

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

January 9, 2018

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Nancy Nixon, Nash
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield
Berry Gray, Johnston
Jae Kim, Spring Hope
Julie Maybee, Selma
James Duncan, Wilson
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
Cynthia Jones, Edgecombe
Tracy Shearin, Red Oak

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Other

Tirence Horne, UCPCOG

Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – Bill Bass – TCC Chair*

Mr. Bill Bass welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.

2. *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Bill Bass asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to the agenda. Being none and **UPON A MOTION** by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro), second by Jon Barlow (Kenly) the agenda was unanimously approved as written.

3. *Minutes – November 7, 2017*

After reviewing the Minutes for the November 7, 2017 TCC meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro), second by Jon Barlow (Kenly) the minutes were unanimously approved.

Decision Items

4. *Title VI Assurances*

Members were informed that the UCPRPO is subject to the requirements of the Title VI Civil Rights Act and members would be required to receive training to ensure there is no discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. As part of the assurance, the UCPRPO gives assurance that it will promptly take any measures necessary to ensure that “No person in the United States shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in , be denied the benefits of, or be or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity, ‘for which the UCPRPO receives Federal financial assistance from DOT, including the Federal Highway Administration’. **UPON A MOTION** by Julie Maybee (Selma), second by Jon Barlow (Kenly) the Standard Title VI/Nondiscrimination Assurances policy was unanimously approved.

5. *UCPRPO Local Point Assignment STI P5 Methodology*

Members were provided with the proposed draft UCPRPO STI P5 Local Methodology and asked if there were any questions or recommended changes. It was reported that the draft local methodology needed to be submitted to the STI P5.0 Local Methodology Workgroup for review and approval. It was explained that it was anticipated that the approval would be given prior to the next TCC meeting scheduled for March and members would be asked to adopt the methodology at that meeting.

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Discussion Items

6. NCDOT Complete Streets Policy – NCDOT BOT Presentation – Consultant hired to review Complete Streets Policy reported at December NCBOT meeting

It was reported that the NCDOT is in the process of reviewing the NCDOT Complete Streets Policy. There was discussion in reference to the required local match for smaller communities. For small communities it was extremely difficult to meet the required match. The 20% match requirement for communities with a population of more than 10,000 was difficult for them to raise. Members were interested in more information and potentially providing input into the review process. Two options were discussed:

1. Potentially lowering local funding requirements.
2. Utilizing Powell Bill funds to help raise the required local match for new bike/pedestrian projects.

7. CMAQ Projects FY19

Members were reminded that the deadline to submit potential CMAQ projects within Nash and Edgecombe Counties was March 1, 2018. The UCPRPO currently has \$794,615 remaining in CMAQ funding. Members were encouraged to submit any potential projects they may have.

8. Draft Toll Policy

The NCDOT leadership has established a small workgroup to study and create a Toll Road Policy which would help determine which corridors were eligible for potential tolling. The workgroup recently provided the Joint Legislative Transportation Committee a presentation on the proposed new policy. The proposed policy would require input from the local applicable MPO and RPO committees. TCC members felt it would be a good idea to present the draft to TAC members to continue the conversation about potential future funding options for transportation projects.

9. Powell Bill Formula Adjustment Proposal

A recent Powell Bill Formula has recently been completed and a presentation was provided to the Joint Legislative Committee at their December 2017 meeting. The presentation provided a proposal to modify the Powell Bill Formula to take into account seasonal traffic. The change would create a small percentage point change for most communities.

10. Draft PWP

Members were provided with the draft UCPRPO PWP for FY1819. The Transportation Planning Division (TPD) and the NCARPO recently updated the format of the PWP. The new format shows more detail between direct cost and indirect costs to the UCPRPO. Members were asked to let Mr. Salmons know if there were any recommended changes to the PWP. The draft was scheduled to be submitted to TPD by mid-February for their approval and then presented to the TCC at their March meeting for their adoption.

11. TAC Member Ethics Reminder

Members were reminded of the required ethics filing requirements for all TAC members and were asked to work with their members to ensure they completed the required filings.

Reports

12. US 70 Commission – NCDOT Eastern NC Flood Study

It was reported that NCDOT was working on an eastern NC flood study (along US 70) to help identify any potential improvements with NCDOT Right-of-way that may help reduce flooding in communities along the corridor. In addition, more funding was becoming available through the study to purchase additional water gauges along streams throughout eastern North Carolina.

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13. Hwy 17/64 Association – January 24, 2018 - Meeting in Bethel (draft feasibility study)

Mr. Salmons reported that the next Hwy 17/64 Association was scheduled to meet in Bethel, NC on January 24, 2018 at 10:00am. The topic of the meeting was scheduled to be on the recent announcement the Tyre Company was planning to build a new plant at the Kingsboro Mega-site and planned to hire 800 new employees at the facility. Interested members were encouraged to attend. In addition, the feasibility study for the US 64 upgrade to interstate standards from Williamston to the Virginia State line was complete.

14. Legislative/STIP Update

There was no additional legislative update.

15. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that the NCDOT was in the process to reviewing potential projects to aid the new Tyre Company in Edgecombe County.

16. NCDOT Planning DIVISION (TPD)

Mr. Carlos Moya stated that there was a new format for PWP submittals for FY1819 and he appreciated the efforts of the UCPRPO to adopt the new format.

Public Comment

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Other Business

1. TCC Member Comments

Mr. Salmons informed members there was an interest in completing RPO-wide CTPs and asked members to share their thoughts. Mr. Bill Bass asked if the RPO-wide CTPs were going to replace the County CTPs and Mr. Salmons stated there would still be flexibility in choosing between RPO-wide and smaller County CTPs. Mr. Eaton expressed concern over CTP areas becoming too large. A brief discussion followed.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 6, 2018.

UPON A MOTION from Nancy Nixon (Nash) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Tracy Shearin (Red Oak) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bass, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO