

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 5, 2013

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

### TCC

Berry Gray, Johnston County  
Josh Edmundston, Tarboro  
Ryan Simons, Edgecombe County  
Mark Johnson, Wilson County  
Nancy Nixon, Nash County  
Marvin Sharpe, Wilson County  
Gronna Jones, City of Wilson

### Upper Coastal Plain COG

John Morck

### Attendance

#### NCDOT

Jimmy Eaton – Division 4  
Scott Walston - TPB  
David Bender - PTD

#### UCPRPO

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO

#### JCATS

Lynn Lamberth, JCATS

#### Tar River Transit

Lamont Jackson, Tar River Transit

### TCC Meeting

1. Welcome & Introductions – Berry Gray – TCC Vice-Chair

TCC Vice Chair Mr. Berry Gray welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. He then read the conflict of interest statement and there were no members reporting any conflicts.

### Action Items

2. Minutes – January 8, 2013:

UPON A MOTION by Nancy Nixon (Nash), second by Mark Johnson (Wilson County) the minutes from the UCPRPO TCC meeting held on January 8, 2013 were unanimously approved.

### Old Business

3. Special Study Update:

Mr. James Salmons informed the TCC that the UCPRPO continues to maintain and monitor the NC Report App for the Town of Tarboro and that the City of Rocky Mount was still in the process of evaluating it for use in their jurisdiction.

4. ENC Coalition Update:

Mr. Gray and Mr. Salmons reported that there was changes within the ENC Coalition staff. Joel Strickland is the new Executive Director and Jo Penrose is the new Assistant Director. Mr. Salmons reported that there is a tentative meeting scheduled of the full ENC group for April 11, 2013. He also reported that there was a staff meeting scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup> to prioritize projects proposed and finalize/develop the agenda and to confirm the April meeting.

5. Ethics Requirements:

Mr. Gray reminded members that the financial disclosure is due by April 15, 2013. The ethics training is due to be completed by June 30, 2013. Mr. Gray suggested having the next TCC and TAC meeting be a joint meeting and provide the training. He suggested having the training meeting at 2:00pm on May 8, 2013 along with the TAC members. Mr. Salmons said he would suggest the training session date and time with the TAC at their meeting on March 13, 2013. Mr. Gray reported that the financial statement is due every year and the training is required every two years.

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### **6. 2013 SPOT 3.0 Projects:**

Mr. Salmons reported that there was a new tentative schedule for submitting SPOT 3.0 projects and there was a copy of the schedule with the handouts and that project submittal was pushed back to the end of June. He also stated there was a workshop power point produced by the Prioritization Workgroup with details of the SPOT process that was emailed to all members.

### **New Business**

#### **7. New Chair/Vice Chair Nominations for FY 13-14:**

UPON A MOTION by Mark Johnson (Wilson County), second by Nancy Nixon (Nash) there was a nomination for Berry Gray for Chair of the TCC. By a unanimous vote Berry Gray was elected to Chair.

UPON A MOTION by Mark Johnson (Wilson County), second by Marvin Sharpe (Wilson) there was a nomination for Nancy Nixon for Vice Chair of the TCC. By a unanimous vote Nancy Nixon was elected to Vice Chair.

#### **8. New UCPRPO Coordinator Interview Report:**

Mr. Gray reported that the committee of Nancy Nixon, Berry Gray, Mark Johnson, and Kenneth Jones were close to making a decision on hiring a new coordinator out of a variety of applicants.

#### **9. Legislative Update – Prioritization 3.0 Tentative Schedule:**

Mr. Salmons reported that the new legislation has replaced about half of the NCDOT board members and that Gus Tullos was still our representative. He also reported that there was discussion to add additional points for job creation. He noted the new SPOT 3.0 tentative schedule.

#### **10. Locally Coordinated Plan (LCP Transit Plan) and PWP Update**

Mr. Salmons provided a list of stakeholders for the LCP Transit Plan and requested if anyone knew of any additional possible stakeholders to let him know so that he could include them in the invitations to be sent out. Ms. Nixon reported on the previous LCP Plan and stated the new plan would help identify needs and prioritize those needs. Ms. Lamberth suggested inviting or adding JCATS TAB members to the stakeholders list. Mr. Salmons stated the LCP Workshop was going to be held on March 26, 2013 from 8:00am-2:00pm. Mr. Bender stated there were five requirements for the plan which are: assessment of needs, inventory of available services, strategies to reach needs, identify future needs and coordination, and prioritization. Mr. Salmons reported the changes needed to the PWP required to include the LCP Transit Plan as reflected in the handouts with the Agenda.

UPON A MOTION by Mark Johnson (Wilson County), second by Nancy Nixon (Nash) the changes to the PWP were unanimously approved.

### **Other Business**

#### **11. TCC Member Comments – No Comments**

### **Reports**

#### **12. NCDOT Division 4:**

Mr. Jimmy Eaton reported that there are about 98 miles of resurfacing projects underway.

#### **13. NCDOT Planning Branch:**

Mr. Scott Walston reported that the 2013-2014 UCPRPO budget was reallocated using the RPO formula and that there will be about a 10% reduction.

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## **Public Comment**

**14.** Public Comment – No Public was in attendance.

## **Upcoming Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on May 8, 2013 in conjunction with the TAC meeting.  
UPON A MOTION by Scott Walston to adjourn and a second motion was made by Mr. Mark Johnson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Berry Gray, TCC Vice-Chair

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**UCPRPO Transportation Planner**