

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

January 9, 2013

## RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Agenda

### Attendance

#### **TAC**

James Alston, Castalia  
Tommy Hawkins, Saratoga  
Billy Morgan, Nash County  
Kenneth Jones, Wilson Mills  
J. Vines Cobb, Jr., Pinetops  
Ted Godwin, Johnston County  
Al Wester, Red Oak

#### **TCC**

Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson

#### **NCDOT**

Jimmy Eaton, Division 4  
Saeed Mohamed, NCDOT TBP

#### **UCPRPO**

James M. Salmons

### **TAC meeting**

1. Welcome & Introductions – Kenneth Jones – TAC Chair

Mr. Kenneth Jones welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

### **Action Items**

2. Minutes - November 14, 2012

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Vines Cobb, Jr. (Pinetops), second by Mr. Al Wester (Town of Red Oak), the minutes from the UCPRPO TAC meeting held November 14, 2012 were unanimously approved.

### **Old Business**

3. Special Study Update

Mr. James Salmons informed the TAC that work was continuing on the NC Report App and that he and Mr. Daniel Van Liere had presented the app to the City of Rock Mount on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Salmons reported that he had contacted the City and that the City was still evaluating its potential use within the Rocky Mount MPO.

4. ENC Coalition Update

Mr. James Salmons reported that at the ENC Coalition one of the topics was in reference to highway funding and the Coalition Staff strongly supported highway tolling and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) as new sources for future funding. Mr. Kenneth Jones reported that the staff also strongly recommended halting any future use of Highway Trust Fund monies for other purposes other than for transportation purposes. Mr. Kenneth Jones reported that the next ENC Coalition meeting was scheduled to be February 21, 2013 and should be a working session. Mr. Ted Godwin suggested finding ways of mitigating “red tape” to reducing costs with stream lining and completing projects more efficiently. James Salmons also reported that the Coalition was working to submit ideas to the legislature to help stream line ethics requirements to prevent duplication of training.

5. Ethics Requirements

Mr. Kenneth Jones recommended developing and hosting a workshop to help members learn more about the Ethics Requirements. Mr. James Salmons reported that Mr. Scott Walston stated at the TCC meeting that TPB would be able to offer webinars to help. Mr. James Salmons stated that included in the Agenda was a handout from the ENC Coalition meeting that contained key dates to remember for Ethics Training. Key dates include April 15, 2013 for the Economic interest disclosure forms are due, June 30, 2013 the ethics training must be completed. Mr. Kenneth Jones also reported that there is a potential of a \$250 fine if members failed to complete the ethics requirement. Mr. Kenneth Jones suggested that members should contact their representatives and suggest stream lining the ethics training for members. Mr. James Salmons also reported that the RPO coordinator would be responsible for maintaining a list of members who have completed the training to verify qualified voting members.

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### **New Business**

#### **6. 2013 SPOT Projects**

Mr. James Salmons reported that there is a list included in the handouts that list all of the UCPRPO projects with their corresponding SPOT rankings. Also included was the RPO process for submitting projects. Mr. Salmons suggested members begin considering any critical projects the members have and have them prepared to submit to be considered for adding to the list at the next meeting. Mr. Jimmy Eaton reported that new candidate SPOT 3.0 projects can be submitted from April – June. Mr. James Salmons suggested that the two chairs from the TCC and TAC, Division 4, and the new UCPRPO coordinator to discuss the possibility of removing projects from the current list. Mr. Kenneth Jones requested Mr. James Salmons coordinate to help setup the meeting some time in February.

### **Other Business**

#### **7. TAC Member Comments**

No comments were made.

### **Reports**

#### **8. NCDOT Division 4**

Mr. Jimmy Eaton reported that the Market St. bridge in Johnston County was on schedule. He also reported that Princeton Railroad overpass is a little behind schedule but they are working to get caught up. The NC 42 four lane widening in Clayton is on schedule to be completed by the end of next year.

#### **9. NCDOT Planning Branch**

Mr. Saeed Mohamed reported that the TPB completed their RPO evaluations and met with TPB supervisors and managers. He reported that the UCPRPO is one of the best RPOs in the state and ranks second.

### **Final Comment**

Mr. Kenneth Jones commented that once the two chairs and Division 4 meet in reference to the SPOT list of projects, he intends to bring the list back to the group for final comment.

### **Public Comment**

#### **10. Public Comment**

No public was in attendance.

### **Upcoming meetings:**

The next meeting will be held on March 13, 2013.

UPON A MOTION from Mr. Vines Cobb, Jr. (Pinetops), second from Billy Morgan (Nash) the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kenneth Jones, TAC Chair

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