

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN

RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

July 14, 2010
11:30a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Wilson Operations Center
1800 Herring Ave.
Wilson, NC 27893
252-296-3341

RPO General Information Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – Tommy Rodgers – TAC Chair
2. Lunch

Old Business

3. Special Study – Daniel Van Liere
4. Review of 2010-11 Planning Work Program / Five Year Calendar

New Business

5. Mobility Fund Resolution
6. **Upper Coastal Plain RPO Direction**
7. Other Business/ Member Comments

Reports

8. Johnston County CTP – Daniel Van Liere
9. Wilson County CTP – Daniel Van Liere
10. Nash County CTP – Daniel Van Liere
11. NCDOT Division 4 – Bobby Lewis/ Representative
12. NCDOT Planning Branch, Saeed Mohamed

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RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order – Troy Lewis – TCC Chair

Action Items

2. Minutes - January 13, 2010
3. Mobility Fund Resolution

Dates of future meetings:

Sept.7, 2010 November 2, 2010 January 4, 2011 March 1, 2011

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

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May 4, 2010

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston Co.
Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson
Elaine Swinson, Wilson Co.
Fleta Byrd, Wilson's Mills
John Holpe, Spring Hope
Ola Pittman, Edgecombe Co.
Rosemary Dorsey, Nash Co.

Ryan Simons, Selma
Tommy Hawkins, Saratoga
Troy Lewis, Tarboro

NCDOT

Ronnie Keeter, Division 4

UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

1. Welcome and Introductions

Troy Lewis, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

Action Items

2. Approval of Minutes

Correction to be made: replace Mr. Harry Tyson's position title as Assistant City manager to Deputy City manager.

UPON A MOTION by Ms. Dorsey (Nash Co.), second by Ms. Pittman (Edgecombe Co.), the minutes from the UCPRPO TCC meeting held on March 2, 2010 were unanimously approved.

3. TCC Chair and Vice-Chair Election

Mr. Van Liere stated that the election subcommittee asked if the current Chair and Vice-Chair would be willing to serve another term. Upon conversations with the Chair and Vice-Chair it was made clear that they were willing to do so.

UPON A MOTION by Ms. Dorsey (Nash Co.), second by Mr. Bunn (City of Wilson), the nomination of Troy Lewis (Tarboro) for UCPRPO Chair and Fleta Byrd (Wilson's Mills) for Vice-Chair were made and was unanimously approved.

4. 2010-11 Public Work Plan and Five Year Calendar

Mr. Van Liere presented the 2010-11 Planning Work Program (PWP) and Five Year Calendar, explaining that this document serves as the budget for the next Fiscal Year. Mr. Van Liere also explained that this document was nearly identical to the previous year document because of the similarities in projects between the two years. Mr. Van Liere also stated that NCDOT had asked that minor changes be made specifying which counties projects will be done for when stating project details.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Bunn (City of Wilson), second by Ms. Pittman (Edgecombe Co.), the 2010-11 PWP and Five Year Calendar were unanimously approved for recommendation to the TAC.

Old Business

5. Special Study

Mr. Van Liere gave a brief background on the special study, reminding the TCC that the RPO has hired a part time position to work on the special study. Mr. Van Liere reminded the group that he had presented the economic development website at the previous meeting and that he and the UCPRPO staff were continuing to work on the site in an effort to improve its usability and functionality. Mr. Van Liere stated that Mr. Lewis (Division 4) had mentioned future functionality of finding demographics based on a drive time from a location

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and that the RPO staff had been able to develop that functionality as requested. The go live date for the site will be May 17th.

6. UCRPO Website

Mr. Van Liere stated that he is continuously updating the website and asked that members continue to use the site and make recommendations for any changes members would like to see made.

New Business

7. Membership and Attendance

Mr. Van Liere stated that the TAC is having some attendance issues and so we will be looking at the MOU to review the RPO member rotation for all RPO members both TCC and TAC. Mr. Van Liere also asked for any suggestions as to increase participation from those jurisdictions not currently participating.

8. NCARPO Quarterly Meeting Update

Mr. Van Liere stated that the NCARPO is working to developed standard Bike and Ped plans, ranking CTP recommendations, and RPO evaluation process. The next quarterly meeting will be held in Columbus at the end of July

9. Nash and Wilson County Bike and Pedestrian Plans

Mr. Van Liere stated that the Upper Coastal Plain RPO will be developing a Bicycle and Pedestrian plan for both Nash and Wilson Counties in coordination with their respective CTPs. Due to the workload on the RPO Bike and Ped plans for Edgecombe or Johnston Counties will have to occur in later years.

10. Other Business/ TCC Member Comments

Ms. Dorsey (Nash Co.) stated that she and Mr. Van Liere had recently traveled to Raleigh to meet with NCDOT TPB to discuss the UCRPO's evaluation process and results. Ms. Dorsey stated that TPB had mostly praise for the RPO and that the only change to see would be more presentation about the meetings that had been attended between RPO meetings.

Mr. Gray (Johnston Co.) wanted the group to be aware of the current census counts over the next few years and how the MPO boundaries may adjust due to those changes.

Reports

11. Johnston, Nash, and Wilson County CTP

The Johnston Co. CTP has been moving forward and regional meetings are being planned for near future to present information gathered and request additional information from local citizens and municipal representatives.

12. Division 4/ Transportation Planning Branch

Nothing to report from Division 4
TPB member was not present

13. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on July 14, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Lewis, TCC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCRPO Transportation Planner

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May 12, 2010

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson
Al Wester, Red Oak
Billy Morgan, Nash County
Doug Oglesby, Town of Benson
Jim Alford, Town of Tarboro
Ray Woodall, Johnston County
Ron McCormick, Town of Saratoga

Thomas Cherry, Edgecombe Co.
Vines Cobb, Jr., Town of Pinetops

Other

Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson

UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

14. Welcome and Introductions

Councilman Coleman (City of Wilson), called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM and asked that everyone introduce themselves

Action Items

15. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Commissioner Morgan (Nash County), second by Mayor Cobb (Pinetops), the minutes from the UCP RPO TAC meeting held on March 10, 2010 were unanimously approved.

16. TAC Chair and Vice Chair Election

Councilman Coleman (City of Wilson) asked that the Chair of the nomination committee, Mayor Cobb (Pinetops) report the nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair. Mayor Cobb reported that Councilman Tommy Rodgers (Nashville) be nominated for TAC Chair and Commissioner Doug Oglesby (Benson) be nominated for TAC Vice-Chair.

Councilman Coleman (City of Wilson) asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Hearing none the Chair entertained a motion for the acceptance or rejection of the nomination report. Commissioner Cherry (Edgecombe County) made a motion to approve the report and nomination, seconded by Councilman Alford (Tarboro), and was unanimously approved.

Due to absence of TAC Chair Elect Rodgers, Councilman Coleman resumed role as Chair for remainder of the meeting.

17. Planning Work Program / Five Year Calendar

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Mr. Van Liere stated that the 2010-11 PWP and Five Year Calendar had been approved by the TCC for recommendation for adoption for the TAC. Councilman Coleman entertained a motion to adopt the 2010-11 PWP and Five Year Calendar.

UPON A MOTION by Councilman Alford (Tarboro), Seconded by Mayor Cobb (Pinetops) the 2010-11 PWP and Five Year Calendar was unanimously approved.

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Old Business

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New Business

19. Membership and Attendance

Mr. Van Liere stated that he has been successful in contacting most TAC members and that most members that he could reach were attending the TAC meetings. Mr. Van Liere also stated that he had been asked by the TCC to review the MOU and report back as to how membership should be rotated from year to year.

Concerns were raised for rotating membership due to the worry that new members may not attend where other members that rotated out had been attending regularly. Mr. Van Liere stated that he would investigate into this matter and report back to the group at the next meeting.

Councilman Coleman asked that Mr. Van Liere draft a letter to the respective Chairs with an attendance sheet attached, stating the attendance issue and asking that their members be reminded of their role on the Upper Coastal Plain RPO.

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22. Other Business/TAC Member Comments

Commissioner Oglesby (Benson) asked that minutes and agendas be posted on the RPOs website.

Reports

23. Johnston, Nash, and Wilson County CTPs

All CTPs are moving along on schedule. Updates and meeting dates will be shared with the group regularly at RPO meetings.

24. Division 4/ Transportation Planning Branch

No representative present

25. Upcoming Meetings

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Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Rodgers, TAC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner

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A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR ADOPTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA MOBILITY FUND

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is in need of new funding sources, generating revenues beyond the “Equity Formula” to help address North Carolina’s critical transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, current funding levels at local, State and Federal levels are insufficient to meet the state’s transportation needs, especially with respect to projects having regional, statewide and national significance; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina continues to grow at a rate higher than the national average;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by Transportation Advisory Board of the Upper Coastal Plain Rural Planning Organization does hereby:

Support adoption of the creation of the “North Carolina Mobility Fund” by the North Carolina General Assembly during its 2010 Legislative Session.

Adopted on the 14 day of July, 2010

Tommy Rodgers, Chair
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee

Daniel N. Van Liere, Secretary
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee