

# 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  
Perry Harris, Smithfield  
Derrick D. Creech, City of Wilson  
Wayne Outlaw, Nash

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4  
Carlos Moya, TPB  
Ronnie Keeter, NCDOT Division 4

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons, UCPRPO

#### Other

Lauren Triebert, VHB Engineers

### Introduction

- Welcome & Introductions – Lu Harvey Lewis – TAC Vice Chair*  
TAC Vice Chair Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) called the meeting to order. Mr. Lewis welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
- Mr. Lewis asked if any members have a conflict of interest on any of the items on the agenda. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.
- Mr. Lewis asked everyone to review the agenda and asked if there were any proposed modifications, Mr. Salmons stated the TCC requested a Resolutions of Support for the Pedestrian Planning Grant Application for Wilson's Mills be added to the agenda. **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) the agenda was approved with the addition of the Resolution of Support for the Pedestrian Planning Grant application for Wilson's Mills.
- Minutes – July 26, 2017*  
After reviewing the Minutes for the July 26, 2017 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Logan Liles (City of Wilson), second by Wayne Outlaw (Nash) they were unanimously approved.

### Presentations

- US 70 to Interstate Feasibility Study, Lauren Triebert*  
Ms. Lauren Triebert provided members with a presentation on the design for the US 70 from Wilson's Mills to the Wayne County Line Feasibility Study to upgrade the corridor to Interstate Standards (I-42). The presentation included detailed information on the potential design and potential impacts the upgrade to US 70 may have. It was noted that the designs within the study are only a high-level study of the proposed project and more than likely would be modified with public input and comments as the project moves forward:  
[http://www.ucprpo.org/us70/FS-1604A\\_Design\\_Review\\_PDFs.zip](http://www.ucprpo.org/us70/FS-1604A_Design_Review_PDFs.zip)

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### New Business

6. *Proposed STI P5 Project list for Adoption*

Members were presented with the proposed STI P5 projects that were adopted by the TCC at their September 5, 2017 meeting. It was explained that the TCC adopted the list with three additional projects from the previous list:

- a. Additional pedestrian project for the Town of Micro.
- b. Trade Tarboro Airport project A150741 with Partner Connect project 3771.
- c. Add the Princeville US 64 west off ramp as an additional highway project.

After careful review and brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by C.B. Brown (Tarboro) the STI P5 project list was unanimously approved.

7. *UCPRPO STI P5 Methodology*

All members were provided the Draft UCPRPO STI P5 Local Methodology via email for review. Mr. Salmons explained that the methodology is used to establish a process to be used to submit local input points for selected projects for prioritizing STI P5 projects. He stated the deadline to submit the methodology to NCDOT would be in January 2018. Therefore, after the TCC has an opportunity provide their final review and adoption at their November 7, 2018 meeting, the methodology would be presented to the TAC for adoption at their November 15, 2018 meeting.

8. *Resolution of Support for Wilson Mill's Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant*

Members were presented a proposed Resolution of Support for the Wilson Mill's Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant application. **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Perry Harris (Smithfield) the Resolution of Support for the Wilson Mill's Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant application.

### Reports

9. *NCDOT Proposed Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy – Local Cost Share*

Members were provided with a Draft Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy that NCDOT is currently reviewing. It was pointed out the change in the amount of local match required by local municipalities or counties and would be based on population. Mr. C.B. Brown stated that he would like to see the cost share broken down further. He said many smaller communities cannot afford to make the greater match and perhaps making the match breakout be at 10k to 25k population still be at the 20% match. Mr. Lu Harvey stated the change would need to be from the bottom up. Mr. Kenneth Jones stated larger communities can meet the larger match while the smaller communities have more difficulty. Mrs. Cheryl Oliver stated that she would not like to see it related to the County Tier system. Mr. Kenneth Jones stated that the US 70 project in Wilson's Mills needs to accommodate safe pedestrian facilities on the interchange bridges. Mr. Ronnie Keeter made a suggestion to consider having the UCPRPO pass a Resolution stating members thoughts and concerns. Mr. Salmons stated that he would place the item on the next TCC meeting agenda and bring a proposed Resolution to the next TAC meeting.

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**10. US 70 Commission – FS-1604A Feasibility Study**

Mr. Salmons thanked Lauren Triebert for providing an excellent presentation on the US 70 to Interstate Feasibility Study. He stated there was a US 70 Commission meeting scheduled for September 21, 2017 at 1:30pm in New Bern, NC.

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

[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)

Mr. Salmons recommended members review the feasibility study produced for upgrading US 64 from Wake County to Williamston to Interstate Standards (I-87). He stated that the interchange at US 258 and US 64 in Tarboro was identified as needing upgrading. In addition, the Hwy 17/64 Association was scheduled to meet again September 20, 2017 in Washington, NC.

**12. Legislative/STIP Update**

The final updated FY1827 STIP was approved at the NCDOT BOT August meeting. The updated STIP included widening I-95 South of Benson to 6 or 8 lanes. In addition, the NC 4 Interchange improvements north of Rocky Mount was also included in the updated STIP FY1827.

**13. NCDOT Division 4**

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that Division 4 Engineer Tim Little has been promoted to NCDOT Chief Engineer. He introduced Mr. Ronnie Keeter who will replace Tim Little as the new Division 4 Engineer. Mr. Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) stated that the new interchanges currently under design should be sure to include bike and pedestrian facilities. Mr. Ronnie Keeter stated that the two US 70 interchanges were to be constructed to Interstate Standards.

**14. NCDOT Planning Branch**

Mr. Carolos Moyer reported that Unit Head Earlene Thomas would be leaving the TPB. He also reported that the Transportation Planning Branch was changing its name to the Transportation Planning Division.

### **Public Comments**

**15.** There were no public comments

### **Other Business**

**16. TCC Member Comments**

Mr. Perry Harris stated the importance of the US 301 projects H-170537 and H-170543. The corridor experiences very heavy congestion especially on Sunday's during the Flea Market hours. In addition, he stated there was some serious concern in reference to drainage ditches along roadways throughout Smithfield to help prevent flooding. Mr. Jimmy Eatmon stated that he would convey the information to the Division Maintenance department. Mr. Ronnie Keeter stated they were working on a priority list on ditch maintenance to be prepared if additional funding becomes available.

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**Upcoming meeting:**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2017.

**UPON A MOTION** from Mr. Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) was made to adjourn with a second motion was made by Mr. Perry Harris (Smithfield) 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