

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 9, 2012

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

### TAC

Al Wester, Red Oak  
Billy Morgan, Nash County  
Tommy Rogers, Nashville  
Jim Alford, Tarboro  
Vines Cobb, Jr., Pinetops  
Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills  
A.P. Coleman, City of Wilson  
Ron McCormick, Saratoga

### Attendance

#### City of Wilson

Bryant Bunn

#### NCDOT

Gus Tulloss, NC BOT  
John Rouse, Division 4  
Jimmy Eatmon, Division 4  
Saeed Mohamed, NCDOT TPB

#### UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

### TAC meeting

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

TAC Chairman Tommy Rogers, called the meeting to order.

### Action Items

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (Wilson), seconded by Mayor. Cobb (Pinetops), the minutes from the UCPRPO TAC meeting held on March 6, 2012 were unanimously approved.

### Old Business

#### 3. Special Study Update

Mr. Van Liere shared an update on the RPO Report app that had been developed over the past year. Staff let the group know that he had decided against hiring an intern to develop the Android side of the app. He also let the group know that staff had updated the app to include a note letting the user know who they would be contacting when pressing the Emergency Report Button.

Mr. Van Liere also stated that he was waiting for Tarboro to hire a new Planning Director before he could move forward with the Pedestrian Study as was slated for the 2011-12 PWP. He also stated that he had met with the City of Wilson to start working on a sign inventory and was waiting on a GIS database from the city to move forward.

#### 4. 2012-13 PWP/ Five Year Calendar

Mr. Van Liere presented the 2012-13 Planning Work Program and Five year calendar and explained that they had not changed since it was presented at the last meeting.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Alford (Tarboro), second by Mr. Jones (Wilson's Mills), the 2012-13 PWP and Five Year Calendar were unanimously approved

#### 5. Elections

Mr. Van Liere stated that it was time to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the TAC. He explained that Mr. Rodgers was not eligible for another term. Mr. Coleman nominated Mr. Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) to serve as Chair. Mr. Alford Seconded the nomination and Mr. Jones accepted the nomination. A vote was cast and Mr. Jones was unanimously elected.

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Mr. Coleman made a motion to nominate Mayor Cheryl Oliver to serve as Vice Chair of the TAC. Mr. Alford seconded this motion. With Mayor Oliver not in attendance, a vote was cast to elect the Mayor to serve as Vice-Chair of the TAC if she agreed to serve. The vote was unanimous.

### New Business

#### 6. Amtrak Resolution

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution of support for expanding Amtrak service to eastern North Carolina. He stated that the resolution had been recommended by the TCC for approval. After discussion, it was asked to change the third Whereas statement to state “located in Wilson and Rocky Mount;” as well as adding a Whereas requesting the study of stops in Wilson and Rocky Mount if a train is passing through.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson) to adopt the Resolution with the changes as noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan (Nash Co.), the vote was unanimous.

#### 7. Ferry Tolls Resolution

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution in opposition of increasing or adding Ferry Tolls.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (Tarboro), second by Mr. Jones (Wilson’s Mills), the Ferry Toll Resolution was unanimously approved

### Legislative Update

#### 8. Legislative Update

Mr. Van Liere stated that he had attended the Joint Legislative oversight committee meeting in Raleigh. He explained that the JLOC had been given a presentation of a MPO/RPO Survey. Key points to take away, TAC and TCC members will have to abide by the State Ethics Act, SPOT prioritization is now part of State Legislation, Must be a place for Public Comment, greater link between Transportation and Land Use Planning, Language Change to state RPOs are defined as 50,000 or 3 contiguous counties.

Mr. Van Liere also stated that after the 2010 census MPO and RPO boundaries may change. He also stated that the Rocky Mount MPO will expand slightly in the Region. Sharpsburg will be invited into the MPO.

### Other Business

#### 9. TAC Comments

Mr. Billy Morgan made the statement that there is a Study underway and a lot of conversation about tolling I-95. He stated that toll roads would be a problem in the region and looked for support from the RPO in later meetings.

#### 10. Public Comments

No Comments were made

### Reports

#### 11. Governors Summit

Mr. Van Liere stated the Governors Summit was held on March 16<sup>th</sup> in Greenville. He stated that Transportation in Eastern North Carolina was emphasized and the needs that still exist for economic development to expand.

#### 12. Division 4

Mr. Rouse stated that in Johnston County the Preliminary Engineering for Wilson’s Mills at Fork Creek Mills Study is underway. Also, I-95 Economic impact study is underway which will look to see what the impacts of tolls may be.

Board Member Tulloss stated that the 2040 Plan had been completed and that it was to go before the Board of Transportation for adoption in July.

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### **13. Transportation Planning Branch**

Saeed Mohamed stated that the three remaining CTPs for the RPO are nearly completed and should be presented and adopted in the very near future.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The next meeting will be held on July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Respectfully submitted,

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Tommy Rogers, TAC Chair

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Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner