

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 13, 2016

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Catherine Grimm, Tarboro
Debbie Vick, Edgecombe
Matthew Kirkland, Johnston

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Tobline Thigpen, TPB-NCDOT
Tim Little, NCDOT Division 4

Other

Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Mary Marlin, UCPCOG
Stuart Bass, UCPCOG
Matt Abele, NCSU

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Kristin Barnes

Introduction

- Welcome & Introductions – James Salmons – UCPRPO Planner*
Mr. James Salmons welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the members and then called the meeting to order.
- Approval of Agenda*
Due to lack of quorum the Agenda was not approved.
- Minutes – May 25, 2016*
- Due to lack of quorum the Minutes for May 25, 2016 was not approved.

Presentation

- Alternative Fuels Presentation –UCPCOG and *Matthew Abele* – Clean Energy Technology Center
Matthew Abele provided a brief presentation on Clean Transportation and the NC Clean Energy Technology Center. He explained that the Center provided grants to communities for clean energy within CMAQ areas which included Nash and Edgecombe Counties. It is expected the center would be accepted applications in the Spring of 2017 for grants to purchase clean energy vehicles and/or infrastructure. Additionally, he reported that there was a “Playbook for Sustainable Fleet Management Event” scheduled for October 19, 2016. Mr. Abele then provided a brief presentation “Why consider alternative fuels?” and the benefits of alternative fuels.

New Business – Action Items

- Discussion of STI P4.0 Regional Projects programmed for STIP and Division Project Points Priorities*
Mr. Salmons provided a brief report on UCPRPO projects that made the Regional list of projects to be included in the draft FY2017-2026 STIP. Mr. Salmons highlighted all of the priority projects identified by local communities and TCC members to be considered for STI P4.0 Division points allocation. It was noted that project H090468 New Route from Peeden St to US 301 was withdrawn from consideration at the request of the Town of Smithfield. Mr. Tim Little stated that Division 4 planned to apply 100 points to project H150519 Kellie Drive and explained that the project was important to the local community to help relieve congestion in the area. Mrs. Catherine Grimm reported that project A130499 to expand the corporate apron at the Tarboro-Edgecombe airport.

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7. *Proposed Resolution of Support for US 264 to Interstate* – No action was taken due to lack of quorum.

Reports

8. *NCDOT Division 4*

Mr. Tim Little asked that everyone be careful traveling on I-95 as construction on the route was on going throughout the UCPRPO area. NCDOT was planning to spend nearly \$83 million on projects within the area.

9. *NCDOT Planning Branch*

Mrs. Tobline Thigpen reported that it is anticipated that the Nash County CTP update would be going before the NCDOT Board at their October meeting.

10. *Southeast Area Study Update (Scenario Comparison Planning)*

Mr. Salmons reported that the SEAS team was working on finalizing the Scenario Planning model and that another public symposium was being planned for the first of November.

11. *Hwy 17/64 Association (US 64 Feasibility Study)*

Mr. Salmons reported that the US 64 upgrade to Interstate Standards was ongoing.

12. *US 70 Commission (I-95 to Princeton Upgrade Feasibility Study)*

Mr. Salmons reported that the US 70 Feasibility Study team was planning to provide a brief presentation to the TAC.

Other Business

13. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC comments.

Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be based on the release of STI Regional Programmed Projects but is tentatively scheduled for November 1, 2016.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bass, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner