

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

January 5, 2016

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Erin King, Benson
Cynthia Jenkins, Edgecombe
Zach Ollis, Wilson's Mills
Nancy Nixon, Nash County
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
Marvin Sharpe, City of Wilson
Catherine Grimm, Tarboro

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Tobline Thigpen, TPB-NCDOT
Terry Ellis, NCDOT-Division 4

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Other

Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Ron Townley, UCPCOG

Introduction

- Welcome & Introductions – Nancy Nixon – TCC Chair*
TCC Chair Ms. Nancy Nixon welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the members and then called the meeting to order.
- Approval of Agenda*
Ms. Nancy Nixon asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any modifications. With none being stated the agenda was approved.
- Minutes – September 22, 2015*
After reviewing the Draft Minutes for the September 22, 2015 meeting Nancy Nixon (Nash County) requested the Minutes be modified under Old Business Item number 4, *Consideration of Request from Rocky Mount MPO to receive UCPRPO CMAQ funds*, the last sentence stating “some” to reflect the amount of \$865,252.00 being requested. **UPON A MOTION** by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills) the September 22, 2015 TCC Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Items

- Resolution of Support for the Town of Benson's Bike/Pedestrian Planning Grant Application*
Ms. Erin King (Benson) stated that the Town of Benson submitted their application for a bike and pedestrian plan and would appreciate the UCPRPO's support of the Grant application. **UPON A MOTION** by Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills), second by Bill Bass (City of Wilson) the Resolution to support the Town of Benson's Bike/Pedestrian Grant Application was unanimously approved.
- Resolution to Participate in Activities of the Highway 17/64 Association*
Mr. Salmons reported that the Hwy 17 Association has included the US 64 Corridor into their efforts to support and promote. Due to this effort some UCPRPO communities have decided to become members of the Association. Therefore it was requested that the UCPRPO participate in activities in support of the Hwy 17/64 Association. **UPON A MOTION** by Erin King (Benson), second by Cynthia Jenkins (Edgecombe) the Resolution to Participate in Activities of the Hwy 17/64 Association was unanimously approved.

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3. *Resolution of Support for a US 70 Feasibility Study*

Mr. Salmons reported that Division 4 had contacted the UCPRPO to request a Resolution of Support for a Feasibility Study for US 70 from I-95 in Johnston County to the Wayne County line. He reported that the same corridor was listed as a priority corridor in the latest Federal Transportation Bill (FAST Act). **UPON A MOTION** by Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the Resolution to support a Feasibility Study along the US 70 was unanimously approved.
4. *Adoption of STI P4.0 Methodology*

Mr. Salmons reported that the P4.0 Methodology is generally the same as the P3.0 Methodology with only minor typo and date modifications. Nancy Nixon asked the members if they had any recommended changes. With there being no recommendations and **UPON A MOTION** by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills) the STI P4.0 Methodology was unanimously approved.
5. *Adoption\Approval of Nash County CTP Update*

Members were provided with the proposed three changes to the Nash County CTP. The first being upgrading US 64 to Interstate Standards through the County, second being modernizing the NC 43 corridor between Rocky Mount and Red Oak to include sidewalks and bike lanes, and the last being a minor update to correct locations of existing sidewalks within Middlesex. **UPON A MOTION** by Cynthia Jenkins (Edgecombe), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the Nash County CTP Proposed Updates were unanimously approved.

Other Business

6. *UCPRPO STI P4.0 Project Prioritization Process*

Mr. Salmons shared with the members that he had created an interactive mapping site, which contained all of the UCPRPO current STI P4.0 projects (www.ucprpo.org). The web site included export capability to allow users to export a list of projects into a spreadsheet format. He then explained that the data scores for the projects are expected to be released in March. Afterwards he would like to meet with each TCC member to discuss and determine his or her priority projects. He recommended that each TCC member be sure to meet with their TAC members to determine top priorities. The top priority projects will be listed based on the highest data scores first with each priority project highlighted in red on the TAC scoring sheets so that the TAC members will be able to see top priority projects across the UCPRPO area. The proposed scoring sheets will then be presented to TCC members at the April TCC meeting to be approved. Once approved the scoring sheets will be provided to the TAC members at their April meeting. It was noted that the prioritization would occur in two cycles based on Region projects and then again with Region/Division projects. April 5, 2015 was determined to be the date for the next meeting.
7. *Consider upcoming FY1617 CTP needs*

Members were asked if there were any members interested in updating or renewing their CTPs. There were no needs requested at this time.
8. *TCC Member Comments*

Ms. Erin King introduced herself to the group stating she has been with the Town of Benson for the past 8 months; the group welcomed her. Mrs. Catherine Grimm introduced herself as growing up in the Town of Bethel and now she is working for the Town of Tarboro. Mr. Ron Townley introduced himself as being from the western part of the State in Asheville and now Planning and Development Director of the Upper Coastal Plain COG. Mr. Bob League congratulated the City of Wilson on the TIGER Grant award. Mr. Bill Bass thanked the UCPRPO for their support.

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Report Items

9. CAMPO Southeast Area Study

Mr. Salmons reported that the SEAS Core Technical Team (CTT) continues to meet and are in the process of selecting "Hot Spots" for potential detailed study. He reported that the next CTT meeting was scheduled for January 14, 2016 but may be postponed.

10. Legislative/STIP Update

Mr. Salmons reported that the NC Legislature recently passed the new budget, which provided a few minor changes to the STIP including moving the timetable up for a few projects. He reported that the new 5 year Federal Transportation Bill, the FAST Act was signed by President Obama. Included in the Bill was language, which required the State of North Carolina to move forward with toll road projects within the next year, or the State would lose the authority to toll Interstate roads. Members were informed of the recently NC House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Term Funding solutions which is scheduled to meet twice a month.

11. New members and Ethics Reminder

Members were asked to remind their TAC members that the filing deadline for the Statement of Economic Interests and Real Estate Disclosure Forms is April 15, 2016. He reminded members that there are criminal penalties for non-filing.

12. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that the rain has slowed some projects. Mr. Terri Ellis reported that the US 301 bridge project is still under a detour but should be open at any time.

13. NCDOT Planning Branch

Ms. Tobline Thigpen reported that the Nash County CTP was still in progress.

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14. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2016.

UPON A MOTION from Mrs. Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Ms. Cynthia Jenkins (Edgecombe) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Nixon, TCC Chair



James M. Salmons, UCRPO Transportation Planner

