

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 29, 2014

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston County
Brian Hassell, Edgecombe County
Nancy Nixon, Nash County
Josh Edmondson, Town of Tarboro
Matthew Wiggs, Wilson's Mills
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
Gronna Jones, City of Wilson
Jack Newman, Nashville
Marvin Sharpe, Wilson
Paul Embler, Smithfield

NCDOT

Suzette Morales - TPB
Chris Pendergraph - NCDOT
Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT
Tim Little, NCDOT

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Other

Steven Joyner, Wilsons Mills

Action Items

1. Welcome & Introductions – Berry Gray – TCC Chair

TCC Chair Mr. Berry Gray welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Action Items

2. Minutes – May 6, 2014

After reviewing the Minutes for the May 6, 2014 meeting and UPON A MOTION by Brian Hassell (Edgecombe), second by Josh Edmondson (Tarboro) they were unanimously approved.

New Business

3. Review UCPRPO Strategic Transportation Investment Act (STI) Ranking Methodology
Mr. Salmons asked if there were any questions in reference to the UCPRPO Methodology. Mr. Brian Hassell asked how the UCPRPO Highway viability score was computed. It was explained that the UCPRPO viability score is made up of two criteria. One criteria being whether a project is within the CTP, if so it receives 50 points and if not receives 0 points. The second criteria is if the project provides connectivity between as well as if a project provides connectivity providing access to more businesses and communities. The connectivity criteria is computed as:
 - Local (Project is within only one local jurisdiction) = 15 Points
 - County (Project is within multiple local municipalities within one County) = 20 Points
 - Regional (Project is within multiple Counties) = 25 Points

4. Review TCC Members Completed Ballots and Results

Mr. Salmons reported that he had only received two ballots from TCC members. It was decided to proceed with comments from members and/or the public and then have members complete their rankings.

5. TCC and Public Comment

Mr. Steven Joyner and Matthew Wiggs presented a map showing the Wilson's Mills community and shared the importance of the highway projects within their community to help support their continuing residential and commercial growth. The projects they requested support for are: H140525-Wilson's Mills Rd and H141891-US 70 with two interchanges at Swift Creek Rd and Wilson's Mills Rd. Mr. Tim Little reported that the accident history for

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the two interchanges on US 70 have been a driving force for promoting enhancement of the two interchanges.

Mr. Paul Ember expressed the significance of Booker Dairy Road is to the Smithfield Community. The project would complete the planned northern loop around Smithfield. It was reported that the project was designed and that most R/O acquisition has been completed. There are only a few properties left to acquire. The project will support Commercial, Public and Charter Schools, and the Aquatics Facility which the Town has already committed \$11 million dollars. Mr. Matthew Wiggs commented that the project would also support their community. Mr. Tim Little reported that the project was close to shovel ready project and would improve connectivity in the community.

Mr. Jack Newman reported the importance of Ricks Rd and Noble St has on the Selma Community due to the heavy truckload on the existing corridors. The tank farm has heavy impact on these roads.

Mr. Bill Bass discussed the upgrade of US 201 in Wilson and it's importance to upgrade to a boulevard, which is both bike and pedestrian friendly. He reported that the City has already invested some dollars in performing some field survey work in support of some sidewalks and cross walks. The project historically has been the main route moving traffic volumes as an alternate to I-95 but now the corridor is more of a City Street and needs upgrading to increase safety.

Ballot Exercise

6. TCC Members Prioritize Projects

The TCC members completed their rankings and the results were displayed. Members were encouraged to review the results and make any revisions to their rankings to support the local input provided. Mr. Salmons requested any changes to member rankings be sent no later than Monday at 12:00 noon. Mr. Bill Bass suggested highlighting the TCC Members' top projects in red on the TAC ranking sheets.

A motion from Mr. Brian Hassell was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Josh Edmondson and the meeting was adjourned.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on June 11, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Berry Gray, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner