

# UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010

## RPO Transportation Coordinating Committee Minutes

### Attendance

#### TCC

Bryant Bunn, City of Wilson  
Fleta Byrd, Wilson's Mills  
Rosemary Dorsey, Nash Co.  
Berry Gray, Johnston Co.  
Brian D. Hassell, Edgecombe Co.  
Mark Jonson, Wilson Co.  
Troy Lewis, Tarboro  
Harry Tyson, City of Wilson  
Ola Pittman, Edgecombe Co.  
Ryan Simons, Selma  
Elaine Swinson, Wilson Co.

Gronna Jones, City of Wilson  
John Holpe

#### NCDOT

Bobby Lewis, Division 4  
Ronnie Keeter, Division 4  
Saeed Mohamed, TPB

#### UCPRPO

Daniel N. Van Liere

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

Troy Lewis, called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM

### 2. Approval of Minutes

UPON A MOTION by Mr. Gray (Johnston Co.), second by Ms. Dorsey (Nash Co.), the minutes from the UCP RPO TCC meeting held on November 3, 2009 were unanimously approved.

### Old Business

#### 3. Special Study

Mr. Van Liere gave a brief history of the Special Study that is currently underway by the RPO. Mr. Van Liere explained that the project originally began for the RPO four counties, expanding to the entire six division 4 counties and further to the entire state by direction of NCDOT Chief Operations Officer Trogdon. Mr. Van Liere also reiterated that this project would still focus on the RPO counties and make sure that they were not left behind by the projects expansion. Future updates of the project will come at future meetings.

### New Business

#### 4. Election Sub Committee

Mr. Van Liere that a subcommittee be created to explore TCC officers for the 2010-11 Fiscal Year. Rosemary Dorsey, Bryant Bunn, Berry Gray, and Ola Pittman volunteered to serve on this committee. Mr. Van Liere stated that he would coordinate these members to discuss this prior to the next meeting so new officers could be elected at the next meeting.

#### 5. Planning Work Program/Five Year Calendar

Mr. Van Liere asked that the TCC members review the PWP and Five year calendar and send him any recommended changes. The PWP and Five year calendar will be voted on at the next meeting in May.

#### 6. Safe Routes to School

Mr. Van Liere presented an email he had received stating that the Safe Routes to School grant program had announced a \$1,000 mini grant that would be available with the applications due by April 7, 2010.

#### 7. UCPRPO Evaluation

Mr. Van Liere presented the RPO evaluation results from the NCARPO evaluations that had been done in the latter part of 2009. He explained that the UCPRPO was rated as meeting expectations. The goal for the future is to receive a rating of exceeds expectations.

#### 8. Other Business/ TCC Comments

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Mr. Bunn (City of Wilson) introduced Mr. Harry Tyson, taking Mr. Pittman's place as Assistant City Manager.

## Reports

### 9. Johnston County CTP

The Johnston Co. CTP has been moving forward and regional meetings are being planned for near future to present information gathered and request additional information from local citizens and municipal representatives.

### 10. Wilson County CTP

The Wilson County CTP is moving nearly parallel to the Johnston Co. CTP. Transportation planning branch is currently working on the models for this study.

### 11. Nash County CTP

The Nash County CTP steering committee has begun meeting on a monthly basis and have their survey out right now gathering responses.

### 12. Division 4

Mr. Lewis stated that Ricky Greene has taken position in Raleigh as Director of Field Operations. He then presented project updates for the area. Project at Stantonsburg interchange in Wilson County is moving along, in Rocky Mount the Northern Connector is about a1/3 completed, more resurfacing projects will be done with the stimulus money soon as well.

Ms. Dorsey (Nash Co.) asked if the RPO adopted SPOT's prioritizing process would the RPO counties be hindering their own projects? Mr. Lewis mentioned that SPOT's prioritization process is very data driven. Mr. Lewis suggested that the RPO use SPOT as a base and use the RPO's subjective needs in the RPO's project prioritization as well.

### 13. Transportation Planning Branch

Saeed Mohammed stated that the NCDOT TPB has adopted a CTP prioritization process which will be used for all CTPs in the future.

### 14. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held on May 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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Troy Lewis, TCC Chair

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Daniel Van Liere, UCPRPO Transportation Planner