

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 1, 2012

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston Co.
Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson
Elane Swinson, Wilson County
Fleta Byrd, Wilson's Mills
Grona Jones, City of Wilson
Harry Tyson, City of Wilson
Mark Johnson, Wilson County
Marvin Sharpe, Wilson County
Ola Pittman, Edgecombe Co.
Nancy Nixon, Nash Co.
Ryan Simons, Selma

Rocky Mount MPO

Bob League

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, Division 4
Terry Ellis, Division 4, Dist 1
Grey Keeter, Division 4, Dist 1
Saeed Mohamed, TPB

UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

TCC meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

TCC Vice-Chairman Fleta Byrd welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Action Items

2. Approval of the Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Mrs. Pittman (Edgecombe Co), second by Mr. Simons (Selma), the minutes from the UCPRPO TCC meeting held on March 6, 2012 were unanimously approved.

Old Business

3. Special Study Update

Mr. Van Liere shared an update on the RPO Report app that had been developed over the past year. Staff let the group know that he had decided against hiring an intern to develop the Android side of the app. He also let the group know that staff had updated the app to include a note letting the user know who they would be contacting when pressing the Emergency Report Button.

4. 2012-13 PWP/ Five Year Calendar

Mr. Van Liere presented the 2012-13 Planning Work Program and Five year calendar and explained that they had not changed since it was presented at the last meeting.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Simons (Selma), second by Mr. Grey (Johnston Co.), the 2012-13 PWP and Five Year Calendar were unanimously approved

5. Elections

Mr. Van Liere stated that it was time to elect a new Chair and Vice Chair for the TCC. He explained that Mr. Lewis was not eligible for another term.

Mrs. Pittman nominated Mrs. Fleta Byrd (Wilson's Mills) to serve as Chair. Ms. Nixon (Nash Co.) Seconded the nomination and Mrs. Fleta Byrd (Wilson's Mills) accepted the nomination. A vote was cast and Mrs. Fleta Byrd (Wilson's Mills) was unanimously elected.

Mr. Johnson (Wilson Co.) made a motion to nominate Mr. Berry Grey (Johnston Co.) to serve as Vice Chair of the TAC. Mr. Grey (Johnston Co.) accepted the nomination. A vote was cast and Mr. Grey (Johnston Co.) was unanimously elected.

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New Business

6. Amtrak Resolution

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution of support for expanding Amtrak service to eastern North Carolina.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (City of Wilson) to adopt the Resolution with the changes as noted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morgan (Nash Co.), the vote was unanimous.

7. Ferry Tolls Resolution

Mr. Van Liere presented a resolution in opposition of increasing or adding Ferry Tolls.

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Coleman (Tarboro), second by Mr. Jones (Wilson's Mills), the Ferry Toll Resolution was unanimously approved

Legislative Update

8. Legislative Update

Mr. Van Liere stated that he had attended the Joint Legislative oversight committee meeting in Raleigh. He explained that the JLOC had been given a presentation of a MPO/RPO Survey. Key points to take away, TAC and TCC members will have to abide by the State Ethics Act, SPOT prioritization is now part of State Legislation, Must be a place for Public Comment, greater link between Transportation and Land Use Planning, Language Change to state RPOs are defined as 50,000 or 3 contiguous counties.

Mr. Van Liere also stated that after the 2010 census MPO and RPO boundaries may change. Mr. Bob League stated that the Rocky Mount MPO will expand slightly in the Region. Sharpsburg will be invited into the MPO.

Other Business

9. TCC Comments

Mr. Johnson asked if with the new definition of an RPO being defined as 50,000 or 3 contiguous counties, would there be the possibility of a new RPO being created? Mr. Van Liere stated that did not believe NCDOT would consider expanding the RPO program.

10. Public Comments

No Comments were made

Reports

11. Governors Summit

Mr. Van Liere stated the Governors Summit was held on March 16th in Greenville. He stated that Transportation in Eastern North Carolina was emphasized and the needs that still exist for economic development to expand.

12. SPOT 2.0/3.0

Meeting was held in Williamston to discuss how money was divided within Transportation line items. This was an exercise to see where different areas priorities exist.

13. Division 4

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reminded the group that the General Assembly would again be looking at the gas tax and that the group should keep an eye out for what occurs.

14. Transportation Planning Branch

Saeed Mohamed stated that many of our CTPs are being finished up very soon.

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Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be held on July 3rd

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Lewis, TCC Chair

Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner