

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

November 13, 2013

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson
Wayne Outlaw, Nash County
Vines Cobb, Selma
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
Ted Godwin, Johnston County
Al Wester, Red Oak
Ronald McCormick, Saratoga

NCDOT

Jimmy Eaton, Division 4
Andrea Cozzarelli, TPB
Scott Walston, TPB
Suzette Ogbon, TPB

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Public

Paul Smith, WK Dickson
Brigid Williams, WK Dickson
Neal Davis, JCATS
Troy Lewis, Tarboro-Edgecombe Aviation

TAC meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – Kenneth Jones – TAC Chair
TAC Chair Mr. Kenneth Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

Action Items

2. Minutes – TAC Meeting September 11, 2013
After reviewing the Minutes for June 26, 2013, UPON A MOTION by Mr. A.P. Coleman (City of Wilson) and a second by Mr. Ted Godwin (Johnston County), the minutes were unanimously approved.

Informational

3. Mr. Kenneth Jones introduced the following and each gave a presentation on Non-Highway Transportation Modes.
- Presentation: Johnston Count Area Transit System ~ Neal Davis, Executive Director
 - Presentation: Tarboro-Edgecombe Airport ~ Troy Lewis, Airport Manager
 - Presentation: Johnston County Airport ~ Ray Blackman, Airport Director

New Business

1. SPOT 3.0 Update – Schedule/Updated Point allocation/STI Proposed Ranking Methodology
Mr. Salmons reported that the UCPRPO will receive 1400 points versus 1300 points originally allocated. He also stated that the maximum number of points allowed to any MPO or RPO will be 2500 points. A handout with a table displaying how points were being allocated to all MPO's and RPO's throughout the State was provided.

Mr. Salmons reported that the TCC has a workshop meeting scheduled for November 19, 2013 at 9:00 am to develop a methodology and that all members are invited to attend and that an additional work session meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2014 to provide both TCC and TAC members to work together to establish a draft methodology to present to NCDOT for approval. The anticipated draft is expected to be formally approved by the TAC at the January 8, 2014 meeting before being published on the www.ucprpo.org website for public review and comment.

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Mr. Salmons also reported that the JOLTC updated the STI local input percentages to be – Regional Level, 15% Division and 15% RPO – Division Level, 20% Division and 30% RPO input. He also reported the modified SPOT project input schedule will be January 21, 2014 to February 17, 2014.

Other Business

1. Tarboro Pedestrian Update

Mr. James Salmons reported that he was still working on updating the sidewalk inventory and creating a crossing data layer. Once complete he would set up a time for the steering committee to meet again. There was brief discussion in reference to moving some of the planned pedestrian projects forward. Mr. Jimmy Eatmon stated that pedestrian projects would need to compete with other transportation modes.

2. UCPRPO Evaluation

Mr. Salmons provided the group with the UCPRPO evaluation and reported that the RPO was currently meeting expectations.

3. Increase in RPO Funding FY2014

Mr. Salmons reported that the UCPRPO funding has been increased to \$121,781.00 and that the PWP would need to be updated.

4. ENC Coalition Meeting Scheduled for December 12, 2013 – Jacksonville, NC

Mr. Salmons reported that the ENC staff has a meeting planned for November 15, 2013 and the full ENC plan to meet December 12, 2013.

5. TAC Member Comments

Mr. Godwin stated that he feels projects that are wanted by the citizens should be the projects that move forward especially with the limited resources we currently have. Mr. Kenneth Jones agreed with Mr. Godwin and stated that the evaluation factor should be reviewed to ensure that projects generate services and are helpful to the community.

Reports

2. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that US 70 bridge over the rail road track should be completing shortly. The Clayton NC 42 widening project should be completed prior to Christmas. Mr. Jimmy Eatmon stated that he thought Mr. James Salmons did a good job explaining the STI Methodology requirements and that it was important that a good methodology is developed.

3. NCDOT Planning Branch

Mr. Scott Walston shared with the group that there is a short video that helps explain the new STI legislation published by NCDOT. The video was played for the group. Mr. Salmons explained that the prioritization of Statewide projects are to be 100% data driven – Regional projects will be 70% data driven and 30% local input – Divisional projects will be 50% data driven and 50% local input.

Public Comment

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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Upcoming meeting:

The next TAC meeting will be held on January 8, 2014.

A motion from Mr. A.P. Coleman (City of Wilson) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Ted Goodwin (Johnston County) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Jones, TAC Chair

UCPRPO Transportation Planner