

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 3, 2015

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston County
Mark Johnson, Wilson
Zach Ollis, Wilson's Mills
Nancy Nixon, Nash County
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
Josh Edmondson, Tarboro

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT

UCPRPO

James Salmons

TAC

Nancy Walker, Spring Hope

Other

Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO

Introduction

1. Welcome & Introductions – Berry Gray – TCC Chair

TCC Chair Mr. Berry Gray welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves to the members and then called the meeting to order.

Action Items

2. Minutes – January 13, 2015

After reviewing the Minutes for the January 13, 2015 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Nancy Nixon (Nash), second by Bill Bass (City of Wilson) they were unanimously approved.

3. UCPRPO PWP FY 1516 Adoption (Consider adopting the proposed PWP FY1516)

Mr. Salmons briefly described the tasks included in the FY1516 PWP that was provided to all members. After a brief discussion and **UPON A MOTION** to adopt the proposed PWP FY1516 by Josh Edmondson (Town of Tarboro), second by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), 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.

4. Resolution of Support for an Interstate Raleigh to Norfolk

After the members reviewed the Resolution provided with the Agenda, Mr. Salmons asked if the members were in support of all the articles within the document, more specifically in reference to the 6th and 7th paragraphs in reference to the Highway 17 from Virginia to South Carolina. Nancy Nixon recommended removing both paragraph 6 and 7 since we were not familiar with the US 17 Association study. Bill Bass stated that including the US Highway 17 would help support development of the US 64 (I-495) corridor. Berry Gray stated that he believed maybe there ought to be two separate Resolutions for each US 64 and the Highway 17 corridor. After further discussion it was decided to remove both paragraphs 6th and 7th paragraphs. **UPON A MOTION** to adopt a Resolution in Support of a Raleigh to Norfolk Interstate without the 6th and 7th paragraphs by Nancy Nixon (Nash), second by Josh Edmondson (Town of Tarboro), it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

5. New Ethics Legislation Update

Mr. Salmons asked everyone to help remind all of the TAC members of the April 15, 2015 deadline for filing both the Statement of Economic Interest AND the Real Estate Disclosure Forms to the Ethics Commission.

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6. *STI Draft STIP Public Sessions*

Mr. Salmons reported that NCDOT has scheduled local Public Information Sessions to receive feedback on the latest STIP Process. Two local meetings are scheduled to be held March 17th in Williamston at the Bob Martin Agricultural Center for Division 1 & 4 and April 23 in Wake Forest at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre.

7. *STI P-4.0 Prioritization Process*

Mr. Salmons reminded members that the next prioritizing was beginning and that new projects would need to be submitted by August or September of this year (2015).

New Business

8. *New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations for FY1516*

UPON A MOTION by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Josh Edmondson (Tarboro) there was a nomination for Nancy Nixon for Chair of the TCC. By a unanimous vote Nancy Nixon (Nash) was elected to Chair. **UPON A MOTION** by Nancy Nixon (Nash), second by Josh Edmondson (Tarboro) there was a nomination for Bill Bass (City of Wilson) for Vice Chair of the TCC. By a unanimous vote Bill Bass (City of Wilson) was elected to Vice Chair.

Other Business

9. *TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC Member Comments.

Report Items

10. *NCGO Report*

Mr. Salmons provided members a brief summary of the efforts of the NC Chamber of Commerce along with local businesses and municipalities in support of additional transportation funding. He provided the members with a web site for more information: www.ncgo.org.

11. *Tarboro Pedestrian Plan*

Mr. James Salmons reported that the UCPRPO has met with the 4 local focus groups with the most recent being with the local Edgecombe County school system. The next focus group meeting planned will be with the local Health Facilities Group.

12. *NCDOT Division 4*

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported the Pine Level US 70 project has been awarded to Flat Iron Construction. He also reported that an I-95 maintenance project from I-40 to Johnston County line would be let in April and to be prepared for some congestion in the area.

13. *NCDOT Planning Branch*

There was no one present from TBP. Mr. Salmons reported that Suzette Morales would be leaving the RPO and transferring over to the Rocky Mounty MPO and the Mr. Walston was in the process of interviewing for the UCPRPO TPB position.

14. *Public Comment*

There was no public comment.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on May 5, 2015.

UPON A MOTION from Mr. Josh Edmondson (Tarboro) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Ms. Nancy Nixon (Nash) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Nixon, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner