

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

September 9, 2014

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston County  
Brian Hassell, Nashville  
Zach Ollis, Wilson's Mills  
Katina Braswell, Edgecombe County  
Matthew Wiggs, Wilson's Mills  
Bill Bass, City of Wilson  
Julie Maybee, Selma  
Josh Edmondson, Tarboro

#### NCDOT

Scott Walston - TPB  
Ronnie Keeter, NCDOT  
Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT

#### UCPRPO

James Salmons

### 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 – July 23, 2014*

After reviewing the Minutes for the July 23, 2014 meeting Mr. Brian Hassell noted that Josh Edmondson represented Edgecombe County, himself now representing Nashville, and Jack Newman was with Slema. After making these corrections and **UPON A MOTION** by Bill Bass (City of Wilson), second by Brian Hassell (Nashville) they were unanimously approved.

#### *3. STI Point Allocation Update – Methodology Discussion*

Mr. James Salmons reported that the STI points had been submitted the UCPRPO points to SPOT Online on August 29, 2014 prior to the September 1, 2014 deadline. The next phase is for the NCDOT Program Development Branch to develop a preliminary pre- STIP for release in mid-December for public comment. The final STIP list is scheduled to be released by June 2015. It was also reported that the SPOT Workgroup was continuing to meet. Members were asked to provide any recommendations they may have for the Workgroup. Mr. Bill Bass noted that there were changes in the data scores that caused confusion. He stated he felt there was a lot of involvement with all the members of the RPO. Mr. Bill Bass would also like to see more input from the Division on describing the projects. Mr. Eatmon explained that some of the information was being developed as it was being disseminated and that the Division was trying to derive information from the RPO to learn the members' priorities. Mr. Wiggs stated that he appreciated members' speaking about their projects because it allowed members to understand and learn about what projects were important to other members.

#### *4. New Ethics Legislation Update*

Berry Gray reported that the new ethics legislation does not affect TCC members but recommended members discuss the legislation with their TAC members. He reported that the new bill makes it a criminal misdemeanor and members can be fined if they fail to file their Statement of Economic Interests and Real Estate Disclosure Forms. Mr. Salmons reported that he believed all of the UCPRPO TAC members have completed their ethics requirements.

#### *5. TCC Member Comments*

There were no TCC Comments.

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### Report Items

6. *I-495 Senator Hagan Introduces Bill to Connect Raleigh, NC to Norfolk, VA*  
Mr. Salmons provided members with a copy of the Bill sponsored by Senator Hagan to convert US 64 to I-495. The project would provide connection to the southeastern Virginia area.
7. *MAP-21 and FHWA Rules for Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RTPOs)*  
Mr. Salmons reported that within the language of MAP-21 that the DOT's would be required to "cooperate" with RPO's versus "consult". This should help RPO's have a greater say in transportation decisions. He also reported that the President signed an extension to MAP-21 that will keep funding the Highway Trust Fund at least through May of 2015.
8. *Merger Process for US 70 Project (W-5600)*  
Mr. Salmons reported that the US 70 Project (W-5600) Merger Team met in July and that the members agreed that the project should go into the process at Concurrence Point 2b. NCDOT is expected to proceed with public meetings and that he would send out emails to let members know about the meetings.
9. *CTP Updates and/or Revisions*  
Mr. Salmons reported that all Counties within the UCPRPO have completed and adopted CTP's. He reported that the maps for Johnston County have been adopted but the document has not been completed. Mr. Scott Walston stated that it was being reviewed and that he hoped it would be completed soon. Mr. Salmons reported that Nash County was interested in adding U-2561C – NC 43 in Dortches to the Nash County CTP. Mr. Walston suggested adding to the project to the annual needs report to TBP. Mr. Salmons asked the members to notify him if there were any additional projects or updates any members may have for their CTP's.
10. *NCDOT Division 4*  
Mr. Jimmy Eatmon reported that the Division had submitted all their points for STI and are awaiting the results. Mr. Eatmon reported that the US 70 project in Pine Level is scheduled to go to bid in February 2015.
11. *NCDOT Planning Branch*  
There was no TBP report.
12. *Public Comment*  
There was no public comment.

### Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2014.

**UPON A MOTION** from Mr. Brian Hassell (Nashville) was made to adjourn and a second motion was made by Ms. Julie Maybee (Selma) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Berry Gray, TCC Chair

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James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner