

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

November 15, 2017

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro
Login Liles, City of Wilson
Cheryl Oliver, Selma
Brenda Lucas, Spring Hope
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex
Derrick D. Creech, City of Wilson
Wayne Outlaw, Nash
Barbara High-Tyre, Red Oak

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4
Carlos Moya, TPB

UCPRPO

James Salmons, UCPRPO

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 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, Mr. Wooten stated the TCC requested a Resolutions of Support for the Statewide INFRA I-95 and US 70 Grant be added to the agenda. **UPON A MOTION** by Logan Liles (City of Wilson), second by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) the agenda was approved with the addition of the Resolution of Support for the Statewide INFRA I-95 and US 70 Grant application.
- Minutes – September 13, 2017*
After reviewing the Minutes for the September 13, 2017 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Logan Liles (City of Wilson), second by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) they were unanimously approved.

Presentation

- CCX Project and Freight Logistics for NCDOT, Charles Edwards – NCDOT Logistics*
Mr. Charles Edwards provided a presentation on how NCDOT is focusing on the logistics of moving goods throughout North Carolina.

New Business

- Proposed STI P5 Project list for Adoption*
Members were informed that the Johnston County Area Transit System recently completed a Facilities Feasibility study to upgrade their administrative and maintenance facilities. It was explained that the Facilities Projects had been presented to the UCPRPO after their last TCC and TAC meetings, however in time to be submitted to SPOT as a STI P5 Transit project. Therefore, the STI P5 project list needed to be amended to include the JCATS facility

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project. **UPON A MOTION** by Ms. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) the UCPRPO STI P5 Project List was amended to include the JCATS Facilities Project (T171935) and was unanimously approved.

7. *UCPRPO STI P5 Methodology*

Members were informed that the UCPRPO STI P5 Local Methodology is required to be approved by the NCDOT STI P5 Methodology Workgroup. It is anticipated the proposed Methodology would be presented to the Workgroup in December 2017.

8. *Resolution of Support for City of Wilson Bicycle Pedestrian Planning Grant*

Members were provided with a draft Resolution of Support for the City of Wilson Bicycle Pedestrian Planning Grant Application proposed by the City of Wilson. After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Ms. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) to adopt the Resolution of Support for the City of Wilson Bicycle Pedestrian Planning Grant Application the resolution was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items

9. *NCDOT Proposed Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy – Recommendations*

It was reported that NCDOT was in the process of reviewing their bicycle and pedestrian policies which include the local match requirements. It was understood that the proposed policy review was on hold due to the already current "Complete Streets" policy already in place. It was reported that the new Deputy Secretary for Multi-Modal Transportation, Julie White. Members expressed their concern over the local match requirements for smaller communities.

10. *CMAQ Projects FY1819*

Members were provided with the current status for potential funding for CMAQ projects. The UCPRPO currently has \$794,615 as potential funding for CMAQ projects within Nash and/or Edgecombe Counties for FY1819. The deadline to submit potential projects March 15, 2018.

11. *CTP Review/Updates*

It was reported that the CTP 2.0 committee was continuing to finalize the new proposed CTP format. Members were asked if there were any recommendations or if any CTPs within the UCPRPO that needed any updates.

Reports

12. *US 70 Commission – NCDOT Eastern NC Flood Study*

Mr. Salmons reported that he had attended the most recent meeting and that one of the topics was NCDOT performing a flood study in eastern North Carolina to see if they can find ways to help prevent flooding in the future. The next US 70 Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 1:30pm in Goldsboro, NC. In addition, Charles Edwards provided the Commission with a presentation on Logistics in North Carolina. It was also reported that there was a public meeting scheduled for December 7, 2017 in Princeton in reference to extending the current US 70 project in eastern Johnston County through Princeton.

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13. Hwy 17/64 Association – January 24, 2018 at 10:30am Meeting in Bethel

Mr. Salmons reported that their next meeting is scheduled to be in January in Bethel, NC. The Association only currently has two US 64 projects on their list. One being the Sunset Blvd Intersection in Rocky Mount and the replacement of the Tar River Bridge over US 64 Bus in Spring Hope. It is the hope that the Tarboro Intersection improvement project be added to their list.

14. JCATS Performance Excellence Award

Everyone congratulated JCATS for receiving the Performance Excellence award for JCATS.

15. Legislative/STIP Update

There were no legislative updates at this time.

16. NCDOT Division 4 – High Impact/Low Cost Program

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that there was a new program that currently has \$1.7 million in funding for High Impact Low Cost projects. He explained that there were 12 criteria of which the Division must select 7 to evaluate submitted projects. The Division currently has not selected which criteria at this time. It was reported that the UCPRPO had currently submitted the following projects:

- Widening of road in front of Middlesex Elementary School
- Turning lane in front of the Johnston County Airport

Members were asked to submit any potential projects as quickly as possible due to the tight schedule to submit projects to the NCDOT BOT in January. It was noted that projects could not exceed \$1.5 million without Secretary approval and \$250,000 without MPO/RPO approval. Mr. Eatmon reported that Matt Clarke has taken on the role of Jerry Paige. Franz Enders is the new District Engineer for Edgecombe County.

17. NCDOT Planning Branch

Mr. Carlos Moya reported that the Transportation Planning Branch is now the Transportation Planning Division. In addition, the Division has lost a few top positions over the last few months.

Public Comments

18. There were no public comments

Other Business

19. TAC Member Comments

Mr. C. B. Brown (Tarboro) stated the need to widen W Wilson St in Tarboro, NC

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2018.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brent Wooten, TAC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner