

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

January 5, 2021

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes – Virtual Meeting

Attendance

TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield
Wendy Oldham, Wilson's Mills
Katina Braswell, Edgecombe
Adam Tyson Nash
Braston Newton, Johnston
James Diggs, Wilson
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
David Beaman, Stantonsburg

UCPRPO

James Salmons

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD
Bobby Liverman, NCDOT Division 4
Gray Keeter, NCDOT Division 4

UCPRPO

Other

David Morton, Peanut Belt RPO
Robert Hiatt, UCPCOG
Neal Davis, JCATS
Erika Zito, Cummins
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Jordan Reedy, Rocky Mount MPO

Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – James Diggs – TCC Chair*

Mr. James Diggs welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.

2. *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Diggs asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to the agenda. No additions or revisions were made and **UPON A MOTION** by Adam Tyson (Nash), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the minutes for the agenda was approved.

3. *Minutes – November 3, 2020*

After reviewing the Minutes for the November 3, 2020 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) the minutes for the November 3, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

4. *Member Updates*

Each member provided a brief highlight of activities within each member's jurisdiction.

Discussion

5. *UCPRPO Current TCC and TAC Member List*

Members were provided with the most recent list of UCPRPO TCC and TAC members and asked to provide any corrections or additions needed.

6. *New NCDOT Chief Engineer*

It was reported that Ronnie Keeter has been selected to be NCDOT's new Chief Engineer.

7. *Call for CMAQ Projects*

Members were notified that NCDOT is putting out a call for potential CMAQ projects for the Counties of Edgecombe, Johnston, and Nash. The total allocation amount is \$603,240 and will require a 20% local match. At this time the deadline was tentatively set for January 31, 2021. CMAQ projects may be any project that improves congestion and/or air quality.

8. *NCDOT LET List as of December 17, 2020*

The NCDOT LET list published December 17, 2020 was provided to members which contained the projects tentatively scheduled to be LET in the year of 2020.

9. *Draft FY2021-2022 PWP – Draft Planning Work Program*

The draft FY2122 Planning Work Program (PWP) was provided to members. Members were asked to review the proposed work program and request any modifications or revisions. Members were also

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encouraged to review their CTPs and to let Mr. Salmons know if there were any recommended changes. The next step is submittal to NCDOT TPD for their approval. Once approved by NCDOT the document would be brought back to the TCC for approval in March.

10. *CCX Update*

A brief update was provided on the new CCX terminal. It was reported most construction had been complete however there is a delay due to the inability to get VISAs for the gantry cranes installation crew due to COVID-19. New aerial imagery was provided to show the most recent improvements.

Reports

11. *US 70 Commission*

The US 70 Commission has not met since their October 15, 2020 meeting. It was reported that the US 70 Wilson's Mills project was scheduled to be let in March of 2021.

12. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

The Hwy 17/64 Association meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2021 at 10:00am virtually. In addition, the NC East Alliance has a meeting scheduled for January 14, 2021 in reference to NCDOT providing an update on projects along the I-87 corridor. Anyone interested was encouraged to attend.

13. *Legislative Update*

The House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long-Term Funding Solutions is scheduled to meet Tuesday January 11, 2021 at 1:00pm. It is anticipated that the NC First Commission and the NC Chamber of Commerce will present their final report(s).

The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee (JLOC) met on December 10, 2020.

Reports provided to JLTOC included:

- Financial Update and Spend Plan
- Highway Division Financial Controls
- DMV HQ Move
- NCDOT Build NC Bond
- NCDOT HOT Lanes Enforcement
- NCDOT IMD CARES Funds Update

Key notes from December 2020 JLOC meeting include:

- Need to update adopted Spend Plan due to better than expected revenues. Cash balance is averaging around \$1B.
- Division's Dashboard to help monitor Division spending to prevent overspending again.
- DMV HQ Move; having difficulty filling positions with a 27% vacancy rate while NCDOT's overall vacancy rate is 17%. Currently partnering with multiple agencies including Nash Community, Edgecombe Community and Wilson Community as well as many others.
- NCDOT Build NC Bonds have been sold.
- Committee provided an update on CARES Funds distribution progress.

14. *IMD Update*

There was not update from IMD.

15. *NCDOT Division 4*

Division 4 reported Ronnie Keeter our former Division 4 Engineer is now the State Chief Engineer. It was reported the cash balance was back up and the Department is working on getting things back online slowly.

16. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

TPD asked that if anyone had any questions or concerns to contact Carlos Moya-Astudillo.

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Other Business

17. TCC Member Comments

There were no TCC member comments.

Public Comment

18. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:00pm.

UPON A MOTION from Wendy Oldham (Wilson's Mills) to adjourn and a second motion was made by Adam Tyson (Nash) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diggs, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO