

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

July 13, 2021

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Wendy Oldham, Wilson's Mills
Mark Helmer Smithfield
James Diggs, Wilson
Delvin Spell, Edgecombe
Adam Tyson Nash
Bill Bass, City of Wilson

NCDOT

Bobby Liverman, NCDOT-Division 4
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD

Other

Neal Davis, JCATS
Michelle Brown, City of Wilson

UCPRPO

James Salmons

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 and May 4, 2021, Minutes*

Mr. Diggs asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and Minutes for the May 4, 2021, TCC meeting and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to either to the agenda or minutes. There being none and **UPON A MOTION** by Wendy Oldham (Wilson's Mills), second by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), the agenda and minutes for the May 4, 2021, were unanimously approved as written.

4. *Member Updates*

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

Decision Items

5. *Adopt Resolution of Support for FY2122 Planning Work Program (PWP) Amendment #1 to accommodate the (MST) Neuse River Trail Feasibility Study in Johnston County*

Members were provided with background information on the proposed amendment to the UCPRPO FY2122 PWP to provide the required budget change to accommodate the Neuse River Trail Study. It was noted that Johnston County would be required to fund all the required local match and that no other member county would be responsible for any additional funding. After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Adam Tyson (Nash), second by Wendy Oldham (Wilson's Mills) the amendment to the UCPRPO FY2122 PWP to include an additional \$150,000.00 to fund the Neuse River Trail Study between Clayton and Smithfield in Johnston County was unanimously adopted and recommended to the TAC for adoption.

6. *Adopt the STI P6 Local Input Methodology Resolution*

Members were provided with the draft UCPRPO STI P6 Local Input Methodology within the agenda packet emailed to all members prior to the meeting. The draft methodology was also posted to the UCPRPO website for 90 days for public review. It was recommended that in the Division Funding Category 100 points from the Transit Projects be moved to the Bike/Pedestrian projects due to the increasing requests received for more bike/pedestrian projects. After further discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Adam Tyson (Nash) it was unanimously agreed to move 100 Points from the Transit category for a total of 200 points to the Bike/Pedestrian category for a total of 200 points. Afterward the agreement and **UPON A MOTION** by Wendy Oldham (Wilson's Mills), second by Adam Tyson (Nash) the UCPRPO STI P6 Local Input Methodology was unanimously adopted.

Discussion

7. *STI P6 Prioritization Update*

Members were provided with a list of available funding for STI P6 based on each funding category. After reviewing the estimated funding availability, it was apparent that the STIP was over programmed due to rising project costs, old and/or poor estimates, and recent rising inflation. Law requires the STIP to be an accurate reflection of what will be built. It was explained that it is anticipated that some “committed” projects may become “uncommitted” and fall out of the STIP. At this time, it was believed that the STI P6 process may be halted to help balance the STIP. Members stated that they were ok with a pause with P6 but had serious concerns with not having the ability to submit new projects over the next 10-15 years. This would dramatically hinder future transportation priorities. Members also stated their desire to be included in the decision in the STIP modification process.

8. *Call for CMAQ projects for Edgecombe, Nash, and Johnston Counties Only November 1, 2021 to February 29, 2022*

Members were informed that the UCRPO would be accepting CMAQ projects starting in November and ending February 29, 2022. The UCRPO is allocated \$603,240.00 in funding for CMAQ projects for FY2223.

9. *CAMPO/UCRPO Southeast Area Study Kickoff – [Previous SEAS Link](#)*

Members were informed that CAMPO and UCRPO were teaming together again to update the Southeast Area Study. Stakeholder meetings are anticipated to kickoff this fall, 2021.

Reports

10. *US 70 Commission*

There was no report on the US 70 Commission since they had not met since the last TCC meeting.

11. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

There was no report currently.

12. *Legislative Update*

Both the Governor and the NC Senate have released their draft budgets. It is anticipated that the NC House would be releasing their budget the first of August.

13. *NCDOT Division 4*

There was no Division 4 report provided.

14. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

There was no TPD report. Carlos Moya stated his appreciation to James Salmons for his work in partnering with NCDOT TPD in supporting the UCRPO members and his continued work in submitting invoices in a timely matter.

Other Business

15. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC member comments.

Public Comment

16. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 14, 2021, at 2:00pm.

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UPON A MOTION from Dervin Spell (Edgecombe) 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