

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

May 2, 2017

RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

Attendance

TCC

Alicia Gregory, Wilson's Mills
Tracy Shearin, Red Oak
Berry Gray, Johnston
Jae Kim, Spring Hope
Tim Robbins, Benson
Alicia Gregory, Wilson's Mills
Bill Bass, City of Wilson
J. P. Duncan, Wilson
Nancy Nixon, Nash

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT-Division 4
Ronnie Keeter, NCDOT – Division 4
Carlos Moya, TPB
Neil Perry, NCDOT Rail

Other

Eddie McFalls, NCDOT Rail
Ron Townley, UCPCOG
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Richard Durham, Kenly

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Introduction

- Welcome & Introductions – Bill Bass – TCC Chair*
Mr. Bill Bass welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves and then called the meeting to order.
- Approval of Agenda*
Mr. Bill Bass asked if everyone had an opportunity to review the agenda and asked if anyone had any additions to be made to the agenda. **UPON A MOTION** by Nancy Nixon (Nash), second by Tracy Shearin (Red Oak) the agenda was unanimously approved as written.
- Minutes – March 7, 2017*
After reviewing the Minutes for the March 7, 2017 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Tracy Shearin (Red Oak), second by Nancy Nixon (Nash) the minutes were both unanimously approved.

Public Comments

- Mr. Ron Townley with the UCPCOG reported that they were in the process of re-writing the Regional Economic Strategy for the 5 County Region (Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Northampton, and Wilson) and asked that everyone take time to complete the Economic Development Strategy Survey. He also recommended that the MPO's and RPO's may consider working with NCDOT with Hurricane Matthew recovery.

Presentations

- Southeast Area Study Presentation – Alex Rickard (CAMPO)*
Mr. Alex Rickard provide members with a brief presentation on the final findings of the Southeast Area Study completed in partnership with NCDOT and the UCPRPO. The presentation is posted to the UCPRPO website: http://www.ucprpo.org/UCPRPO_TCC_050217.pptx.zip
- CCX Multi-Modal Rail Project Update – Eddie McFalls (NCDOT)*
Mr. Eddie McFalls provided a brief update on the CCX Multi-Modal Rail project located in Edgecombe County. Mr. McFalls reported that there was a current traffic study underway to determine the impacts the project will have on the local transportation system. The presentation is posted to the UCPRPO website: http://www.ucprpo.org/20170427_MPO_Conference_CCX_McFalls-Vandenberg.zip

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Old Business

7. *STI Project Prioritization – Review Schedule*

Mr. Salmons gave a brief update on the STI schedule and provided members with a draft project list to date. The goal would be to approve a project list at the July meetings to provide sufficient time for public comment prior to the final adoption in September 2017.

8. *Identify potential new projects – Town of Kenly Resolution*

Members were asked if they had any identified projects within the RPO. Mr. Roger Durham presented members with an adopted resolution in support of upgrading the I-95 and US 301 Interchange in Kenly to help provide a safe connection to NC 222. He explained how the project would help economic development within the Town of Kenly.

9. *Review of P4.0 Methodology Compliance Review for UCPRPO*

Members were provided with the UCPRPO Compliance review provided by the study completed by Cambridge Systems for NCDOT. Mr. Salmons explained that detailed information on the STI process was located on the UCPRPO website's front page: <http://www.ucprpo.org> Mr. Salmons also asked all members to review the current local UCPRPO STI Methodology and be prepared to request revisions this Fall.

Other Business

10. TCC Member Comments

There were no TCC comments.

Reports

11. *US 70 Commission – FS-1604A Feasibility Study (late April design review meeting)*

It was reported that the US 70 Commission met on March 16, 2017. In addition, Mr. Salmons reported that the US 70 Update to Interstate Standards feasibility study was still under way and would the TAC with an update at their July meeting.

12. *Hwy 17/64 Association – FS-1504A Feasibility Study*

Mr. Salmons reported that the draft FS-1504A Feasibility Study was out for review. One project specifically identified was the upgrading of the US 64 and US 258 Interchange in Tarboro. The draft study is available on the UCPRPO website: [http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/feasibility/Feasibility-Study_1504A_Report\(Draft\)_Apr2017.pdf](http://www.ucprpo.org/Documents/feasibility/Feasibility-Study_1504A_Report(Draft)_Apr2017.pdf)

13. *Legislative/STIP Update*

Mr. Salmons reported that Secretary Trogon provided an update at the recent MPO/RPO conference. He reported that his goal is to speed up project delivery thereby providing more projects to be moved up into the first 5 year of the draft STIP. Therefore, the final adoption of the FY1827 STIP may be delayed accommodating for the additional programming. Mr. Salmons reported that SB 381 was introduced in the Senate that required a minimum of 50% participation by TAC members or be restricted from participating within the RPO for a year. It was reported that the NCARPO was not in favor of the Bill. In addition, HB 291 introduced in the House may help provide funding for larger projects not designed to be funded in STI through a "Megaproject Fund". Currently there was not actual funding provided in the current Bill.

14. *NCDOT Division 4*

Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that Bobby Liverman was selected to be the new Resident Engineer for Nash County.

15. *NCDOT Planning Branch*

Mr. Carlos Moya thanked Mr. James Salmons and the UCPRPO for being prepared and cooperating with the recent FHWA review recently completed. He also thanks Mr. Salmons for providing the UCPRPO quarterly reports in a timely manner.

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Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 11, 2017.

UPON A MOTION from Ms. Nancy Nixon (Nash) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mrs. Tracy Shearin (Red Oak) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Bass, TCC Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO