

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 10, 2017

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

Other

Richard Durham, Kenly
Alex Rickard, CAMPO

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. He welcomed Bobby Liverman as the new NCDOT Nash County District Engineer.
- Mr. Wooten 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 agenda was approved.
- 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.
- Minutes – March 8, 2017*
After reviewing the Minutes for the March 8, 2017 meeting and with the requested correction to the spelling for Jae Kim (Spring Hope) and **UPON A MOTION** by Ted Godwin (Johnston), second by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) they were unanimously approved.

Old Business

- STI Project Prioritization – Review Schedule – Identify new projects*
Members were provided in their agenda packet an updated STI schedule. Mr. Salmons reported that he has met with several jurisdictions and continues to meet with them to determine potential STI projects within the RPO. It was noted that the deadline to adopt a final list is by the end of September 2017.

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6. *Identify new projects*

Members were provided a current draft list of STI projects and each project was reviewed. Mr. Richard Durham from Kenly shared the importance of the I-95 Interchange at exit 107 in Kenly. He explained that it would help all eastern North Carolina and those who use I-95 and help create some business opportunities. Included in the agenda packet was a resolution adopted by the Town of Kenly in support of the Interchange upgrade. Mr. Salmons quickly highlighted the rest of the projects on the list.

7. *Review of P4.0 Methodology Compliance Review for UCPRPO*

Mr. Salmons briefly went over the P4.0 Methodology Review that was completed by Cambridge Systems for NCDOT. He informed members that detailed information about the current and previous prioritization cycles are published on the UCPRPO website:

<http://www.ucprpo.org>.

Presentations

8. *Southeast Area Study Presentation – Alex Rickard, CAMPO*

Mr. Alex Richard provided a presentation on the findings of the Southeast Area Study completed in partnership with NCDOT, CAMPO, and the UCPRPO. The presentation may be downloaded here:

http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/UCPRPO_TCC_050217_presentation.pdf

http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/SEAS_Implementation_Toolkit_Draft_5-5-2017.pdf

9. *CCX Multi-Modal Rail Project Update – Beth Smythe, Dewberry and Davis*

Ms. Smythe provided a presentation on the CCX Multi-Modal Rail Project. The presentation may be downloaded here:

http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/UCPRPO_CCX_McFalls-Vandenberg.pdf

Other Business

10. *TAC Member Comments*

There were no TAC member comments.

Reports

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

It was reported that the US 70 Commission board will meet May 18th in Kinston, NC. 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 July meeting.

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

Mr. Salmons reported that Nash County recently hosted the Hwy 17/64 Association's meeting at Nash Community College. Secretary Trogdon attended the meeting and provided his vision of dramatically reducing the time frame of completing projects. Due to project acceleration, many projects in the Draft STIP would be started sooner. Mr. Salmons informed members that the US 64 upgrade to Interstate Standards feasibility study draft was released. The draft study may be downloaded here:

[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)

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13. Legislative/STIP Update

Mr. Salmons highlighted two bills currently being considered in the General Assembly. The first HB 92 which establishes a Blue-Ribbon Committee to help fund large cost projects like I-95. Secondly SB 381 which mandates that Rural Planning Organizations must establish an attendance policy in which if members fail to attend over 50% of the meetings would be ineligible to participate in future meetings for up to a year.

14. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon announced that Bobby Liverman is the new Engineer for Nash and Wilson Counties within Division 4.

15. 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

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will is tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2017.

UPON A MOTION from Mr. Lu Harvey (Middlesex) was made to adjourn with a second motion was made by Mr. Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Wooten, TAC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner