

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

April 5, 2016

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston County
Cynthia Jenkins, Edgecombe
Zach Ollis, Wilson's Mills
Nancy Nixon, Nash County
Catherine Grimm, Tarboro

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Tobline Thigpen, TPB-NCDOT
Terry Ellis, NCDOT-Division 4
Ronnie Keeter, NCDOT Division 4

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Introduction

1. Welcome & Introductions – Nancy Nixon – TCC Chair

TCC Chair Ms. Nancy Nixon welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the members and then called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Nancy Nixon asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any modifications. With none being stated the agenda was approved.

3. Minutes – January 5, 2016

After reviewing the Minutes for the January 5, 2016 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills), second by Catherine Grimm (Tarboro) they were unanimously approved.

Action Items

4. Adoption/Approval of 2016-2017 Planning Work Program (PWP) and 5-Year Planning Calendar

Mr. Salmons briefly described the tasks included in the FY1617 PWP that was provided to all members and stated NCDOT TPB had approved the PWP and 5-Year Work Calendar. After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** to adopt the proposed PWP and 5-Year Planning Calendar FY1617 by Berry Gray (Johnston), second by Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills), it was unanimously approved. Mr. Salmons stated that if any members needed any additional services during the year to let him know and that the PWP may be amended to accommodate the additional need.

Old Business

5. Reminder to TAC of State Ethics Filing Requirements – Due April 15, 2016

Mr. Salmons asked members to remind their TAC members of the April 15, 2016 deadline to complete their Ethics Filing requirements. Members were reminded that there is a potential criminal offense for failure to complete the required filings on time.

6. STI Project Prioritization – Select priority projects – Review Schedule

Members were provided with a list of STI P4.0 projects along with cost estimates and projects currently in the STIP but not funded highlighted. Additionally members were provided with an estimated funding schedule broken out between Regions and Divisions. Mr. Salmons reported that the data scores for the STI P4.0 projects have still not been released. The scheduled release date was originally scheduled for March 31, 2016. It is anticipated that the score will be released soon. There was a brief discussion about the current funding available for both Region and Division projects. Members were advised that several projects were well over the overall funding available and should be avoided when prioritizing. A brief discussion followed in reference to member priority projects. It

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was decided to highlight member priority projects on prioritization work sheets once they are determined and the data scores are released. Mr. Salmons agreed to email the data scores once they are released.

New Business

7. *New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations for FY1617*

UPON A MOTION by Nancy Nixon (Nash), second by Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills) there was a nomination for Bill Bass (Wilson) for Chair of the TCC. By a unanimous vote Bill Bass (Wilson) was elected to Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Cynthia Jenkins (Tarboro), second by Catherine Grimm (Edgecombe) there was a nomination for Nancy Nixon (Nash) for Vice Chair of the TCC. By a unanimous vote Nancy Nixon (Nash) was elected to Vice Chair.

Other Business

8. *TCC Member Comments*

Ms. Cynthia Jenkins informed the members of the passing of Vines Cobb a past member representing Edgecombe County and the Town of Pinetops over the past years. Mr. Zach Ollis asked for support for extending the service road along US 70 in their Industrial Park. He reported a lot of businesses have concern of losing business due to the W-5600 project. Mr. Salmons reported that NCDOT had submitted the environmental permit to the US Corp of Engineers so they could hold their 30 day public comment period.

Report Items

9. *CAMPO Southeast Area Study*

Mr. Salmons reported that the SEAS Core Team (CTT) had selected the three "Hot Spots" for additional detailed study. The locations selected were in Garner, Archer's Lodge, and Market St in Smithfield from I-95 to the double track main rail line. Initial scoping meetings have already been conducted. The next CTT meeting was scheduled for April 28, 2016.

10. *US 70 Commission*

Mr. Salmons reported there was a sign ceremony on the new Goldsboro bypass to celebrate the upcoming designation of US 70 to Interstate standards. The future number designation is to be determined at a later date in May at the ASHTO Conference.

11. *Hwy 17/64 Association*

Mr. Salmons reported the Hwy 17/64 Board of Transportation meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 7, 2016. The next Board of Directors meeting in Jacksonville is scheduled for April 20, 2016 (this meeting was rescheduled for April 26, 2016).

12. *Legislative Update*

Mr. Salmons reported that due to HB97 additional projects within the UCPRPO were added to the STIP. The projects include US 301 in Wilson and additional safety projects.

13. *NCDOT Division 4*

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that he believed the data scores would be released soon. Mr. Terry Ellis reported that projects on I-95 will be in progress most of the summer throughout the UCPRPO area.

14. *NCDOT Planning Branch*

Ms. Tobline Thigpen reported that the Johnston County CTP document was completed and on NCDOT's website and that the Nash County CTP was in progress.

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Public Comments

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next tentatively scheduled meeting based on the release of STI scores will be held on May 25, 2016.

UPON A MOTION from Mr. Zach Ollis (Wilson's Mills) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Berry Gray (Johnston) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bass, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner