

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 13, 2013

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

J.P. Coleman, City of Wilson
Gerrelene Walker, Tarboro
Cheryl Oliver, Selma
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
J. Vines Cobb, Jr., Pinetops
Ted Godwin, Johnston County
Al Wester, Red Oak

TCC

Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson

NCDOT

John Rouse, Division 4
Saeed Mohamed, NCDOT TBP

UCPRPO

James M. Salmons

TAC meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – Kenneth Jones – TAC Chair

TAC Chair Mr. Kenneth Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He then read the conflict of interest statement and there were no members reporting any conflicts. He welcomed Ms. Gerrelene Walker of Tarboro as a new member.

Agenda Item Correction:

UPON A MOTION by Mr. A.P. Coleman (City of Wilson), second by Ms. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), a correction was made on the Agenda item "Other Business – Section 11" was changed from "TCC" to read "TAC" and then the agenda was unanimously approved.

Action Items

2. Minutes – January 9, 2013:

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Ted Godwin (Johnston County), second by Mr. A.P. Coleman (City of Wilson), with a correction being made in the draft minutes to replace "TCC" with "TAC" within the "Old Business item 3" the minutes from the UCPRPO TAC meeting held January 9, 2013 were unanimously approved.

Old Business

3. Special Study Update:

Mr. James Salmons informed the TAC that the UCPRPO continues to maintain and monitor the NC Report App for the Town of Tarboro and that the City of Rocky Mount was still in the process of evaluating it for use in their jurisdiction.

4. ENC Coalition Update:

Mr. Salmons reported that there were changes within the ENC Coalition staff. Joel Strickland is the new Executive Director and Jo Penrose is the new Assistant Director. Mr. Salmons reported that there is a tentative meeting scheduled of the full ENC group for April 11, 2013 at 10:00am located at the Goldsboro City Hall. He also reported that he attended a staff meeting on March 12. The staff discussed having Alpesh Patel from NCDOT provide a presentation on Vehicle Miles Traveled as a possible source of funding for NCDOT projects. He also reported that an I-95 Economic Study has been completed and the ENC Staff discussed having a possible presentation on the results of the study. There was brief discussion on the opposition to tolling within the UCPRPO region.

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5. Ethics Requirements:

Mr. Jones reminded members that the financial disclosure is due by April 15, 2013. The ethics training is due to be completed by June 30, 2013. Mr. Salmons reported that the TCC suggested having the next TCC and TAC meeting be a joint meeting and provide the training. It was agreed to have the meeting include the ethics training at the May 8, 2013 meeting at 2:00pm.

6. 2013 SPOT 3.0 Projects:

Mr. Salmons reported that there was a new tentative schedule for submitting SPOT 3.0 projects and there was a copy of the schedule with the handouts and that project submittal was pushed back to the end of June. He also stated there was a workshop power point produced by the Prioritization Workgroup with details of the SPOT process that was emailed to all members.

New Business

7. New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations for FY 13-14:

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Cobb (Pinetops), second by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson) there was a nomination for Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) for Chair of the TAC and Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) for Vice Chair of the TAC. By a unanimous vote Kenneth Jones was elected to Chair and Cheryl Oliver (Selma) as Vice Chair of the TAC.

8. New UCPRPO Coordinator Interview Report:

Mr. Kenneth Jones (Wilson Mill's) reported that the committee interviewed 3 individuals. After 2-3 weeks it was narrowed down to two people. Mr. Salmons' reported that Nash County was in the process of performing background checks and once received an offer will be given to the first choice applicant.

9. Legislative Update – Prioritization 3.0 Tentative Schedule:

Mr. Salmons reported that the about half of the NCDOT board members have been replaced and that Gus Tullos was still our representative. He also reported that there was discussion to add additional points for job creation within the SPOT 3.0 process. He again noted the new SPOT 3.0 tentative schedule. Mr. Rouse stated the department is looking at possible tools such as the software system TREDIS to help incorporate more emphasis on economic impact within the Prioritization process.

10. Locally Coordinated Plan (LCP Transit Plan) and PWP Update:

Mr. Salmons provided a list of stakeholders for the LCP Transit Plan and requested if anyone knew of any additional possible stakeholders to let him know so that he could include them in the invitations to be sent out. Mr. Salmons stated there were five requirements for the public transit plan which are: assessment of needs, inventory of available services, strategies to reach needs, identify future needs coordination, and prioritization. Mr. Salmons reported the changes needed to the PWP required to include the LCP Transit Plan as reflected in the handouts with the Agenda. UPON A MOTION by Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson) the changes to the PWP Funding Sources Table were unanimously approved. Mr. Salmons reported that the UCPRPO budget would be cut by about 10% for the fiscal year 2013-2014 with a new budget of \$109,278.

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Other Business

11. TAC Member Comments: There were no additional comments

Reports

12. NCDOT Division 4:

Mr. John Rouse (Division 4) reported the US 70 Wilson Mill's project was updated at the US 70 Commission meeting. He reported the Natural Resources Technical Report is due this summer which an accumulation of all the environmental surveys and documents which will indicate what type of environmental document needs to be written for the projects, either a simple EA or a full blown EIS which could add a lot of money and years to the project. The project is only funded for planning and design only and that there is no funding right of way or construction at this time. Secondly Mr. Rouse reported the I-95 tolling economic impact study is due to the General Assembly next month. The NCDOT will report to the General Assembly next month. He reported that if the current funding options remain the same that tolling is the only viable option to provide the upgrades required for I-95. For example Division 4 has about half of I-95 within its boundaries and it would take a projected 60 years to complete the required work without doing any other work within the Division. Mr. Rouse reported that I-95 is over 60 years old and needs to be re-built and widened to 6 lanes its entire length.

13. NCDOT Planning Branch:

Mr. Saeed reported this would probably be his last meeting with the UCPRPO. Scott Walston will be the new TPB contact for the UCPRPO.

Public Comment

14. Public Comment - No Public was in attendance.

Upcoming Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2013 in conjunction with the TAC meeting. A motion from Mrs. Cheryl Oliver (Selma) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Ted Godwin (Johnston County) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Jones, TAC Chair

UCPRPO Transportation Planner