

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 9, 2011

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

Al Wester, Red Oak
A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson
Billy Morgan, Nash County
DeVan Barbour, Johnston County
Doug Oblesby, Benson
Gus Tulloss, NCDOT Board

James Alston, Castalia
Jim Alford, Tarboro
Ron McCormick, Saratoga
Tommy Rogers, Nashville
Vines Cobb, Jr., Pinetops

NCDOT

Bobby Lewis

UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

General Information Meeting was held prior to TAC meeting.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Councilman Rogers welcomed everyone to the meeting and called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

Action Items

2. Approval of the Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Councilman Alford (Tarboro), second by Commissioner Morgan (Nash Co.), the minutes from the UCPRPO TAC meeting held on January 4, 2011 were unanimously approved.

Old Business

3. Project Submittal for Upcoming TIP

Mr. Van Liere stated that individual jurisdictions should begin thinking about what projects they would like to submit to the RPO for consideration in the upcoming TIP. Project submittals will occur by way of the internet and should be done by the end of May. More information will be provided at the next RPO meeting in May.

4. RPO Performance Evaluation

The UCPRPO performance evaluation has been completed and the UCPRPO ranked very well. There were no complaints or problems that came up in the evaluation and the UCPRPO will continue to perform as it has in the past, striving to meet the expectations of its member jurisdictions.

New Business

5. 2011-12 PWP

Mr. Van Liere presented the proposed 2011-2012 PWP for consideration. He asked that the members review the document and recommend changes as they see fit. This document will be presented to the TCC in May for consideration.

6. SPOT Information

Mr. Van Liere stated that the SPOT office has adjusted how it will be ranking projects for the upcoming TIP submittal cycle. Instead of ranking one through twenty five the ranks will now be done on a point scale. 1300 points will be given to each RPO/MPO and it will be up to each organization as to how they divide the points. Regional meetings will be held in May to provide more information to the RPO/MPOs clarifying how this new process will work. Information will be provided back to the TCC following those meetings.

7. Other Business

Councilman Alford asked that some recognition be sent to Mr. T.C. Cherry for his time at the RPO. Mr. Van Liere stated that he will create a certificate of appreciation for Mr. Cherry and present it at the next meeting.

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Reports

8. NCARPO January Meeting

Mr. Van Liere explained that the NC Association of RPOs had held their quarterly meeting in Raleigh, NC. The meeting agenda highlights consisted of the SPOT Information, RPO Evaluations. The next meeting would be held in Fayetteville on April 27-29.

9. 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.

10. Division 4/ Transportation Planning Branch

Division Engineer Bobby Lewis informed the group that a Wilson Transportation Committee is in the process of being formed.

Mr. Gus Tulloss stated that he believed that the MPOs and RPOs are going to have a bigger voice than in previous years.

TPB was not present

11. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on March 9, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Rogers, TAC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner