

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 10, 2013

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston County
Brian Hassell, Edgecombe County
Josh Edmondson, Tarboro
Paul Emblar, Smithfield
Paul Sabiston, Smithfield
Nancy Nixon, Nash County
Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson

NCDOT

Ronnie Keeter – Division 4
Jimmy Eatmon – Division 4
Scott Walston - TPB
Suzette Ogbon - TPB
Chris Pendergraph - NCDOT

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Public

Michael Bennett – Edgecombe
Stephen J. Bennett – Princeville
Joe Tolson – NC House Representative District 23

TCC meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – Berry Gray – TCC Chair

TCC Chair Mr. Berry Gray welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He then requested everyone introduce themselves to the group.

Action Items

2. Minutes – June 26, 2013

After reviewing the Minutes for June 26, 2013, Brian Hassell requested a change to reflect that he was from Edgecombe County versus the Town of Tarboro. UPON A MOTION by Brian Hassell (Edgecombe), second by Josh Edmondson (Tarboro) the minutes from the UCPRPO TCC meeting held on June 26, 2013 were unanimously approved.

3. After review of the UCPRPO Locally Coordinated Plan (LCP Transit Plan)

A MOTION by Bryant Bunn (Wilson), second by Brian Hassell (Edgecombe) a resolution adopting the UCPRPO LCP Transit Plan was unanimously approved.

Old Business

4. Mr. Berry Gray reported that new legislation no longer requires the TCC to be under the State Government Ethics Act however the TAC members will still be required to submit the Statement of Economic Interests to the State Ethics Commission.

5. Mr. James Salmons reported and presented material providing an update on the Strategic Mobility Investment Act along with the updated Spot 3.0 Schedule. It was explained that the UCPRPO will need to determine the criteria and ranking methodology to be approved by NCDOT by May 1, 2014. It was also reported that any new proposed projects must be submitted to the Committees at the November 2013 meetings to allow enough time for public and member review prior to the final January 31, 2013 SPOT project submittal deadline.

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6. Proposed SPOT Projects for Removal and Call for new Projects

The Committee discussed current projects and the potential of removing some projects that may not be viable. After discussing the dynamics of the new STI criteria it was decided to recommend not removing any projects at this time until after the committees have the opportunity to see how each project scores in the new round of

SPOT 3.0. The two projects to be removed are SPOT IDs 262 (because project is within CAMPO) and 45102 (because projects has been completed). It was also noted that projects not within the boundaries of the RPO may still be considered for receiving points if they affect the RPO area.

New Business

7. 2013 SPOT 3.0 New Project Submittal November 5 Deadline

It was also reported that any new proposed projects must be submitted to the Committees at the November 2013 meetings to allow enough time for public and member review prior to the final January 31, 2013 SPOT project submittal deadline.

8. What can UCPRPO do for you?

Mr. James Salmons asked that members to let him know if there were any special projects or other transportation planning tasks members may need help with. He reported that the UCPRPO was beginning the process of producing a Pedestrian Plan for the Town of Tarboro.

Other Business

9. TCC Member Comments

There were no additional comments from TCC Members.

Reports

10. NCDOT Division 4

There were no additional comments from NCDOT Division 4

11. NCDOT Planning Branch

Ms. Suzette Ogbon reported that all member Counties have completed CTP documents. Johnston County's CTP document is in final review however the maps have been finalized and are available for official use. Rocky Mount is beginning their CTP and it is important to be aware of their process to ensure their projects align with the surrounding CTP's. Mr. Scott Walston requested that if anyone had any changes to their CTP's to let them or Mr. Salmons know so that the changes can be placed on their schedule. She reported that that she was in the process of reviewing the Functional Classifications for area highways and that she would provide them to the members for their review.

Public Comment

12. Public Comment

Mr. Mike Bennett expressed the importance of the US 64 Westbound Off-Ramp SPOT 2.0 project 1277 has on the Town of Princeville and the surrounding Community. Mr. Berry Gray stated that the Town of Princeville does have a member representative on the TAC and that they had a vote and voice to promote their community projects. Mr. Joe Tolson expressed his support for the Princeville project and asked all members to express their views to him and/or their representatives to ensure the decisions are made on the State level are in support of the UCPRPO area.

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Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on November 5, 2013.

A motion from Mr. Mark Johnson was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Ms. Nancy Nixon and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Berry Gray, TCC Chair

UCPRPO Transportation Planner