

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 10, 2010

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TAC

A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson  
Al Wester, Red Oak  
Thomas Cherry, Edgecombe Co.  
Jim Alford, Town of Tarboro  
Vines Cobb, Jr., Town of Pinetops  
Doug Oglesby, Town of Benson  
Ron McCormick, Town of Saratoga

#### Other

Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson

#### UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

A.P. Coleman, called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM

### 2. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Commissioner Cherry (Edgecombe), second by Councilman Alford (Tarboro), the minutes from the UCP RPO TAC meeting held on January 13, 2010 were unanimously approved.

### Old Business

#### 3. Special Study

Mr. Van Liere presented the UCP RPO Economic Development Flex site, explaining that while it had originally been developed for the four counties within the RPO staff had been asked by the NCDOT Chief Operations Officer Jim Trogdon to continue the project for the entire state. Mr. Van Liere then continued to give a demonstration of the websites capabilities.

### New Business

#### 4. Election Sub Committee

Chairman Coleman (City of Wilson) asked for three volunteers from different counties to serve as a nomination and election committee to nominate a TAC Chair and Vice-Chair for the upcoming 2010-11 fiscal year. Mayor Cobb (Pinetops) volunteered to serve as Chair of the subcommittee. Commissioner Oglesby (Benson) and Mayor Wester (Red Oak) also volunteered to serve on this committee.

Chairman Coleman asked how the TAC can try and have better attendance by those members that do not attend the meetings. Mr. Van Liere stated that he sends agenda out to all members and tries to contact each of them by phone to make them aware of the each meeting. Mr. Van Liere also stated that it may be beneficial to try and address this for the beginning of the new fiscal year which will be beginning on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

#### 5. Planning Work Program/Five Year Program

Mr. Van Liere presented the TAC with the 2010-11 Planning Work Program and Five Year Program. Mr. Van Liere explained that the documents looked very similar to this fiscal year's budget because staff is continuing most of the work that is going on this year which is extending into next year. Mr. Van Liere then asked that the TAC review these documents to be voted on for at the next TAC meeting in May.

#### 6. Safe Routes to School Application

Mr. Van Liere informed the TAC that the Safe Routes to School program has announced a \$1,000 mini grant that is available to counties and municipalities. Mr. Van Liere stated that this information had also been shared with the TCC.

#### 7. UCPRPO Evaluation

Mr. Van Liere reminded the TAC of a survey that they had been provided in October of 2009 to evaluate the Upper Coastal Plain RPO. The results of that survey were then presented to TAC. Mr. Van Liere stated that results showed that the UCP RPO was meeting expectations, which is where RPOs should be. Chairman

Coleman (City of Wilson) stated that he felt that some of the question that were asked, he was not able to answer. He also felt that the responses by the TCC should be weighed more than the TAC because he assumed that the TCC dealt with the RPO more than the TAC. The TAC requested that the TAC and TCC together at least once a year.

**8. Other Business/ TAC Comments**

Mr. Van Liere stated that the UCP RPO will be presenting Commissioner Braswell (Johnston County) a certificate of appreciation for all of the work that he had done with the RPO prior to leaving the RPO.

**Reports**

**9. CTP Updates**

Johnston County CTP has been having area meetings to help divide the county and focus citizens comments, Wilson County CTP is moving along and will be discussing Transit at the next steering committee meeting, The Nash County CTP currently has their survey out for public participation and is waiting for the public's responses to do any analysis.

**10. NCOT Division 4**

Member not present

**11. NCDOT TPB**

Member not present

**12. Upcoming Meetings**

Next meeting will be held on May 12, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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A.P. Coleman, TAC Chair

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Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner