

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 8, 2017 October 26, 2016

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro  
Brent Wooten, Pinetops  
Cheryl Oliver, Selma  
Barbara Tyre, Red Oak  
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills  
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex  
Derrick Creech, City of Wilson  
Ted Godwin, Johnson County  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash County  
Brenda Lucas, Spring Hope  
Logan Liles, City of Wilson

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4  
Carlos Moya, TPB

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

#### TCC Member

Jae Kim, Spring Hope  
Tracy Shearin, Red Oak

#### Past TAC Member

James Alston, Castalia

### Introduction

- Welcome & Introductions – Cheryl Oliver – TAC Chair*  
TAC Chair Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) called the meeting to order. Mrs. Oliver welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Mrs. Oliver asked everyone to review the agenda and requested a motion for approval. There was a request to add a proposed Resolution to provide the Town of Tarboro with CMAQ funding. **UPON A MOTION** by C.B. Brown (Tarboro), second by Brent Wooten (Pinetops) the agenda was approved. Mrs. Oliver then asked if any members have a conflict of interest on any of the items on the agenda. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.
- Minutes – October 26, 2016*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the October 26, 2016 meeting and with the requested correction to the spelling for Jae Kim (Spring Hope) and **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Brent Wooten (Pinetops) they were unanimously approved.

### Action Items

- Adoption/Approval of FY1718 Planning Work Program (PWP)*  
The FY1718 Planning Work Program (PWP) was presented to the members as approved by both the TCC and NCDOT's Transportation Planning Branch and recommended to the TAC for adoption. After reviewing the PWP and a brief discussion on the FY1718 PWP and **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by C.B. Brown (Tarboro) the PWP was unanimously adopted and approved.

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### *Adoption/Approval of the 5-year Work Program*

After reviewing the 5-year Work Program and a brief discussion on the 5-year Work Program and **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by C.B. Brown (Tarboro) the 5-year Work Program was unanimously adopted and approved.

### **Old Business**

#### *5. STI Project Prioritization – Review Schedule – Identify new projects – P4 Statistics*

Members were provided the statistics of how STI projects scored across the State in STI P4. It was noted that no rural planning organization had any Statewide Funded dollars programmed within the Draft STIP and that 100% of the Statewide funds went to fund projects located within metropolitan planning organizations boundaries. Mr. Salmons noted that originally the UCPRPO had received \$100 million for the CSX CCX project before it was moved from Johnston County to Edgecombe County which is within the Rocky Mount MPO. It was noted that the criteria seemed to be mostly weighted towards congestion. Mr. Kenneth Jones asked if there was any information about changing the 20% match requirement for non-highway bike and pedestrian projects. He stated that the match may be difficult for some of the smaller communities. It was recommended the TAC adopt a resolution in support of removing the match requirement. It was decided to table the topic for a later date to gather more information.

Members were provided with the STI P5.0 draft project list and schedule. Mr. Salmons explained that he was in the process meeting individually with TCC members to develop a draft project list for review for both the May and July meeting. It was reported that the final STI P5 project list would need to be finalized by September 15, 2017.

#### *6. CMAQ Project Submittal Deadline March 10, 2017*

It was stated the deadline to submit potential project applications for the FY1819 CMAQ funding is March 10, 2017. Mr. Salmons explained that the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality was a program that provided funding for projects that can prove the ability to improve air quality. The Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization is currently allocated \$1,319,615 for FY1819 for potential CMAQ projects.

### **New Business**

#### *7. New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations for FY1718*

**UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Ted Godwin (Johnston) there was a nomination for Brent Wooten (Pinetops) for Chair of the TAC. By a unanimous vote, Brent Wooten (Pinetops) was elected to Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Ted Godwin (Johnson) there was a nomination for Lu Harvey Lewis for Vice Chair of the TAC. By a unanimous vote, Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) was elected to Vice Chair.

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### 8. *CMAQ Funding Allocation Resolution for FY1819 Projects*

Mr. Salmons stated that several TCC members attended a one day training workshop about administering CMAQ type projects. The Town of Tarboro was the only municipality planning to submit a project application. Mr. Salmons briefly described the two proposed projects brought forward by the Town of Tarboro. The project(s) selected by the Town of Tarboro were included in a recent Pedestrian Plan completed by the UCPRPO. The TCC recommended that the TAC to adopt a resolution for CAMQ funding be allocated to the Town of Tarboro on condition they provide the required matching funds. **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Ted Godwin (Johnston) the resolution to allocate CMAQ funding to the Town of Tarboro's projects was unanimously adopted and approved.

### Reports

### 9. Southeast Area Study–<http://southeastareastudy.com>

Mr. Salmons reported that the SEAS is nearing completion. The final document is still in progress. There is a presentation scheduled for the Johnston County Planners on March 21, 2017 starting at 6:00pm.

### 10. Reminder to TAC of State Ethics Filing Requirements – Due April 17, 2017

Mr. Salmons reported that there has been 6 TAC members who have completed their Ethics filings to date. He asked members to remind their TAC members of the April 17, 2017 deadline.

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

It was reported that the US 70 Commission was scheduled to meet next Thursday on March 16 where Mr. Salmons would provide an update on STI P5 scheduling. Mr. Salmons reported that the US 70 Update to Interstate Standards feasibility study was still under way and would hopefully be available to provide the TAC with an update at their May meeting.

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

Mr. Salmons reported that he had attended a meeting with the director of the Hwy 17/64 Association with US Representative Butterfield and his staff and they both expressed the importance to upgrading the US 64 corridor to Interstate Standards from Raleigh to the Norfolk, VA area. In addition, both the CSX project and I-95 were highlighted. It was reported that the US 64 upgrade to Interstate Standards feasibility study was still in development and it would be provided to members once completed.

### 13. CCX Rocky Mount Master Plan

Mr. Salmons reported that the goal of CSX is to have the multi-modal rail hub up and running by the end of 2018. In addition, there is currently a master plan ongoing to help identify the impact the new facility will have on the local communities.

### 14. Legislative/STIP Update

House Bill 92 which establishes a Blue-Ribbon Commission to manage and prioritize large cost projects i.e. I-95. Lastly Senate Bill 92 was discussed which would require a maintenance bond for subdivision roads which would help ensure private subdivision roads would be maintained until the NCDOT was able to take ownership and maintenance responsibilities.

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The members were informed of the proposed House Bill 81 which applies additional weighting on the local input during the STI process by lowering the weight provided to NCDOT Divisions. It was asked if the data score weighted heavier towards congestion. Mr. Salmons stated that there was some interest in lowering the weight of congestion especially within the rural communities.

**15. NCDOT Division 4**

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon asked member to start thinking about any new projects that members may be interested in and reminded members now was the time to discuss them as per the P5 project deadline was later this year.

**16. NCDOT Planning Branch**

Mr. Carlos Moya introduced himself and thanked Mr. James Salmons and the UCPRPO for providing the draft PWP to TPB in a timely and professional manner. He asked that if any members had any questions to please let him know.

**Other Business**

*17. TAC Member Comments*

Mr. Ted Godwin thanked Mr. James Salmons for meeting with local communities within Johnston County.

**Public Comment**

*1. Public Comment*

There was no public comment

**Upcoming meeting:**

The next meeting will be based on the release of STI Regional Programmed Projects but is tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2017.

**UPON A MOTION** from Mr. Brent Wooten (Pinetops) was made to adjourn with a second motion was made by Mr. Ted Godwin (Johnston) 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