

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

July 7, 2015

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston County
Mark Johnson, Wilson
Zach Ollis, Wilson's Mills
Nancy Nixon, Nash County
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
Marvin Sharpe, Wilson
Julie Maybee, Selma

NCDOT

Chris Pendergraph, NCDOT-Division 4
Tobline Thigpen, TPB-NCDOT
Suzette Morales, TPB-NCDOT
Bobby Liverman, NCDOT-Division 4
Ronnie Keeter, NCDOT Division 4

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Other

Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Neal Davis, JCATS

Introduction

1. *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.

2. *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.

3. *Minutes – May 5, 2015*

After reviewing the Minutes for the May 5, 2015 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills) they were unanimously approved.

Old Business

4. *UCPRPO STI Prioritization Process – New Projects in August-September and STI 4.0 Schedule*

The same handout was provided to the members detailing the schedule and key dates for the STI P4.0 process as was for the May 5th TCC meeting. Mr. Salmons reminded everyone of the key dates on the schedule. He asked that if any member had any new projects to add to the STI project list to let him know as soon as possible. It is the intention of the TCC to review and adopt the final list on September 22, 2015 to present to the TAC on September 23, 2015. Mr. Salmons reported that there was some discussion about Division 4 and Region A developing customized STI scoring criteria but he did not believe an agreement would materialize.

New Business

5. *US 264 Interstate Concept*

Mr. Salmons reported that Daryl Vreeland with the Greenville MPO contacted him in reference to the UCPRPO's support for the US 264 Interstate Concept. The concept is to connect Rocky Mount, Greenville, Kinston, and Goldsboro with an Interstate network. Chris Pendergraph explained that it appeared to be the "Quad East" concept and that he had heard positive support for the concept from the US 70 Commission and that the project had a military component to support the bases in eastern North Carolina. The members indicated general support for the concept and brief discussion followed on ways the UCPRPO could support the concept. It was decided to table the concept to determine the best methods of support. Additional discussion included upgrading US 264 through Wilson County as well.

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6. *Review of STI P4 Project List and select project for re-submittal*

Members were provided with the list of projects that have been removed from the SPOT office and which projects still remain. The list included projects proposed to be completely removed from STI P4.0 and which projects would be resubmitted as “new” projects. Mr. Salmons asked the members to review the list and make any modifications required. Chris Pendergraph presented a Pelt Rd as a potential new project. After discussion the final list that was agreed upon is attached to these minutes, Appendix A. This list will be updated and presented to the TCC for final approval at the next TCC meeting on September 22, 2015 and then presented to the TAC for their final adoption at their September 23, 2015 meeting.

Other Business

7. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC member comments.

Report Items

8. *CAMPO Southeast Area Study*

Mr. Salmons reported that the SEAS Core Technical Team (CTT) has met once with another scheduled within the next couple of weeks. The Study website is online and we are beginning to get local input from local communities.

9. *I-95 FONSI Document (Finding of No Significant Impact)*

Mr. James Salmons reported that the NCDOT is proceeding with developing a FONSI document in support tolling of the I-95 corridor to improve the highway.

10. *Legislative Update*

Mr. Salmons reported that on the Federal side Congress is still debating on renewing MAP-21. The good news is that it appeared both sides understood the importance of transportation funding. He also reported that as part of the latest MAP-21 legislation there were new Performance Measure rules coming down the line.

11. *NCDOT Division 4*

There were no comments from Division 4.

12. *NCDOT Planning Branch*

Ms. Tobline Thigpen reported that the Johnston County CTP document was completed and that she had submitted it to Scott Walston for review. She also reported that she is currently working on the Nash County CTP revisions.

13. *Public Comment*

Mr. Bill Bass thanked everyone for his or her support for the US 301 TIGER Grant application.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on September 23, 2015.

UPON A MOTION from Mr. Mark Johnson (Wilson) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Zach Ollis (Wilson’s Mills) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Nixon, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner