

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 14, 2011

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston Co.  
Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson  
Grona Jones, City of Wilson  
Harry Tyson, City of Wilson  
Ola Pittman, Edgecombe Co.  
Rosemary Dorsey, Nash Co.  
Ryan Simons, Selma  
Tommy Hawkins, Saratoga  
Troy Lewis, Tarboro

#### NCDOT

John Rouse, Division 4  
Jimmy Eatmon, Division 4  
Haywood Daughtry, NCDOT

#### Rocky Mount MPO

Bob League

#### UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere  
James Salmons

### General Information Meeting was held prior to TCC meeting.

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

TAC Chairman Tommy Rodgers welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that everyone introduce themselves as the group consisted of both TCC and TAC members. After introductions an invocation was given by Mr. A.P. Coleman and the attendees were invited to help themselves to the lunch that was provided.

### Old Business

#### 2. Wilson County CTP

Mr. Van Liere presented the Wilson County Comprehensive Transportation maps of the different recommendations for each mode. Mr. Van Liere stated that NCDOT is seeking an endorsement of these maps from the UCPRPO which have been adopted by Wilson County and all municipalities within the county as well.

#### 3. Johnston County CTP

Mr. Van Liere presented the Johnston County Comprehensive Transportation maps of the different recommendations for each mode. Mr. Van Liere stated that NCDOT is seeking an endorsement of these maps from the UCPRPO which have been adopted by Johnston County and all municipalities within the county as well.

#### 4. SPOT

Mr. Van Liere gave a update on the SPOT process. Mr. Van Liere also presented a list of the projects that had been submitted to the RPO for inclusion in the SPOT process. After conversations with the Division office it was recommended that only 9 projects be submitted from this list of 22. These 9 will be added on to the projects recommended in previous years.

Mr. Van Liere stated that the UCPRPO would present the UCPRPOs priority projects at the next RPO meeting for approval. The next meeting would state where points would be allocated for the projects previously submitted.

#### 5. Review of 2010-11 PWP/Five Year Calendar

Mr. Van Liere gave a brief update on the 2010-11 PWP and Five Year Calendar reminding the RPO what projects and work had been agreed upon for the upcoming fiscal year.

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### New Business

#### 6. 2040 Plan

Saeed Mohamed gave a presentation on the NCDOT 2040 plan which is currently under development. Mr. Mohamed stated that there will be meetings occurring across the state, soliciting comments from the RPOs and the TCC/TACs over the next months as well.

#### 7. RPO's Role in Regional Transit

Mr. Van Liere stated that at the previous NCARPO quarterly meeting held in Boone in July it was discussed that RPOs would begin to work more with the local Transit agencies than had been done in previous years. Grona Jones stated that this meeting had provided many transit agencies a more in depth look at what RPOs do and what opportunities may be available for partnership between the RPOs and the Transit agencies. Mr. Van Liere stated that the UCPRPO hopes to begin working more with the local transit agencies and welcomes any requests for assistance that they may have.

#### 8. Upper Coastal Plain RPO Direction

Mr. Van Liere stated that this was the beginning of the third year with the RPO housed at Nash County that he felt the RPO was moving in the right direction but wanted to provide an opportunity for the RPO members, both TCC and TAC to weigh in on how the RPO is progressing and provide comments on how to improve participation and performance. Mr. Van Liere stated that he would like to work towards a regional goal agreed upon by the RPO. It was agreed that the RPO should act as a champion for all the small areas and maybe come back to a larger goal later.

#### 9. Other Business/ Member Comments

None stated.

### Legislative Update

#### 10. Update

Mr. Van Liere presented a legislative update. Mr. Van Liere stated that the SAFTEA-LU had been approved again for a short-term extension. He also presented changes that had been made to the Powell Bill available in the agenda packet.

### Reports

#### 11. Secretary Conti's Visit to the RPO

Mr. Van Liere shared with the RPO that NCDOT Secretary Gene Conti had visited the UCPRPO area and discussed with attending members, the upcoming 2040 plan as well as addressed any questions that were raised.

#### 12. Advancing Planning for Operations in Metropolitan Areas

Mr. Van Liere stated that he had recently attended a course entitled "Advancing Planning for Operations in Metropolitan Areas" in Raleigh and hoped that he would be able to use some of the training in the RPO even though it was tailored to the larger urban areas.

#### 13. Nash County CTP

Mr. Van Liere informed the group that the Nash County CTP was a little behind the Wilson and Johnston County CTPs and that the group should expect to see a request for endorsement at the next RPO meeting.

#### 14. NCDOT Division 4

Mr. Van Liere stated that Bobby Lewis had been appointed interim Chief of Staff for the Chief Operations Officer. Mr. John Rouse has been appointed interim Division 4 Engineer while Bobby Lewis is away.

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**15. NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch**

Saeed Mohamed stated the TPB and UCPRPO continue to work together and asked that he be contacted if he could assist in any way.

**16. TCC Meeting**

Troy Lewis, called the meeting to order at 12:55 PM

**Action Items**

**17. Approval of Minutes**

UPON A MOTION by Bryant Bunn (City of Wilson), second by Ryan Simmons (Town of Selma), the minutes from the UCPRPO TCC meeting held on May 3, 2011 were unanimously approved.

**18. Wilson County CTP**

UPON A MOTION by Ryan Simmons (Town of Selma), second by Ola Pittman (Edgecombe County), the Wilson County CTP was recommended to the TAC for endorsement.

**19. Johnston County CTP**

UPON A MOTION by Bryant Bunn (City of Wilson), second by Berry Gray (Johnston County), the Wilson County CTP was recommended to the TAC for endorsement.

**20. Upcoming Meetings**

Next meeting will be held on November 1, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

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Troy Lewis, TCC Chair

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Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner