

UPPER COASTAL PLAIN RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

November 14, 2018

RPO Transportation Advisory Committee Minutes

TAC

C.B. Brown, Tarboro
Lu Harvey Lewis, Middlesex
Cheryl Oliver, Selma
Ted Godwin, Johnston
Jerry Medlin, Benson
Logan Liles, City of Wilson
Derrick D. Creech, City of Wilson
Wayne Outlaw, Nash

Attendance

NCDOT

Jimmy Eatmon, NCDOT Division 4
Carlos Moya, TPB
Craig Midgett, NCDOT
Ronnie Keeter, NCDOT Division 4
Sam Lawhorn, NCDOT Division 4
Eddie McFalls, NCDOT Rail

UCPRPO

James Salmons

Introduction

1. *Welcome & Introductions – Lu Harvey Lewis – TAC Vice Chair*
TAC Vice Chair Mr. Lu Harvey Lewis (Middlesex) called the meeting to order. Mr. Lewis welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
2. Mr. Lewis asked if any members have a conflict of interest on any of the items on the agenda. No conflicts of interest were disclosed.
3. Mr. Lewis asked everyone to review the agenda and requested a motion for approval. **UPON A MOTION** by Logan Liles (City of Wilson), second by C.B. Brown (Tarboro) the modified agenda was approved.
4. *Minutes – September 27, 2018*
After reviewing the Minutes for the September 27, 2018 meeting and **UPON A MOTION** by Logan Liles (City of Wilson), second by C.B. Brown (Tarboro) they were unanimously approved.

Presentation

5. *NCDOT Rail Update, CCX and Southeast Rail Commission, Eddie McFalls, NCDOT*
Mr. Eddie McFalls provided an update on the CCX project. He stated that construction is anticipated to begin in the Spring of 2019 with the expected timeline of 18-20 months. In addition, Mr. McFalls provided information on the Southeast Corridor Rail Commission established to support the development of a plan for the design, construction, financing, oversight and operation of the Southeast Corridor high speed rail.

Discussion Items

6. *STI P5 Division Project Scores Review*
7. Members were provided a brief overview the STI P5 Division Project Scores and results of the TAC prioritization exercise.
8. *STI P5 Division Project Priorities*
The TCC recommended STI P5 Division Project Points Allocation were included within the agenda packet. Due to large project costs, low scores, and lack of local support the following modifications to the Division Points Allocation was recommended by the TCC:
 - A. H141265-I 87- US 64 Upgrade to Interstate Standards: 100 points re-allocated to H170353 - New Route - Wilson Northern Loop
 - B. H129204-I 95 - Widen I-95 to 8 Lanes: 100 points re-allocated to H170663 - NC 242 in Benson
 - C. H090182-NC 11 - Widen to Four Lanes: 100 points re-allocated to H150646-Swift Creek Rd - Turning Lane at Johnston Airport
 - D. H170729-I 42/US 70 - Upgrade to Interstate Standards: 100 points re-allocated to H090470 - NC 111 Widen to three lanes (Tarboro)

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- E. H090224B-NC 33 - Widen to Multi Lanes: 100 points re-allocated to H170115-I 87 - US 64 Tarboro Interchange

Decision Items

9. *STI P5 Division Project Point Allocation approval for TAC adoption*
After reviewing the recommenced STI P5 Division Project Points Allocation proposed by the TCC and following a brief discussion a **MOTION** by Ted Godwin (Johnston) was made, a second by Jerry Medlin (Benson), the STI P5 Division Projects Final Points Allocation recommended by the TCC was unanimously approved.
10. *Resolution of support for Safe Routes to School Program Funding*
A Resolution of Support for Safe Routes to School Program Funding was presented to members as recommended by the TCC and was included in the agenda packet. The resolution was discussed in detail to help determine the need. It was stated that the TAC was strongly in support of safe routes to schools however there is more concern about actually funding needed construction of pedestrian facilities. After further discussion and **UPON A MOTION** not to support the resolution by Ms. Cheryl Oliver (Selma), second by Mr. Ted Godwin (Johnston) the resolution of support was unanimously denied.

Reports

11. *US 70 Commission*
The US 70 Commission has not met since before Hurricane Florence. Members were invited to the next US 70 Commission meeting scheduled for November 15, 2018 at 1:30pm at the Maxwell Regional Agricultural Convention Center, Farm Bureau Room H in Goldsboro, NC. Mr. Eddie McFalls stated a similar Rail presentation was planned.
12. *Hwy 17/64 Association – Next meeting September 19, 2018*
Mr. Salmons reported that the NCDOT BOT recently held the Hwy 17/64 Association Sub-Committee meeting on November 7, 2018 and attendees were provided with a project update for projects along the corridors. Both corridors continue to have BOT support. Due to the recent storms, it was reported that the recently scheduled Hwy 17/64 Association had been canceled and no new date has been selected.
13. *Legislative Update*
There was no legislative update at this time.
14. *NCDOT Division 4*
Mr. Ronnie Keeter introduced Sam Lawhorn as the District engineer for Johnston and Wayne Counties. In addition, the Division is in the process of inputting their Division points for STI P5. Mr. Salmons added that STI P6 was already gearing up and that the deadline to pre-submit potential intersections for further study was January 18, 2019 and that if anyone had any potential areas to let him know as soon as possible.
15. *NCDOT Planning Division (TPD)*
16. Mr. Carlos Moya reported that he would be serving as the new Rocky Mount MPO TPD coordinator.

Public Comment

1. *Public Comment*
There was no public comment

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Other Business

1. TAC Member Comments

- Mr. Salmons informed members about the Smithfield/Selma Chamber “Commuter Rail” meeting scheduled for November 15, 2018 at 2:00pm at the First Citizens Theater in the Smithfield Medical Mall. The intent of the meeting is to explore potential Commuter Rail services between Selma and Clayton.
- In addition, the NCDOT is hosting the NC Transportation Summit that is scheduled for January 9-10, 2019 at the Raleigh Convention Center to discuss declining transportation revenues.
- Mr. Ronnie Keeter and Mr. Jerry Medlin reported that there was a very good turnout at the recent I-95 widening project public meeting in Benson.

Upcoming meeting:

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2019.

UPON A MOTION from Ted Godwin (Johnston) was made to adjourn with a second motion was made by Cheryl Oliver (Selma) and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lu Harvey Lewis, TAC Vice Chair

James M. Salmons, UCPRPO Transportation Planner