

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 14, 2017

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro  
Login Liles, City of Wilson  
Cheryl Oliver, Selma  
Brent Wooten, Pinetops  
Barbara High-Tyre, Red Oak  
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex  
Jerry Medlin, Benson  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4  
Carlos Moya, TPB  
Bobby Liverman, Division 4  
Ronnie Keeter, Division 4  
Gus Tullos, NCBOT

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons, UCPRPO

#### TCC Members

Tracey Shearin, Red Oak

### Introduction

- 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. Mr. Wooten introduced and welcomed Mr. Jerry Medlin (Benson) as a new UCPRPO TAC member representing the Town of Benson.
- 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.
- Mr. Wooten asked everyone to review the agenda and asked if there were any proposed modifications. With no modifications requested and **UPON A MOTION** by Barbara High-Tyre (Red Oak), second by Logan Liles (City of Wilson) the agenda was unanimously approved.
- Minutes – November 15, 2017*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the November 15, 2017 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Barbara High-Tyre (Red Oak), second by Logan Liles (City of Wilson) they were unanimously approved.

### Presentation

- Eastern NC Freight Mobility Plan, Ryan E. Purtle, Greenville MPO*  
Mr. Ryan Purtle was unable to attend. Mr. Salmons provided the presentation on the proposed Eastern NC Freight Mobility Plan. The plan is a collaboration between four MPOs and 6 RPOs across eastern North Carolina and help increase economic competitiveness, provide a data resource, provide a regional vision and help identify potential projects that will help improve freight mobility throughout eastern North Carolina. He explained that currently the cost share request would be \$5,000 for each RPO. Mr. Salmons stated that a formal request for support would come at a later date.

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### Decision Items

6. *UCPRPO Local Point Assignment STI P5 Methodology*  
Members were provided with the updated proposed STI P5 Methodology. Mr. Salmons explained the main revisions were removing the “Z-score” by changing the individual “scaling” of existing criteria and the lowering of the weight for projects not currently in current Comprehensive Transportation Plans. Following a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Wayne Outlaw (Nash), second by Cheryl Oliver (Selma), the UCPRPO Local Point Assignment STI P5 Methodology was unanimously approved.
7. *Resolution of Support for Spring Hope CMAQ project*  
Members were provided with the proposed Spring Hope CMAQ project resolution of support. Following a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Barbara High-Tyre (Red Oak), second by Cheryl Oliver (Selma), the Spring Hope CMAQ project resolution was unanimously approved.
8. *Adopt PWP FY1819*  
After reviewing the PWP and a brief discussion on the FY1819 PWP and **UPON A MOTION** by Logan Liles (City of Wilson), second by Barbara High-Tyre (Red Oak) the PWP was unanimously adopted and approved.

### Discussion/Informational Items

9. *Draft Toll Policy*  
The NCDOT leadership has established a small workgroup to study and create a Toll Road Policy which would help determine which corridors were eligible for potential tolling. The workgroup recently provided the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee a presentation on the proposed new policy. The proposed policy would require input from the local applicable MPO and RPO committees. Members were provided a copy of the draft policy in their agenda packets. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) stated that she believed having a policy upfront would be beneficial.
10. *Powell Bill Formula Adjustment Proposal*  
A recent Powell Bill Formula has recently been completed and a presentation was provided to the Joint Legislative Committee at their December 2017 meeting. The presentation provided a proposal to modify the Powell Bill Formula to take into account seasonal traffic. The change would create a small percentage point change for most communities.
11. *TAC Member Ethics Reminder – April 17<sup>th</sup> Deadline*  
Members were reminded of the required ethics filing requirements for all TAC members. The deadline for filing is April 17, 2018. Members were also reminded of the potential civil and criminal penalties for failing to file or filing on time.

### Reports

1. *US 70 Commission*  
Mr. Salmons reported that at the last US 70 meeting held February 22, 2018 Mr. Ryan Purtle presented on the draft Eastern North Carolina Freight Mobility Plan. He stated the Commission agreed to support the project. The next US 70 Commission meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018 in Lenoir County.
12. *Hwy 17/64 Association – Next meeting April 18, 2018*  
Mr. Salmons stated that at the last Hwy 17/64 Association meeting held January 22, 2018 there was a presentation provided by Eric Evans of Edgecombe on the announcement of Triangle Tire building a plant at the Kingsboro Megasite in Edgecombe County.

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## 13. Legislative Update

Mr. Salmons reported that at the last Joint Legislative Transportation Committee meeting the topic of workforce development was a top concern. Both public and private sectors are having difficulty recruiting the workforce needed to complete the ongoing transportation projects.

## 14. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon (Division 4) reported that the Booker Dairy Rd project had been let last month and construction would be starting soon and should end September 2019.

## 15. NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)

Mr. Carlos Moya stated that there was a new PWP format for FY1819.

## New Business

### 16. New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations for FY1819

Mr. C.B. Brown (Tarboro) nominated Brent Wooten (Pinetops) as Chair and Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) as Vice Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by C.B. Brown (Tarboro), second by Barbara High-Tyre (Red Oak), Mr. Brent Wooten (Pinetops) was elected to Chair and Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) was elected to Vice Chair unanimously.

## Public Comment

### 17. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

## Other Business

### 18. TAC Member Comments

Mr. James Salmons informed members of the upcoming 2020 requirement for citizens to obtain a “Real ID” to use North Carolina driver’s license to board a domestic flight or enter any federal facilities. Go to <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/driver/realid/> for more information.

## Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 16, 2018.

**UPON A MOTION** from Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) was made to adjourn with a second motion was made by Mr. C.B. Brown (Tarboro) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brent Wooten, TAC Chair

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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner