

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

October 26, 2016

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro  
Brent Wooten, Pinetops  
Cheryl Oliver, Selma  
Derrick Creech, City of Wilson  
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills  
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex  
Gus Tullos, NCDOT BOT  
Ted Godwin, Johnson County  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash County  
Brenda Lucas, Spring Hope

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4  
Tobline Thigpen, TPB

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

#### TCC Member

Jai Kim, Spring Hope

### 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. Everyone present briefly introduced themselves.
- Mrs. Oliver asked everyone to review the agenda and requested a motion for approval. **UPON A MOTION** by Wayne Outlaw (Nash), second by Ted Godwin (Johnston) 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 – June 23, 2016*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the September 28, 2016 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Brent Wooden (Pinetops) they were unanimously approved.

### Presentation

- Public Comment*  
There was no public comment.

### New Business – Action Items

- Discussion of STI P4.0 Division Projects proposed points allocation and adoption of the Final P4.0 Prioritization Division Points Allocation*  
Members were provided the final proposed SPOT P4 Division Project Points allocation computed as per the adopted Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization's adopted STI Methodology. It was explained that project H14182 NC 42 was only receiving 8 points since the project was only 8% within the UCPRPO boundary. Additionally, project H140919 NC 242 north of Benson which is currently in the STIP was excluded due to the low data score it received in P4 versus P3.

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The aviation projects proposed to receive 100 points were one each from Johnston County Airport and the Tarboro Airport (A130494 and A130499). It was noted that even though project A130494 in Tarboro had a slightly lower data score it would receive 100 points due to the UCPRPO adopted methodology.

Both transit projects submitted in STI P4 were proposed to receive 100 points each as per the UCPRPO adopted STI methodology.

Only one bike/pedestrian project, B140926 in Elm City, was proposed to receive 100 points. It was suggested to use points from a non-competitive highway project for the STI P4 round to apply to the additional submitted bike/pedestrian project H150570 in Middlesex since the likelihood of the highway project being programmed in the next STIP would be unlikely due to limited highway project funding but the bike/pedestrian project had a better chance to move forward. **UPON A MOTION** by Ted Godwin (Johnston), to take 50 points each off the lowest two scoring highway projects (H090882 McNair Rd and H11268 NC 58) and apply the 100 points to the bike/pedestrian project H150570 in Middlesex, and a second by Wayne Outlaw (Nash) the motion was unanimously approved.

**UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), to adopt the updated final Strategic Transportation Investments P4 Division Project Points Allocation, and a second by Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) the motion was unanimously approved.

### **New Business – Action Items**

**6. NCDOT Division 4**

Mr. Jimmy Eaton reported there were approximately 500 +/- road sites that were currently being assessed for damage after Hurricane Matthew. He asked everyone to be careful and to obey road closures as they were closed for good reasons.

**7. NCDOT Planning Branch**

Mrs. Tobline Thigpen reported that the Nash County CTP update would be on the NCDOT BOT agenda the first week of November.

**8. Southeast Area Study**

Mr. Salmons stated the Southeast Area Study had met with local municipalities to review land use plans to incorporate into the study's transportation model to perform the planned scenario planning effort. He reminded everyone of the upcoming SOT meeting scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 2:00pm at the Clayton Center.

**9. Hwy 17/64 Association and US 70 Commission**

Mr. Gus Tullos stated that he had met with Governor McCrory on several occasions touring the damage from Hurricane Matthew. He commended NCDOT on their response and efforts to repair the damage caused by the storm. He stated that crews were working 24/7 to repair the roads as quickly as possible.

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Mr. Tullos reported that he attended the sign unveiling for the I-87 (Hwy 64/17) in Edenton with Governor McCrory and Secretary Tennyson to show support for the upgrade to Interstate. He explained upgrading the corridor to an Interstate would help the communities economically. Mr. Tullos explained the huge impact the Goldsboro Bypass on US 70 has had on the communities. Having both corridors of US 64/17 and US 70 designated as future Interstates will help all Eastern North Carolina. He stated that it was an exciting time at NCDOT with the changes under way with the new STI process and potential for new funding opportunities.

The next US 70 Commission was currently scheduled for January 19, 2017.

## **Other Business**

### *10. TAC Member Comments*


There were no TAC member comments.


### **Upcoming meeting:**

The next meeting will be based on the release of STI Regional Programmed Projects but is tentatively scheduled for January 11, 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,

  
Cheryl Oliver, TAC Chair

 3/8/17  
James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner

