

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

November 3, 2020

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes – Virtual Meeting

### Attendance

#### TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro  
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield  
Wendy Oldham, Wilson's Mills  
Katina Braswell, Edgecombe  
Adam Tyson Nash  
Natalie Bess, Pinetops  
Jae Kim, Spring Hope  
Bill Bass, City of Wilson  
Michelle Brown, City of Wilson

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4  
Carlos Moya, NCDOT TPD  
Kathryn Zeringue, Integrated Mobility Division

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

#### Other

David Morton, Peanut Belt RPO  
Neal Davis, JCATS

### Introduction

#### 1. *Welcome & Introductions – Adam Tyson – TCC Vice Chair*

Mr. Adam Tyson welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.

#### 2. *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Tyson asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to the agenda. Mr. Salmons requested that item 14 Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) be moved to the top. There were no objections.

#### 3. *Minutes – September 1, 2020*

After reviewing the Minutes for the March 3, 2020 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the minutes for the September 1, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved.

#### 4. *Member Updates*

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

### Action Items

#### 5. *Items 5 and 6: Letter of Support – FY2022 5310 Funding Application for Johnston County Industries and JCATS*

Both organizations help provide transportation services to citizens with disabilities with the aid of 5310 Funding. After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Wendy Oldham (Wilson's Mills), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) both letters of support for both JCATS and Johnston County Industries' applications for 5310 funding was approved.

### Reports (Item 14 moved dur to presenter schedule)

#### 14. *NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD) – Kathryn Zeringue, (IMD)*

Ms. Zeringue provided a brief introduction of herself and the new Integrated Mobility Division (IMD). She reported that all FY21 FTA Grants are now moving forward and agreements for 5303, 5310, 5311, and 5339 were being sent out. The FY22 FTA grant applications are due December 1, 2020. The FY20 Bicycle and Pedestrian Grants are moving forward and municipalities will be notified soon. The FY21 Bicycle and Planning Grants are expected to be on the Board of Transportation's agenda in December. The Great Trails Plan is moving forward with the Draft Network will be available for public comment in mid-November. Lastly, the NCDOT IMD is conducting a webinar series and is open to anyone interested.

## Discussion

### 7. *STI P6.0 Funding and Status*

Members were informed that the STI Workgroup met September 21, 2020. A brief overview of the STI process was provided. At the STI Workgroup meeting it was reported that due to low cost estimates and cost over runs (\$5 billion total), there is very minimal funding available for P6 with almost all Regions and Divisions having negative funds available to program new projects. In addition to no funds available for new projects, current committed projects are in danger of being pushed back if new funding is made available. At this time, the Workgroup decided to continue to move forward with P6. The current time frame to submit Regional local input points is Sept-Nov 2021 and to submit Division local points is scheduled for Feb-April 2022. If additional funding is not made available, currently committed projects are at risk of being delayed or dropped from the schedule.

### 8. *NCDOT Moving Forward Project List – October 14, 2020*

Members were provided with the most recent list of projects that have been approved to move forward with professional engineering.

### 9. *Animal Crash Information*

The agenda packet included the most recent NCDOT Traffic Study group's 2017-2019 Animal Related Crash Report (June 2020). The report stated there were 2,857 injuries and more than \$156.9 million in damages over the three-year report period. The most frequent month of year for animal related crashes are in the months of October-December with the most frequent times of day being during early morning and early evening hours.

### 10. *COVID Traffic Trends Update*

A brief update on the effects of COVID-19 on traffic trends throughout North Carolina was provided. The decline in VMT is still having a negative effect on transportation funding.

## Reports

### 11. *US 70 Commission*

The US 70 Commission met virtually on October 15, 2020. A brief report was provided on the updates provided at the meeting. The NC First Commission is scheduled to provide their final report to the Secretary by the end of the year (2020).

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

The Hwy 17/64 met virtually September 20, 2020 and was provided an update on NCDOT finances and the NC First Commission's progress. The Eastern Transportation Coalition (formerly I-95 Commission) provided a presentation on Mileage Based User Fees (MBUF). The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2021 with location TPD.

### 13. *Legislative Update*

The House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long-Term Funding Solutions met September 21, 2020. The meeting consisted of 2 presentations from the NC First Commission and the NC Chamber of Commerce. Both organizations are working on studies to help provide recommendations to provide the Committee information on potential funding sources for Transportation infrastructure before the end of 2020 in time for the 2021 Legislative Session.

### 14. *NCDOT Division 4*

The STI P6 Workgroup is waiting to see if funding picks up the first of next year. Eric Boyette, the new Secretary of Transportation, is a formal employee of Division 4 and is from Johnston County.

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

TPD reported that due to COVID-19, everyone is working remotely but still working and moving forward. If anyone has any questions they are encouraged to reach out and contact him.

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**Other Business**

*16. TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC member comments.

**Public Comment**

*17. Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

**Upcoming meeting:**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 2:00pm.

**UPON A MOTION** from Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) to adjourn and a second motion was made by Katina Braswell (Edgecombe) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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James Diggs, TCC Chair

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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO