

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 6, 2018

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Nancy Nixon, Nash
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield
Berry Gray, Johnston
Jae Kim, Spring Hope
Tim Robbins, Benson
Grona Jones, Wilson
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
Cynthia Jones, Edgecombe
Marvin Sharpe, Wilson
Mark Johnson, Wilson

NCDOT

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

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Other

Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Ryan Purtle, Greenville MPO
Stuart Bass, UCPCOG

Introduction

- Welcome & Introductions – Bill Bass – TCC Chair*
Mr. Bill Bass welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.
- 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 Berry Gray (Johnston), second by Nancy Nixon (Nash) the agenda was unanimously approved as written.
- Minutes – January 9, 2018*
After reviewing the Minutes for the January 9, 2018 TCC meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Berry Gray (Johnston), second by Nancy Nixon (Nash) the minutes were unanimously approved.

Presentation

- Eastern NC Freight Mobility Plan, Ryan E. Purtle, Greenville MPO*
Mr. Ryan Purtle provided a presentation on the proposed Eastern NC Freight Mobility Plan. The plan is a collaboration between four MPOs and 6 RPOs across eastern North Carolina and help increase economic competitiveness, provide a data resource, provide a regional vision and help identify potential projects that will help improve freight mobility throughout eastern North Carolina. He explained the cost share request would be \$5,000 for each RPO. Mr. Salmons stated that a formal request for support would come at a later date.

Decision Items

- UCPRPO Local Point Assignment STI P5 Methodology*
Members were provided with the updated proposed STI P5 Methodology. Mr. Salmons explained the main revisions were removing the “Z-score” by changing the individual “scaling” of existing criteria and the lowering of the weight for projects not currently in current Comprehensive Transportation Plans. Following a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Nancy Nixon (Nash), second by Berry Gray (Johnston), the UCPRPO Local Point Assignment STI P5 Methodology was unanimously approved.

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6. *Resolution of Support for Spring Hope CMAQ project*

Members were provided with the proposed Spring Hope CMAQ project resolution of support. Following a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Catherine Grim (Tarboro), second by Jae Kim (Spring Hope), the Spring Hope CMAQ project resolution was unanimously approved.

7. *Adopt PWP FY1819*

After reviewing the PWP and a brief discussion on the FY1819 PWP and **UPON A MOTION** by Nancy Nixon (Nash), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the PWP was unanimously adopted and approved.

New Business

8. *New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations for FY1819*

Mr. Mark Johnson (Wilson) nominated Bill Bass (City of Wilson) as Chair and Nancy Nixon (Nash) as Vice Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Cynthia Jones (Edgecombe), second by Mark Johnson (Wilson) Bill Bass (Wilson) was elected to Chair and Nancy Nixon (Nash) was elected to Vice Chair unanimously.

Discussion Items

9. *NCDOT Complete Streets Policy Review*

Mr. Salmons reported that many other RPOs are considering adopting a resolution to support lowering the local match requirement for bike and pedestrian projects. After a brief discussion, Mr. Salmons stated that he would develop a draft resolution and present it to members at the next meeting.

10. *TAC Member Ethics Reminder*

Members were reminded of the TAC member Ethics Filing Requirements' deadline is April 17, 2018 and asked to remind their TAC members.

Reports

11. *US 70 Commission*

Mr. Salmons reported that at the last US 70 meeting held February 22, 2018 Mr. Ryan Purtle presented on the draft Eastern North Carolina Freight Mobility Plan. He stated the Commission agreed to support the project. The next US 70 Commission meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2018 in Lenoir County.

12. *Hwy 17/64 Association – Next meeting April 18, 2018*

Mr. Salmons stated that at the last Hwy 17/64 Association meeting held January 22, 2018 there was a presentation provided by Eric Evans of Edgecombe on the announcement of Triangle Tyre building a plant at the Kingsboro Mega-Site in Edgecombe County.

13. *Legislative Update*

There was no legislative update.

14. *NCDOT Division 4*

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon (Division 4) reported that the Booker Dairy Rd project had been let last month and construction would be starting soon.

15. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*

Mr. Carlos Moya stated that there was a new PWP format for FY1819.

Public Comment

16. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

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Other Business

17. TCC Member Comments

Mr. Mark Johnson stated that Mr. James Diggs would be replacing

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 1, 2018.

UPON A MOTION from Nancy Nixon (Nash) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Jimmy Eatmon (Division 4) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bass, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO