

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 23, 2015

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

Attendance

TAC

Kenneth Jones, Wilson's Mills
Cheryl Oliver, Selma
Vines Cobb, Pinetops
Carol Ruffin, Tarboro
Ted Godwin, Johnston
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex
Wayne Outlaw, Nash

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT
Terry Ellis, Division 4

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – Cheryl Oliver – TAC Chair*

TAC Chair Mrs. Cheryl Oliver welcomed everyone and then called the meeting to order. She asked everyone to review the agenda and requested a motion for approval. **UPON A MOTION** by Ted Godwin (Johnston), second by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) the agenda was approved. Mrs. Oliver then asked if any members have a conflict of interest on any of the items on the agenda. There were no members with a conflict.

Action Items

2. *Minutes – May 13, 2015*

After reviewing the Minutes for the May 13, 2015 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills), second by Ted Godwin (Johnston) they were unanimously approved.

3. *Consideration of Request from Rocky Mount MPO to receive UCPRPO CMAQ funds*

Information about CMAQ funding was included in each of the member's agenda packets. Mr. Salmons gave a brief definition of CMAQ funding and examples of CMAQ projects. He explained CMAQ projects need to enhance air quality within the region to qualify therefore the UCPRPO CMAQ funding was eligible for projects within Nash and Edgecombe Counties. Another qualifier for potential projects is that the project would need to be a "Locally Administered Project" or a project that is managed by the local municipality. Mr. Salmons reported that the monitoring station was located in Leggett, NC. Additionally there is a 20% local match required for each project funded. It was asked if there were any potential projects within the UCPRPO and there were no projects brought forward at this time.

After the discussion and **UPON A MOTION** by Wayne Outlaw (Nash), second by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) the Resolution to allow the Rocky Mount MPO to receive some of the UCPRPO CMAQ funds for FY16 and FY17 was unanimously approved.

4. *Adoption of STI P4.0 Projects*

Members were presented with a flier showing the new STI P4.0 point allocations for all organizations across the State. It was noted the UCPRPO would receive 1500 points versus 1400 points that was received for P3.0. The members also received a list of proposed projects for STI P4.0, which were adopted by the TCC and recommended to the TAC. Mr. Salmons presented a brief description of

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additional and/or modified projects from the P3.0 list. Additionally he explained that there is a scoring benefit of providing local funds to support projects through STI.

After detailed discussions of each additional or modified project and **UPON A MOTION** by Ted Godwin (Johnston), second by Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) the proposed list of STI P4.0 projects adopted by the TCC was unanimously approved by the TAC.

New Business

1. *NC's Non-Motorized Volume Data Program – Potential Pedestrian/Bike Counter Locations*
The NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian Division requested that the UCPRPO provide proposed locations for potential non-motorized volume data counters. Mr. Salmons reported that the three sites proposed locations so far were US 301 between Selma and Smithfield, the US 64 Bridge in Tarboro, and Western Ave in Tarboro along the High School. After briefly describing the program members were asked if they had any proposed locations. Additional recommended sites included US 301 in Kenly from McDonalds and NC 222 (W 2nd St) and in Selma along Lizzy Rd.

Other Business

2. *TAC Member Comments*
There were no TAC member comments.

Report Items

3. *CAMPO Southeast Area Study*
Mr. Salmons reported that the SEAS Core Technical Team (CTT) is planning a Public Symposium on October 8th and encouraged anyone interested to attend. The Study website (www.southeastareastudy.com) is online along with the community survey which he encouraged everyone to complete.
4. *Nash County CTP Update*
Mr. James Salmons reported that TPB completed the updated maps, which should be delivered shortly, and the next step is for the communities to have their public input process.
5. *Legislative Update*
Mr. Salmons reported that the State budget has passed and with the new fees and other items in the budget the NCDOT is expected to receive over \$700 million over the next few years for capital and resurfacing projects. The Transportation Bond that was proposed was still up in the air. On the Federal side Congress is still debating on renewing MAP-21. Mr. Godwin reported that there was a US 70 Commission meeting last Thursday where there were a couple Board Members present and that they were very excited about how well NCDOT did in the recently passed budget and that the funding was recurring.
6. *NCDOT Division 4*
Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported the US 70 work was continuing and for everyone to be careful and be aware of the construction.
7. *NCDOT Planning Branch*
Mr. Salmons stated that Tobline Thigpen was unable to attend but that she had reported that she was preparing to deliver the Nash County CTP maps.
8. *Public Comment*
Mr. Ted Godwin reported that at the US 70 Commission it was reported that work was progressing in James City and that the Goldsboro Bypass should be completed to LaGrange by June of 2016.

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Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on November 15, 2016.

UPON A MOTION from Mr. Kenneth Jones (Wilson's Mills) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Ted Godwin (Johnston) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Oliver, TAC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner