

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

July 9, 2019

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Grona Jones, Wilson
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield
Jae Kim, Spring Hope
Tim Robbins, Benson
Tracy Shearin, Red Oak
Adam Tyson, Nash
Valerie Brookens, Wilson's Mills
Cynthia Jones, Edgecombe
Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
James Diggs, Wilson

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD
Craig Midgett, NCDOT-Division 4
Bobby Liverman, NCDOT

Other

Jordon Reedy, Rocky Mount MPO
Robert Hiett, UCPCOG
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
David Murray, Wilson
Malcolm Johnson, Wilson
Mark Johnson, Wilson

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Introduction

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

In Mr. Bill Bass's absence Mr. Salmons (UCPRPO) welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.

2. *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Salmons 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 Mr. James Diggs (Wilson), second by Mr. Adam Tyson (Nash) the agenda was unanimously approved as written.

3. *Minutes – May 8, 2019*

After reviewing the Minutes for the May 8, 2019 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Mr. Stephen Wensman (Smithfield), second by Ms. Tracy Shearin (Red Oak) the minutes for the May 8, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

4. *Member Updates*

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

Action Items

5. *New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations and Election for FY1920*

Ms. Cynthia Jenkins (Edgecombe) was nominated as Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Adam Tyson (Nash), second by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) James Diggs (Wilson) was elected to Chair. Mr. Mark Johnson (Wilson) was nominated as Vice Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Tracy Shearin (Red Oak), second by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) Adam Tyson (Nash) was elected to Vice Chair.

6. *Resolution of support for Smithfield Pedestrian Plan Grant*

Mr. Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) requested support for the Town of Smithfield's Pedestrian Planning Grant application. **UPON A MOTION** by Valerie Brookens (Wilson's Mills), second by Mark Johnson (Wilson) the Resolution of support for the Smithfield Pedestrian Planning Grant was adopted unanimously.

7. *Resolution of support for UCPRPO to apply for Mountains to Sea Trail Corridor Feasibility Study*

Mr. Salmons provided a brief back ground on the request from the NC State Parks Department's request to help provide a Feasibility Study to extend the existing greenway in Clayton to the existing

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greenway in Smithfield. The proposed greenway is planned to be part of the NC Statewide Mountains to Sea Trail. **UPON A MOTION** by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro), second by Tim Robbins (Benson) the Resolution of support to help apply for planning funds to provide a Feasibility Study for the Mountains to Sea Trail between the Town of Clayton and Smithfield was unanimously approved.

Discussion

8. *Review current Draft STI P6 Projects List*

Members were provided with the most current Draft list of proposed STI P6 projects. The deadline to submit projects is currently December 20, 2019. The goal is to have a complete list by September to present to the TAC and to have plenty of time to receive public input. Members were asked to carefully review the list and to let staff know if there were any projects within their areas that needed to be added or omitted. The list included all modes of transportation.

9. *New STI P6 Calendar*

Members were provided with the most current STI P6 calendar with revised due dates.

Reports

10. *US 70 Commission*

It was reported the next US 70 Commission meeting is scheduled for July 19th at the Carteret County Convention Center. Mr. Salmons explained that the US 70 Commission was made of elected officials along the US 70 corridor from Raleigh to Morehead City and that organization strongly supports all of eastern North Carolina.

11. *Hwy 17/64 Association – NC Build Grant to upgrade US 64 to Interstate (I-87)*

Nash County hosted the most recent meeting and there was an update on the CCX Intermodal project. In addition, members were provided with an update on the US Department of Transportation's BUILD Grant recently submitted by NCDOT for the I-87 corridor to upgrade US 64 to Interstate standards.

12. *Legislative Update*

Staff reported that it appeared that the local match adjustment for pedestrian facilities did not carry over into the final budget presented and vetoed by the Governor. The budget did include a \$7.4 million increase in Powell Bill Funds for communities smaller than 200,000, however since the budget was vetoed it is hard to tell if it would remain in the final budget. In addition, SB 68 which provides for a lower match for relocation of utilities for transportation projects for smaller communities was still moving through committees within the General Assembly.

13. *NCDOT Division 4*

Division 4 reported the new Draft STIP is expected to be released in August. It is anticipated that some projects may be pushed back due to recent expenses due to storm recovery efforts and costs due to the Map Act. It was announced that Craig Midgett would be moving to Division 1.

14. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

No report provided.

Other Business

15. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no member comments.

Public Comment

16. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

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Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 11:00am.

UPON A MOTION from Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diggs, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO