Statement to the members.

Action Items

2. *Minutes – January 28, 2015*

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

3. *UCPRPO PWP FY 1516 Adoption (Consider adopting the proposed PWP FY1516)*

Mr. Salmons briefly described the tasks included in the FY1516 PWP that was provided to all members. After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Mr. Derrick Creech (City of Wilson) the PWP FY1516 was unanimously approved.

4. *Resolution of Support for an Interstate Raleigh to Norfolk*

Mr. Salmons presented a resolution adopted by the TCC in support of the Interstate from Raleigh to Norfolk project. He reported that NCDOT was in the process of performing a feasibility study and traffic forecast for the corridor. It was reported that the 3rd paragraph referred directly to a map describing that the proposed Interstate corridor would follow along the current corridor of US 64 to Williamston and then run along Hwy 17 north to Virginia.

UPON A MOTION to adopt a Resolution presented by the TCC in Support of a Raleigh to Norfolk Interstate by Ted Godwin (Johnston), second by Vines Cobb (Pinetops), it was unanimously adopted.

Old Business

5. *New Ethics Legislation Update*

Mr. Salmons reminded all of the TAC members of the April 15, 2015 deadline for filing both the Statement of Economic Interest **AND** the Real Estate Disclosure Forms to the Ethics Commission. He explained that failure to file might result in fines and/or prosecution. The fee may be as high as \$500.

6. *STI Draft STIP Public Sessions*

Mr. Salmons reported that NCDOT has scheduled local Public Information Sessions to receive feedback on the latest STIP Process. Two local meetings are scheduled to be held March 17th in Williamston at the Bob Martin Agricultural Center for Division 1 & 4 and April 23rd in Wake Forest at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre. Mr. Eatmon informed members there was also a website where members can make comments. Mr. Salmons reported that the SPOT P4.0 Workgroup continues to meet to revise the criteria as per Cambridge's Statistical Report. He stated that him and

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the TCC members are planning to meet during the summer to develop any additional projects for submittal to the STI P4.0 process before the September/October 2015 deadline.

New Business

1. *New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations for FY1516*

UPON A MOTION by Charles Williams (Smithfield), second by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) there was a nomination for Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) for Chair of the TAC. By a unanimous vote Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) was elected to Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Wayne Outlaw (Nash), second by Charles Williams (Smithfield) there was a nomination for Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) for Vice Chair of the TAC. By a unanimous vote Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) was elected to Vice Chair.

Other Business

2. *TAC Member Comments*

There were no TAC Member Comments

Report Items

1. *NCGO Report*

Mr. Salmons provided members a brief summary of the efforts of the NC Chamber of Commerce along with private businesses and municipalities in support of additional transportation funding. He encouraged the members to review the hand out and to support additional funding for transportation in North Carolina. Mr. Kenneth Jones stated that he believed that the State needed to stop transferring funds out of the Highway Trust Fund into the General Fund.

7. *Tarboro Pedestrian Plan*

Mr. James Salmons reported that the UCPRPO has met with the 4 local focus groups with the most recent being with the local Edgecombe County school system. The next focus group meeting planned will be with the local Health Facilities Group.

3. *NCDOT Division 4*

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that there was a public meeting held the night before for a US 70 and Pondfield Road as a potential safety project.

4. *NCDOT Planning Branch*

There was no comment from TPB.

5. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on May 13, 2015.

UPON A MOTION from Charles Williams (Smithfield) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Vines Cobb (Pinetops) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Oliver, TAC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner