

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 13, 2019

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro  
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex  
Cheryl Oliver, Selma  
Ted Godwin, Johnston  
Jerry Medlin, Benson  
Logan Liles, City of Wilson  
Brenda Lucas, Spring Hope  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4  
Carlos Moya, TPD  
Kristin Barnes, NCDOT  
Ronnie Keeter, NCDOT Division 4  
Bobby Liverman, NCDOT Division 4  
Brian Wert, TPD

#### 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 Ted Godwin (Johnston), second by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) the modified agenda was approved.
4. *Minutes – November 14, 2018*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the November 14, 2018 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Logan Liles (City of Wilson), second by Ted Godwin (Johnston) they were unanimously approved.

### Presentation

5. *NC Moves 2050 Plan – Brian Wert, NCDOT*  
Mr. Brian Wert provided members with a presentation on the Statewide NC Move 2050 Transportation Plan. As part of her presentation, members were asked to rank their priorities and concerns on transportation issues based on Demographics, Economy, Tourism, Partnerships, Funding, Technology, Security, and Resiliency. One of the top concerns members identified was **funding**. Communities continue to face challenges meeting the higher costs of funding needs. Members felt that the plan should consider how **technology** to help deliver transportation projects in the future. Also the importance of supporting healthy and vibrant **economies** was highlighted. **Security** was stated as a concern among some members and how to ensure safety communities for citizens. It was stated that rail and aviation would also be included within the NC Move 2050 Plan. In addition, members felt **environmental regulations** created unnecessary costs to transportation projects and if they were not so many unnecessary environmental regulations, we would be able to solve a lot more transportation needs with the current funding. Mr. Wert asked if there were any additional categories not listed such as the **military**. There were no additional categories identified.

Mr. Wert stated that there would be more opportunities to provide input such as completing the NC Move 2050 survey online. He reported there would be three more times the team would reach out to the TAC for additional input moving forward.

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### Action Items

6. *Title VI Plan Adoption*

After reviewing the draft Title VI Plan and following a brief discussion **A MOTION** by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) was made, a second by Ted Godwin (Johnston), the Title VI plan was unanimously approved.

7. *UCPRPO Final FY 1920 PWP Adoption*

Members were presented the draft UCPRPO Planning Work Program (PWP) FY1920 along with the potential local match required by member Counties. It was noted that Counties would only be invoiced for actual expenses incurred. Following a brief discussion, **A MOTION** by Wayne Outlaw (Nash) was made, a second by C.B. Brown (Tarboro), the UCPRPO PWP FY1920 was unanimously approved and adopted.

### Discussion Items

8. *CTP Update Requests*

Mr. Salmons stated that the UCPRPO annually reviews County CTP's for potential update needs. He asked members to review their CTPs and asked them to let him know if there were any upcoming needs so that TPD could have time to prioritize their resources for the upcoming year. It was reported that there were two local municipality plans currently underway in the Town of Benson and Smithfield. It was anticipated that the Johnston County CTP may be updated with recommendations that may come out of those two plans once they were completed.

9. *Draft STIP FY2020-2029*

Members were provided a brief update on the draft STIP FY2029 as provided in the agenda packet and informed that the document is currently in public review and is anticipated to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation by early summer. It was noted that several projects were added and others with small scheduling changes. The only project that dropped out of the new STIP was the NC 58 project located in the City of Wilson.

10. *STI P6 Prioritization Calendar Update and Project Input*

Members were provided an updated P6 calendar. Mr. Salmons reported that UCPRPO staff had begun accepting projects from members and public to be considered for the upcoming STI prioritization and provided a draft list with the agenda packet. He asked members to let him know if there were any identified needs so that they could be evaluated and added to the list for potential P6 projects.

UCPRPO staff will begin holding meetings with County meetings to discuss potential upcoming projects. The expected deadline for the TAC to adopt the final list is expected to be mid-September.

11. *TAC Member Ethics Reminder*

Members were reminded of the NC Ethics SEI and RED filing requirements. The deadline to file is April 15, 2019.

### Reports

12. *US 70 Commission*

It was reported that a presentation was provided at the November 15, 2018 meeting on potential mitigation for future flooding. However, the report found that best way to build a resilient community is to avoid building within flood plains.

13. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

No report was provided.

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### *14. Legislative Update*

It was reported that a recent bill (SB68) had been introduced into the NC Senate and has passed over to the House to reduce the local match requirement for smaller communities below a population of 100,000 to move utilities on highway projects.

### *15. NCDOT Division 4*

No report was provided.

### *16. NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

Mr. Carlos Moya thanked UCPRPO staff and members for allowing the department to provide the NC Moves 2050 presentations and providing their input. In addition, he thanked the staff for working hard to developed PWP for FY1920.

### **Public Comment**

#### *17. Public Comment*

There was no public comment

### **Other Business**

#### *18. TAC Member Comment*

Mr. Logan Liles offered Chairman Lu Harvey Lewis his deepest condolences upon the passing of his mother.

### **Upcoming meeting:**

It was noted that the next meeting was pushed back one week to May 22, 2019.

**UPON A MOTION** from Logan Liles (City of Wilson) 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 Vice Chair

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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner