

Minutes
Of the Joint
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
And
Transportation Advisory Committee
May 13, 2015

TCC: David Bone, Hood Richardson, Gil Alligood, Gene Powell, Robert Belcher, Mark Nottingham, Judi Lannon, Allison W. Stalls

TAC: Dempsey Bond, Charlotte Griffin, Tom Coulson, Robert Cayton

State/NCDOT: Jeff Cabaniss, Jerry Jennings, Carlos Moya-Astudillo

Staff: Bryant Buck, Justin Oakes

Guest: Marcia Luchs, Reid Walters, Joey Revels, Jesse Council

Mark Nottingham called the TCC meeting to order.
TAC Chair Bond called the TAC meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

David Bone made a motion for the TCC to approve the agenda for the May 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Judi Lannon, the motion carried and the agenda was approved by the TCC.

Charlotte Griffin made a motion for the TAC to approve the agenda for the May 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Coulson, the motion carried and the agenda was approved by the TAC.

Approval of Past Minutes:

Hood Richardson made a motion for the TCC to approve the minutes of the February 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Gil Alligood, the motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TCC.

Tom Coulson made a motion for the TAC to approve the minutes of the February 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Griffin, the motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TAC.

Public Comments: None.

Presentations/Updates:

A. Airport Information/Updates

- Gene Powell welcomed everyone to the Martin County Airport; said currently the distribution is about 2,000 gallons per week from the new gas pump that is in place; said the airport is currently home to some corporate aircraft; airport hanger was completed a few years ago, and will be hosting first ever Wright Flight in Martin County later that month.
- Gil Alligood provided a history of the Warren Field Airport in Washington, from its World War II origins as a US Navy runway to its current ownership by the City of Washington. Gil noted that the airport will be opening a new terminal later in the month; as its old terminal was destroyed by severe weather in 2012. Currently, the airport is looking for funding to upgrade its maintenance hanger. Also on site, Sun Energy 1 has constructed a solar facility and has plans to develop a maintenance hanger as well. Gil noted he welcomes everyone to check out the new terminal building and welcomed the RPO to host their next meeting there.

B. Strategic Office of Transportation (SPOT 4.0) Work Group Update

- Bryant provided a handout to the group with updates on the SPOT 4.0 Workgroup; Bryant noted that this information was not finalized, but very close. Bryant said the RPO, like last time, will have an opportunity to establish alternative criteria with neighboring MPO's and RPO's.
- Jerry Jennings, Division 1 Engineer, said he anticipates the SPOT information Bryant presented to be finalized by the NCDOT Board in July; Jerry believes one of the benefits to Division 1 this time will include the peak travel for seasonal counts; Jerry explained that the Local Input Points at Division and Regional Levels include MPO and RPO input, as well as Division Engineers input, but MPO's wanted the Division Engineers out of the mix; RPO's want Division Engineers to remain in the mix, having gone on record at the NCARPO Meeting in April; Jerry wrapped up by discussing that there have been a couple of bills introduced that would take ferry's out of the STI and put in the Bridge Replacement fund.
- Bryant and Justin filled the group in on the conversations that were had at the NCARPO/NCAMPO Conference a few weeks earlier; at the ENC Coalition meeting that was held, it was evident that some MPO's may not be as willing to come to the table to come up with an alternative criteria.
- David Bone asked about the projects being purged from the system; Bryant said it would be based on P 3.0 scores; Jeff Cabaniss said that if a project were to be purged, it could be added back to the list; Jeff noted that several projects on the list are "wish list" projects, which have scored very low.

Action Items:

Approval of FY 15-16 Planning Work Program (PWP) / Five Year Calendar:

- Bryant presented the FY 15-16 PWP to the group; the highlights included:
 - CTP Collection of Data for Pitt County
 - Bike & Pedestrian Data Collection
 - Traffic Counts and Crash Data
 - Local Transit Providers Workshop
 - Maintaining and Updating GIS Data
 - Development of Martin County CTP
 - SPOT 4.0 Activities
 - Project Merger Process Meetings
 - Statewide Conferences and Training
 - RPO TAC/TCC Meetings and Administration
- Bryant also covered the Five Year Planning calendar with the group
- David Bone made a motion for the TCC to approve the FY 15-16 Planning Work Program and Five Year Calendar. The motion was seconded by Gil Alligood, the motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TCC.
- Tom Coulson made a motion for the TAC to approve the FY 15-16 Planning Work Program and Five Year Calendar. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Griffin, the motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TAC.

Information Items/Updates:

Area Transit Staff Updates

Bryant Buck updated the group that Rhonda Suggs was the new Transit Director Beaufort Area Transit.

Southern Albemarle Association:

Charlotte Griffin, Bryant Buck, and Justin Oakes filled the group in on a resolution that the Association would be putting together to revert back to the old transportation equity funding formula; also discussed was a presentation that was done by Division 1 Planning Engineer Gretchen Byrum on the history of Highway 12; and also discussed updates on the Alligator River Bridge project.

Martin County CTP Update:

Bryant discussed the Steering Committee meetings that had been held in March and April, saying that the committee had settled on a survey and that it would be distributed in the following week or so at Town Halls, Post Offices and other locations, as well as be available online; the committee was continuing to iron down a Vision Statement, and a third meeting would be held later in the Month; Carlos Moya spoke on the process of the plan and the high standard to which it is being done; David Bone added that a presentation would be held on Monday to all the Boards in the county.

NCARPO Update:

Justin discussed with the group that the majority of the discussion centered around Prioritization 4.0; Justin also informed the group that he would be serving on a statewide committee that was being put together to evaluate the Comprehensive Transportation Plan development process and document.

NCDOT Updates:

Jerry Jennings, NCDOT Division 1 Engineer, provided updates on projects in Martin County as well as the remainder of Division 1. A spreadsheet was provided to members. Jeff Cabaniss updated the group on work in Pitt and Beaufort Counties.

NCDOT TPB Update:

Carlos Moya provided updates, including discussing the PWP Development process.

Next Meeting:

Bryant Buck said the next meeting would be at Warren Field and would be scheduled for August 5th 2015.

Adjournment:

Hood Richardson made a motion for the TCC to adjourn, seconded by David Bone. TCC adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Charlotte Griffin made a motion for the TAC to adjourn, seconded by Tom Coulson. TAC adjourned at 11:04 AM.