

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Upper Coastal Plain RPO

July 8th, 2009

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

Tommy Rodger, Town of Nashville
Thomas Cherry, Edgecombe Co.
Jim Alford, Town of Tarboro
Vines Cobb, Jr., Town of Pinetops
Delia Perkins, Town of Princeville

Charles Hester, Town of Selma
Ron McCormick, Town of Saratoga

UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

1. Welcome and Introductions

Daniel Van Liere, called the meeting to order at 3:10 PM

2. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Councilman Alford (Town of Tarboro), second by Mayor Cherry (Town of Pinetops), the minutes from the UCP RPO TAC meeting held on March 11, 2009 were unanimously approved.

3. Request for a Letter of Support for Federal RPO Funding

Mr. Van Liere explained that the House of Representatives had drafted H.R. 2782 federally recognizing Rural Planning Organizations across the County. It was requested of the Upper Coastal Plain RPO by the North Carolina RPO Association that a letter be sent out to the UCPRPO's congressional representatives requesting that they co-sponsor H.R. 2782.

UPON A MOTION by Councilman Rodgers (Town of Nashville), second by Mayor Hester (Town of Selma), the drafting of a letter to the UCPRPO's congressional representatives requesting that they co-sponsor H.R. 2782 with the idea that the bill support funding RPOs and should the bill's language go way outside of this recommendation that the letter be withdrawn, was unanimously approved.

4. Road Transfer Resolution

Mr. Van Liere explained Senate Bill 1001 and the main points for the bill.

UPON A MOTION by Mayor Perkins (Town of Princeville), second by Commissioner Cherry (Edgecombe Co.), the resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 1001 and find out the status of the bill was unanimously approved.

5. SPOT

Mr. Van Liere explained that SPOT will be in charge of TIP project submittal and organization. He also explained the different changes that were made from the SPOT reorganization. Mr. Van Liere recommended that the UCPRPO use the same criteria that are used to prioritize projects at DOT for prioritizing projects for the UCPRPO. A timeline for the SPOT process was also presented.

6. Special Studies Timeline

Mr. Van Liere explained that a special studies subcommittee met and developed the special study that the UCPRPO will work on over the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. A timeline was presented as to how the project would move forward over a 12 month time frame. It was stated that monthly progress reports would be given to both the TCC and TAC.

Mr. Van Liere also recommended setting up a subcommittee for reviewing the special study's progress and direction. The subcommittee members are: Rosemary Dorsey (Nash Co.), Bobby Lewis (Div. 4), Bryant Bunn (City of Wilson), Ola Pittman (Edgecombe Co.), Mark Johnson (Wilson Co.), and Berry Gray (Johnston Co.).

7. Nash County CTP

Mr. Van Liere stated that Nash County should be initiated by August 2009. This plan would be headed by Elena Talanker at NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch.

8. Upper Coastal Plain RPO Website

The Upper Coastal Plain RPO now has a website that is live and available for all to access. The website address will be www.ucprpo.org but the RPO is currently waiting for the domain name to be transferred from the UCP COG to the RPO. It was requested that the TCC members take time and visit the website and provide comments for improving the website.

Reports

9. Johnston County CTP

The Johnston Co. CTP has been moving along and a steering committee has been meeting. A resolution recognizing the need for a CTP was adopted by the Johnston County Board of Commissioners at their July meeting. A survey will be available from August 1st through September 31st.

10. Wilson County CTP

The Wilson County CTP is moving nearly parallel to the Johnston Co. CTP. The next meeting held will be finalizing the resolution of support determining how to move forward in presenting the resolution to the Wilson Co. municipalities.

11. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on September 9, 2009.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. Coleman, TAC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner