

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 10, 2019

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
Stephen Wensman, Smithfield
James Diggs, Wilson
Cynthia Jones, Edgecombe
Tracy Shearin, Red Oak
Adam Culpepper, Nash

UCPRPO

James Salmons

NCDOT

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

Other

Jordon Reedy, Rocky Mount MPO
David Murray, Wilson
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Yvone Murphy, NCSU
David Murray, Wilson
Malcolm Johnson, Edgecombe
Melissa Rockett, NC Division of Public Health

Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – James Diggs – TCC Chair*

Mr. James Diggs welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.

2. *Member Updates*

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

3. *Approval of Agenda*

Mr. Diggs asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to the agenda. Mr. Diggs requested that a Letter of Support for 5310 funding for JCATS be added to the agenda with no objection. **UPON A MOTION** by Cynthia Jones (Edgecombe), second by Stephen Wensman, (Smithfield) the agenda was unanimously approved as written with the addition of a Letter of Support for 5310 funding for JCATS.

4. *Minutes – July 9, 2019*

After reviewing the Minutes for the July 9, 2019 TCC and **UPON A MOTION** by Mr. Stephen Wensman (Smithfield), second by Ms. Cynthia Jones (Edgecombe) the minutes for the July 9, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

Presentation

5. *Complete Streets – Melissa E Rockett, NC Dept of Health and Human Services*

Melissa Rockett and Yvone Murphy provided a presentation on Complete Streets and supporting greenway development. By providing Complete Street features which include all modes of transportation including bike and pedestrian facilities help provide for a healthier and more active community. As part of the planning effort for Complete Streets the DPH is offering Pedestrian Counters for short-term use to support active transportation planning and project implementation. Members may apply for the counters at this web site:
https://communityandclinicalconnections.formstack.com/forms/pedestrian_counter_loaner_request

Yvone Murphy provided a brief presentation on providing the Town of Pinetops with a Walkability Audit to help improve the walkability within the rural town of Pinetops.

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6. *New Complete Streets Policy and Guidelines*

Members were provided with a copy of the recently adopted Complete Streets Policy for review.

Action Items

7. *Letter of Support for 5310 Funding for JCATS*

Johnston County Area Transit System requested a Letter of Support for 5310 funding from NCDOT. **UPON A MOTION** by Stephen Wensman (Smithfield), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) the Letter of Support for the JCATS 5310 funding was adopted unanimously.

Discussion

8. *Review Adopted STIP FY2029*

Members were provided a copy of the FY2029 STIP which was adopted by the NCDOT Board at their September, 2019 meeting. Some of the projects modified from the previous version are:

- U-5941 – US 264 Alt in Wilson R/W acquisition delayed one year from FY23 to FY24 with construction from FY25 to FY16.
- R-5795 – US 70 Bus from US 301 to I-95 in Selma R/W acquisition delayed two years from FY23 to FY25 with construction into future fields and unfunded.
- R-5829 – US 70 (I-42) to SR 2314 Pondfield Rd moved up two years from FY23 to FY25 due to the project being funded by a Federal Grant.

9. *Review current Draft STI P6 Projects List*

Members were provided with the most current Draft list of proposed STI P6 projects. The deadline to submit projects has now been moved to April, 2020. Members were asked to carefully review the list and to let staff know if there were any projects within their areas that needed to be added or omitted. The list included all modes of transportation.

10. *New STI P6 Calendar*

Members were provided with the most current STI P6 calendar with revised due dates.

Reports

11. *US 70 Commission*

It was reported the US 70 Commission met in Morehead on July 19, 2019 and the group is an excellent advocate for all of Eastern North Carolina. Ms. Donna Philips from Duke Energy provided a presentation on helping small communities select potential economic development sites. In addition, there was a presentation on round-a-bout intersections. There are currently 11 round-a-bouts within Division 4 with the plans to construct 24 more within the next 10 years. The next US 70 Commission meeting is scheduled for September 19, 2019 in Havelock, NC.

12. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

It was reported the next Hwy 17/64 meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2019 in Jacksonville, NC.

13. *Legislative Update*

There was no legislative activity reported.

14. *NCDOT Division 4*

Division 4 reported there are current budget issues at NCDOT due to storm repairs from recent hurricanes and the cost due to the Map Act.

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15. NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)

TPD reported on the NC Moves 2050 statewide transportation plan and how the study needs everyone's input to help guide future transportation needs. To provide input please visit www.ncmoves.gov.

Other Business

16. TCC Member Comments

Beginning October 1, 2020, federal agencies will enforce the REAL ID Act, which requires a REAL ID, U.S. passport or another federally approved identification to board commercial flights and enter secure federal buildings. Members were encouraged to renew their license with a REAL ID.

Public Comment

17. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2019 at 11:00am.

UPON A MOTION from Stephen Wensman (Smithfield) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

James Diggs, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO