

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 9, 2020 – Zoom Virtual Meeting

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro  
Jerry Medlin, Benson  
Cheryl Oliver, Selma  
Oscar Mabry, Pinetops  
Derrick Creech, City of Wilson  
Ted Godwin, Johnston  
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex  
Brenda Lucas, Spring Hope  
Craig New, Red Oak  
Miranda Boykin, Sims  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash

#### NCDOT

Gray Keeter, NCDOT Division 4  
Carlos Moya, TPD  
Jimmy Eatmon, Division 4  
Dana Magliola, NCDOT Logistics  
Bobby Liverman, Division 4

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

### Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – Lu Harvey Lewis – TAC Chair*  
TAC Chair Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) called the meeting to order. Mr. Lewis welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis asked if any members have a conflict of interest on any of the items on the agenda. There being none.
3. *Minutes – March 11, 2020*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the March 11, 2020 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by C. B. Brown (Tarboro), second by Oscar Mabry (Pinetops) they were unanimously approved.

### Presentation

4. *Eastern NC Freight Mobility Study, Dana A. Magliola, NCDOT Planning/Logistics*  
Dana Magliola with NCDOT Logistics provided a introduction into NCDOT's Office of Logistics and Freight. He provided detailed information on the supply chain and freight behavior viewpoints detailing specifics for the UCPRPO region and the Eastern NC Regional Freight Mobility Plan. Discussion included rail, truck, air, and port modes of transportation.

### Action Items

5. *Chair/Vice Chair Nominations and Election for FY2021*  
Nominations were opened up to members. After the nominations of Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) as Chair and C.B. Brown (Tarboro) as Vice Chair and **UPON A MOTION** by C.B. Brown (Tarboro), second by Ted Godwin (Johnston) Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) was elected as Chair and C.B. Brown was elected as Vice Chair.

### Discussion

6. *STI P6 Prioritization Update – Submitted Projects/Prioritization 6.0 (P6) Revenue Memo*  
Members were provided with the memo dated July 30, 2020 from Van Argabright Director for the Division of Planning and Programming at NCDOT stating it is anticipated that very little funding available for programming for STI P 6.0. It will be very difficult to get projects funded for this round of prioritization. The process will continue to move forward at this time. Members were updated on the next steps and key deadlines.

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### 7. *STIP FY2020-2029 Amendment Updates*

On August 17, 2020, NCDOT released a proposed Amendment to the FY2020-2029 STIP that made sweeping schedule changes for a majority of projects. Key projects were highlighted with revised construction start dates.

### 8. *Traffic Survey Data/COVID-19*

Mr. Salmons provided a brief presentation on the effects of COVID-19 on traffic within the State of North Carolina. It was reported at the height of the Stay at Home Order, traffic decreased by more than 40% and has caused extreme reductions in transportation funding. The presentation included effects of COVID-19 on NC greenways and crashes on state highways.

### 9. *Legislative Update – HB 77 and JLPEOC Report*

Members were provided a brief report on the recently passed HB 77 balancing NCDOT's budget and the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee meeting held August 10, 2020 in reference to the Department's over spending and recent audit completed by the NC State Auditor.

### 10. Members were informed that Gus Tullos is stepping down as Division 4 BOT member. The new Division 4 State Board of Transportation is Mr. Melvin Mitchell from Rocky Mount- <https://governor.nc.gov/news/governor-cooper-appoints-members-board-transportation>

## Reports

### 1. *US 70 Commission*

It was reported the US 70 Commission has not met since January 23, 2020 due to COVID-19. Members were provided with a US 70 projects report provided by the Commission.

### 2. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

Hwy 17/64 Association last met virtually July 29, 2020 where they provided an update on NCDOT financial status. The next Association meeting is scheduled to be held virtually on September 20, 2020 which will provide a good opportunity for members to attend without having to travel.

### 3. *Legislative Update*

A brief report was provided on the recently passed HB 77.

### 4. *NCDOT Division 4*

Division 4 reported that HB 77 will allow the Department to fund projects from Bond money and allow the Department can build up some money. It also allows the Department to build up some maintenance. The Department is in a wait and see mode to see how/if COVID-19 continues to affect the budget and how it may affect STI P6. The I-95 project in Benson is still on the schedule for July 2021. However, the project still has not been opened up for R/W as of yet.

### 5. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

Mr. Carlos Moya stated the TPD is currently up and functioning and serving the public. Please let him know if anyone needs any information.

## Public Comment

### 6. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

## Other Business

### 7. *TAC Member Comment*

There was no TAC Member comments

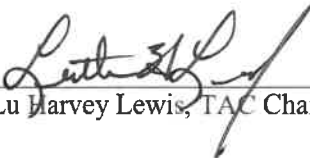
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**Upcoming meeting:**

It was noted that the next meeting was pushed back one week to November 11, 2020.

**UPON A MOTION** from C.B. Brown (Tarboro) was made to adjourn with a second motion was made by Oscar Mabry (Pinetops) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lu Harvey Lewis, TAC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner