

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 5, 2019

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro  
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield  
Braston Newton, Johnston  
Cynthia Jones, Edgecombe  
Tim Robbins, Benson  
James Diggs, Wilson  
Adam Tyson, Nash  
Valerie Brookens, Wilson's Mills  
Jae Kim, Spring Hope  
Randy Cahoon, Selma  
Bill Bass, City of Wilson  
Mark Johnson, Wilson  
Michael Douglas, Kenly  
Gronna Jones, Wilson

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4  
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD  
Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT

#### Other

Jordon Reedy, Rocky Mount MPO  
Stuart Bass, UCPCOG  
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

### Introduction

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

Mr. Bill Bass (City of Wilson) 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 Ms. Valeri Brookens (Wilson's Mills), second by Mr. Michael Douglas (Kenly) the agenda was unanimously approved as written.

#### 3. *Minutes – November 6, 2018*

After reviewing the Minutes for the September 4, 2018 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Ms. Valeri Brookens (Wilson's Mills), second by Mr. Michael Douglas (Kenly) the minutes for the September 4, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

### Presentation

#### 4. *NC Moves 2050 Plan – Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT*

Ms. Nastasha Earle-Young provided members with a presentation on the Statewide NC Move 2050 Transportation Plan. As part of her presentation, members were asked to rank their priorities and concerns on transportation issues based on Demographics, Economy, Tourism, Partnerships, Funding, Technology, Security, and Resiliency. Once everyone completed their ranking Ms. Earle-Young asked members to explain why they selected certain topics as priorities. The following was highlighted as member priorities:

- **Funding:** without funding there would be no progress; funding increases in transportation have been slower than inflation.
- **Demographics:** demographics will help dictate need.
- **Technology:** importance of autonomous vehicles and drones, technology is the driver of future transportation.
- **Resiliency:** eastern NC is prone to natural disasters and needs to be planned for.
- **Economy:** economy helps dictate funding and helps build tax base; the economy helps fuel growth and jobs creation.

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Next, she asked members which topics were last on their list with the following being highlighted:

- **Resiliency**: no reason given
- **Partnerships**: because partnerships can be formed at any time, our community is dealing with flooding and needs more funding. Residents do not care about partnerships.

Ms. Earle-Young asked if there were any additional categories that should be considered with one member suggesting **Education** is vital and should also be considered.

In wrapping up she explained that the next steps will include public involvement to include both High School and College Students. There will be a public survey administered between April and May. In addition, there will be outreach opportunities within local community events throughout the State. Members were encouraged to let her know if there were any potential local events. The group plans to reach back out to the UCPRPO again and provide plan updates and feedback.

### Decision Items

#### 5. *Title VI Plan Adoption*

After reviewing the draft Title VI Plan and following a brief discussion **A MOTION** by Braston Newton (Johnston) was made, a second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro), the Title VI plan was unanimously approved to be submitted to the TAC for their approval.

#### 6. *UCPRPO Final FY 1920 PWP Adoption*

Members were presented the draft UCPRPO Planning Work Program (PWP) FY1920 along with the potential local match required by member Counties. It was noted that Counties would only be invoiced for actual expenses incurred. Following a brief discussion, **A MOTION** by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) was made, a second by Braston Newton (Johnston), the UCPRPO PWP FY1920 was unanimously approved to be submitted to the TAC for their approval.

### Discussion Items

#### 7. *CTP Update Requests*

Mr. Salmons stated that the UCPRPO annually reviews County CTP's for potential update needs. He asked members to review their CTPs and asked them to let him know if there were any upcoming needs so that TPD could have time to prioritize their resources for the upcoming year. Carlos Moya stated that the best way to update a CTP is through the RPO and that the NCDOT and UCPRPO work in partnership.

#### 8. *Draft STIP FY2020-2029*

Members were provided a brief update on the draft STIP FY2029 as provided in the agenda packet and informed that the document is currently in public review and is anticipated to be adopted by the NCDOT Board of Transportation by early summer.

#### 9. *STI P6 Prioritization Calendar Update and Project Input*

Members were provided an updated P6 calendar. Mr. Salmons reported that UCPRPO staff had begun accepting projects to be considered for the upcoming STI prioritization. He asked members to let him know if there were any identified needs so that they could be evaluated and added to the list for potential P6 projects. UCPRPO staff will begin holding meetings with County meetings to discuss potential upcoming projects.

#### 10. *Complete Street Workshop*

Members were informed of the Complete Street Workshop scheduled for May 7, 2019 to be held at the UCPCOG offices. Mr. Stuart Bass indicated there was a capacity of 60-65 seats.

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## 11. *TAC Member Ethics Reminder*

All TAC members were asked to remind their TAC members about the NC Ethics filing requirements. There are two forms to complete; the Statement of Economic Interest Form (SEI) and the Real Estate Disclosure Form (REI). The deadline to file is Tax Day, April 15, 2019.

## Reports

### 12. *US 70 Commission*

It was reported that the Commission's last meeting was held on November 15, 2018. A presentation on a Neuse Flood Study was recently provided at the meeting.

### 13. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

No report was provided.

### 14. *Legislative/STIP Update*

It was reported that a recent bill (SB68) had been introduced into the NC Senate to reduce the local match requirement for smaller communities below a population of 100,000 to move utilities on highway projects. Mr. Bob League reported that he had heard a bill was introduced to require bike registration.

### 15. *NCDOT Division 4*

No report was provided.

### 16. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

Mr. Carlos Moya thanked UCPRPO staff and member input for developing a well-developed PWP for FY1920.

## Public Comment

### 17. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

## Other Business

### 18. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no member comments.

## Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, 2019.

**UPON A MOTION** from Mark Johnson (Wilson) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Jimmy Eatmon (Division 4) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill Bass, TCC Chair

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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO