

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

November 1, 2016

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
Katina Braswell, Edgecombe
Berry Gray, Johnston
Jae Kim, Spring Hope
Matthew Kirklin, Johnston
Alicia Gregory, Wilson's Mills
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
J. P. Duncan, Wilson
Nancy Nixon, Nash
Mark Johnson, Wilson
Paul Ember, Smithfield

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Terry Ellis, NCDOT – Division 4

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Other

Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO

Introduction

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

Mr. Bill Bass welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the members 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 modifications. With none being stated the agenda was approved.

Action Items

3. *Minutes – May 25, 2016 and September 13, 2016*

After reviewing the Minutes for the May 25, 2016 meeting and for September 13, 2016 and **UPON A MOTION** by Mark Johnson (Wilson), second by Nancy Nixon (Nash) the minutes for both meetings were both unanimously approved.

New Business

4. *CMAQ Funding Key Dates for FY18-19 – Locally Administered Projects Training (LAPP)*

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/municipalities/Funding/Pages/default.aspx>

Mr. Salmons provided a brief report to the TCC members about the schedule and amount of potential funding for CMAQ projects that was included within the agenda packet emailed to all members prior to the meeting. He informed the members that there would be potential training with CAMPO sometime in the Spring of 2017. He emphasized that the deadline to submit potential CMAQ projects is March 15, 2017 and that these projects would cover both FY17 and FY18. Mr. Bill Bass reminded members that CMAQ projects may be administered by a consultant to ensure all the requirements are followed.

5. *Evaluation of Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) needs for UCPRPO FY1718*

Mr. Salmons asked members to review their current CTP's and determine if any minor updates were warranted. Due to staff re-structuring in NCDOT's Transportation Planning Branch, only minor updates were planned for CTP's for the next year. He reported that the most current CTP was completed in 2015 by Johnston County. The oldest CTP is currently the Edgecombe County CTP which was completed in 2009. He asked if any members had any recommended updates to let him know as soon as possible.

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6. *Suggested tasks for Planning Work Program (PWP) FY1718*

Members were asked if there were any suggestions or recommendations for the upcoming UCPRPO FY1718 Planning Work Program. Mr. Bill Bass suggested including a task to help the City of Wilson with a fixed route study for Wilson Transit. Everyone was asked to contact Mr. Salmons if they had any additional recommendations.

Reports

7. *Southeast Area Study – SOT Meeting Scheduled for November 15, 2016 – 3:00pm-7:00pm at Clayton Center – <http://southeastareastudy.com>*

Everyone who was within the Southeast Study area to remember to attend the November 15, 2016 SOT meeting that would also include CTT members. It was explained that their input was crucial to ensure their communities voice was heard and documented within the plan.

8. *NCDOT Division 4*

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported to the members that there were over 300 sites within Division 4 that need repair due to Hurricane Matthew. He asked everyone to be careful and to follow all traffic signs. Mr. Bill Bass stated that he felt Division 4 was doing an outstanding job and thanked them for their hard work.

9. *NCDOT Planning Branch*

It was reported that there is currently a staff re-structuring within the Transportation Planning Branch. There were 18 positions expected to be cut from the TPB staff. Due to this re-structuring Mrs. Tobline Thigpen will no longer be the TPB UCPRPO coordinator as of December 31, 2016. It is currently unknown who would be replacing Mrs. Thigpen as the UCPRPO TPB coordinator.

10. *US 70 Commission*

Mr. Salmons reported that the US 70 to Interstate Feasibility Study was moving forward and scheduled to be completed next year (2017). The study team had provided a brief presentation to the TAC at their September 2016 meeting.

11. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

It was reported that the upgrade US 64 to Interstate Feasibility Study was continuing. Mr. Salmons reported that he attended the Board of Transportation Hwy 17/64 Committee meeting which included a report about replacing the bridge over the Tar River on US 64 Alt west of Spring Hope in 2023-2014. He also reported that there is currently a CCX transportation and freight master plan that may affect the US 64 corridor.

Other Business

1. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC member comments.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2017.

UPON A MOTION from Mr. Jimmy Eatmon (Division 4) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Paul Embler (Smithfield) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bass, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO

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