

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

January 12, 2011

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

TAC

Al Wester, Red Oak
A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson
Billy Morgan, Nash County
Gus Tulloss, NCDOT Board
James Alston, Castalia
Jim Alford, Town of Tarboro

Attendance

Ray Woodall, Johnston County
Ron McCormick, Town of
Saratoga
Vines Cobb, Jr., Town of
Pinetops

NCDOT

Bobby Lewis
Ronnie Keeter

UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

General Information Meeting was held prior to TAC meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Van Liere welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the group that Councilman Rodgers or Commissioner Oglesby were not going to be able to attend the meeting.

Action Items

2. Approval of the Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Councilman Coleman (City of Wilson), second by Councilman Alford (Tarboro), the minutes from the UCPRPO TAC meeting held on September 8, 2010 were unanimously approved.

3. 2010-11 PWP Revision

Mr. Van Liere explained that line item II-B-10 needed to be revised to clarify that the Bicycle and Pedestrian plans that are being developed for Nash and Wilson Counties are being based on the Recommended Content for CTP Bicycle and Pedestrian Element produced by the NC Association of RPO's and not NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Division.

UPON A MOTION by Councilman Alford (Tarboro), second by Councilman Coleman (City of Wilson), the revision of the 2010-11 PWP was unanimously approved.

Old Business

4. Special Study

Mr. Van Liere stated that the special project is still underway and moving head very well. Mr. Van Liere introduced James Salmons to the group and identified him as the main developer of the UCPRPO Flex site. Mr. Van Liere and Mr. Salmons then took about ten minutes to display the site and explain the sites functionality. www.ucprpo.org/UCPRPOFlex.html.

New Business

5. Project Request/SPOT Website

Mr. Van Liere and Mr. Salmons demonstrated the new TIP/SPOT project submittal site that would be live within the few weeks which would allow TCC members to input projects for consideration in the next TIP call for projects.

6. MUTCD Regulations

Mr. Van Liere informed the TCC that the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices had been reissued in 2009 and brought to the groups attention the need to conform to new sign regulations. Mr. Van Liere made reference to the new standards and potential penalties for non compliance and also stated that he would send a link to the manual to the group so that they could better understand what was involved.

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7. RPO Evaluation

Mr. Van Liere stated that the RPO evaluations were due out any day and that he was not able to report back until the official report had been sent out by NCDOT TPB

8. Other Business

No other business presented.

Reports

9. NCARPO October Meeting

Mr. Van Liere explained that the NC Association of RPOs had held their quarterly meeting in Lumberton, NC. The meeting agenda highlights consisted of the MUTCD Regulations, RPO Evaluations, as well as the Election of new officers. Mr. Van Liere also informed the TCC that he had been nominated and elected to secretary of the NCARPO. The next meeting would be held in Raleigh on January 27-28.

10. Johnston, Nash, and Wilson County CTP

Mr. Van Liere stated that all CTPs were still moving forward and Bike and Ped plans were still in process to be included within the Nash and Wilson County's CTPs documents.

11. Division 4/ Transportation Planning Branch

Division Engineer Bobby Lewis informed the group that Ronnie Keeter had been hired as the new Maintenance Engineer for Division 4. Mr. Gus Tulloss spoke with the group and emphasized that the RPO needs to make a greater effort to reach out to the General Assembly with the departure of Marc Basnight.

TPB was not present

12. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on March 9, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Rodgers, TAC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner