

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

November 6, 2018

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro  
Mark Helmer, Smithfield  
Braston Newton, Johnston  
Katina Braswell, Edgecombe  
Tim Robbins, Benson  
James Diggs, Wilson  
Nancy Nixon, Nash  
Valerie Brookens, Wilson's Mills  
Jae Kim, Spring Hope

#### NCDOT

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

#### Other

Dion Viventi, Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport  
Stuart Bass, UCPCOG  
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO  
Jordon Reedy, Rocky Mount MPO

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

### Introduction

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

Mr. Bill Bass was unable to attend. Mr. James 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 James Diggs (Wilson), second by Braston Newton (Johnston) the agenda was unanimously approved as written.

#### 3. *Minutes – September 4, 2018*

After reviewing the Minutes for the September 4, 2018 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Braston Newton (Johnston), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the minutes for the September 4, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

### Presentation

#### 4. *CCX Intermodal Hub Update – Eddie McFalls, NCDOT*

Mr. McFalls was unable to attend and therefore his presentation was not provided.

### Discussion Items

#### 5. *STI P5 Division Project Public Input Review*

Members were provided a brief overview the STI P5 Division Project Scores and results of the TAC prioritization exercise.

#### 6. *STI P5 Division Project Point Allocation Review*

The staff recommended STI P5 Division Project Points Allocation were included within the agenda packet. Due to large project costs, low scores, and lack of local support the following modifications to the Division Points Allocation was recommended by staff:

- A. H141265-I 87- US 64 Upgrade to Interstate Standards: 100 points re-allocated to H170353 - New Route - Wilson Northern Loop
- B. H129204-I 95 - Widen I-95 to 8 Lanes: 100 points re-allocated to H170663 - NC 242 in Benson
- C. H090182-NC 11 - Widen to Four Lanes: 100 points re-allocated to H150646-Swift Creek Rd - Turning Lane at Johnston Airport
- D. H170729-I 42/US 70 - Upgrade to Interstate Standards: 100 points re-allocated to H090470 - NC 111 Widen to three lanes (Tarboro)
- E. H090224B-NC 33 - Widen to Multi Lanes: 100 points re-allocated to H170115-I 87 - US 64 Tarboro Interchange

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## Decision Items

7. *STI P5 Division Project Point Allocation approval for TAC adoption*  
After reviewing the recommended STI P5 Division Project Points Allocation proposed by staff and following a brief discussion **A MOTION** by James Diggs (Wilson) was made, a second by Valarie Brookens (Wilson's Mills), the STI P5 Division Projects Final Points Allocation recommended by staff was unanimously approved to be submitted to the TAC for their approval.
8. *Resolution of support for Safe Routes to School Program Funding*  
A Resolution of Support for Safe Routes to School Program Funding was presented to members and included in the agenda packet. After brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Mr. Braston Newton (Johnston), second by Ms. Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the resolution of support was unanimously approved to be submitted to the TAC for adoption.

## Reports

9. *US 70 Commission*  
The US 70 Commission has not met since before Hurricane Florence. Members were invited to the next US 70 Commission meeting scheduled for November 15, 2018 at 1:30pm at the Maxwell Regional Agricultural Convention Center, Farm Bureau Room H in Goldsboro, NC.
10. *Hwy 17/64 Association*  
It was reported that the NCDOT Board of Transportation Sub-Committee on the Hwy 17/64 corridor was scheduled to meet November 7, 2018 at the Highway Building in Raleigh to provide updates on corridor projects.
11. *Legislative Update*  
There was no update available.
12. *NCDOT Division 4*  
Mr. Jimmy Eatmon (Division 4) reported that Division 4 had a public meeting scheduled for November 8, 2018 in Benson at the Hampton Inn to obtain public input on the I-95 widening project from I-40 south through Benson. The preliminary design for the NC 50 Interchange in Benson currently contains two traffic circles off each ramp.
13. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*  
Mr. Carlos Moya reported that he would be serving as the new Rocky Mount MPO TPD coordinator.

## Public Comment

14. *Public Comment*  
There was no public comment.

## Other Business

15. *TCC Member Comments*  
Ms. Valarie Brookens reported that the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce has a "Commuter Rail" from Selma to Clayton meeting scheduled for November 15, 2018 at 2:00pm at the Johnston Health Medical Mall in the First Citizens Bank Auditorium. Mr. Salmons asked members to let him know if they knew of anyone that may have interest in providing input into the ongoing Eastern North Carolina Freight Mobility Plan.

## Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2019.

**UPON A MOTION** from Tim Robbins (Benson) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bill Bass, TCC Chair

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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO