

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 5, 2017

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Alicia Gregory, Wilson's Mills
Cynthia Jenkins, Edgecombe
Matt Kirkland, Johnston
Jae Kim, Spring Hope
Julie Maybee, Smithfield
Alicia Gregory, Wilson's Mills
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
J. P. Duncan, Wilson
Bill Dreitzler, Smithfield
Adam Tyson, Nash
Tracy Shearin, Red Oak
Troy Lewis, Tarboro
Catherine Grimm, Tarboro

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Jiles Harrell, NCDOT Division 4

Other

Ron Townley, UCPCOG

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Introduction

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

Mr. Bill Bass welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves 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 additions to be made to the agenda. Being none and **UPON A MOTION** by Tracy Shearin (Red Oak), second by Matt Kirkland (Johnston) the agenda was unanimously approved as written.

3. *Minutes – July 25, 2017*

After reviewing the Minutes for the July 25, 2017 TCC meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Matt Kirkland (Johnston), second by J.P. Duncan (Wilson) the minutes were unanimously approved.

New Business

4. *Proposed STI P5 Project list for adoption and recommendation to TAC*

Members were provided with a proposed list of projects to submit for the STI P5 Prioritization process. It was explained that there was a request from the Town of Micro to add an additional pedestrian project to the list. Having no objections, the Micro project was added to the list. Mr. Troy Lewis requested that the Tarboro Airport project A150741 be replaced with a project to extend the existing runway with the Partner Connect number 3771. Having no objections, the Tarboro Aviation project A150741 was replaced with Partner Connect number 3771. After reviewing the list of highway projects it was understood that the UCPRPO had one additional highway project slot available to add an additional highway project to the list. After members reviewed the list it was recommended by Cynthia Jenkins to include the Princeville US 64 west off ramp as an additional project. With no objections, the US 64 Princeville west off ramp was added. **UPON A MOTION** by Cynthia Jenkins (Edgecombe), second by Jimmy Eatmon (Division 4) the STI P5 project list was unanimously approved with the following additional project modifications:

- a. Additional pedestrian project for the Town of Micro.
- b. Trade Tarboro Airport project A150741 with Partner Connect project 3771.
- c. Add the Princeville US 64 west off ramp as an additional highway project.

5. *UCPRPO STI P5 Methodology*

All members were provided the Draft UCPRPO STI P5 Local Methodology for review. Mr. Salmons explained that the methodology is used to establish a process to be used to submit local input points

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for selected projects for prioritizing STI P5 projects. He stated the deadline to submit the methodology to NCDOT would be in January 2018. Therefore, if any members were interested in updating or modifying the methodology to be prepared to do so at the next TCC meeting scheduled for November 7, 2017. There was a detailed review and discussion on the current methodology and Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs) and their adoption process. There were no specific recommendations for changes to the UCPRPO STI P5 Methodology at this time.

Reports

6. *NCDOT Proposed Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy – Local Cost Share*

Members were provided with a Draft Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy that NCDOT is currently reviewing. It was pointed out the change in the amount of local match required by local municipalities or counties and would be based on population.

7. *US 70 Commission – FS-1604A Feasibility Study*

Mr. Salmons reported that the design team for upgrading US 70 to Interstate 42 from Wilson's Mills to the Wayne County line met August 29th to provide a review of the proposed design. He highlighted the fact that the purpose of the Feasibility Study was not to produce a final design for the project but to provide a general review of the potential project and what are the potential impacts and cost of the project. The next US 70 Commission was scheduled to be held on September 21, 2017. In addition, the design team is scheduled to provide the TAC a presentation on the proposed design at their next TAC meeting scheduled for September 13, 2017.

8. *Hwy 17/64 Association – FS-1504A Feasibility Study*

[http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/feasibility/Feasibility-Study_1504A_Report\(Draft\)_Apr2017.pdf](http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/feasibility/Feasibility-Study_1504A_Report(Draft)_Apr2017.pdf)
Mr. Salmons recommended members review the feasibility study produced for upgrading US 64 from Wake County to Williamston to Interstate Standards. In addition the Hwy 17/64 Association was scheduled to meet again September 20, 2017.

9. *Legislative/STIP Update*

The final updated FY1827 STIP was approved at the NCDOT BOT August meeting. The updated STIP included widening I-95 South of Benson to 6 or 8 lanes. In addition the NC 4 Interchange improvements north of Rocky Mount was also included in the updated STIP FY1827

10. *NCDOT Division 4*

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that Division 4 Engineer Tim Little has been promoted to NCDOT Chief Engineer. Mr. Ronnie Keeter will replace Tim Little as the new Division 4 Engineer.

11. *NCDOT Planning Branch*

There were no TPB comments.

Public Comments

12. There were no public comments

Other Business

13. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC comments.

Upcoming meeting:

Mr. Salmons stated the next meeting would be an opportunity to propose modifications to the UCPRPO STI P5 Local Methodology.

UPON A MOTION from Tracey Shearin (Red Oak) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bass, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO