

Minutes
Of the Joint
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
And
Transportation Advisory Committee
August 12, 2015

TCC: David Bone, Gil Alligood, Gene Powell, Mark Nottingham, Jonas Hill, Judi Lannon, Eric Pearson, Joe Albright, Betty Moore, Glen Moore, Seth Laughlin, Rhonda Suggs, Robert Cayton

TAC: Dempsey Bond, Charlotte Griffin, Tom Coulson

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

Staff: Bryant Buck, Justin Oakes

Guest: Reid Walters

TCC Chair Albright called the TCC meeting to order.

TAC Chair Bond called the TAC meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda:

Robert Cayton made a motion for the TCC to approve the agenda for the August 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by David Bone, 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 August 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Coulson, the motion carried and the agenda was approved by the TAC.

Approval of Past Minutes:

David Bone made a motion for the TCC to approve the minutes of the May 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert Cayton, the motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TCC.

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

Public Comments: None.

Presentations/Updates:

A. Airport Information/Updates

- Gil Alligood welcomed everyone to the new terminal building at Washington Warren Airport and provided a history of the Warren Field Airport in Washington. Mr. Alligood discussed businesses currently using the airport, as well as future projects to be completed at the airport.

Action Items:

Resolution Endorsing Transportation Elements of NC Connect Bond:

Mr. Buck introduced a resolution supporting the proposed transportation improvements that were included in Governor Pat McCrory's Connect NC Bond. David Bone discussed with the group that Martin County had gone on the record in support of the Bond, with Charlotte Griffin adding that Bear Grass as well as the Southern Albemarle Association had gone on the record supporting it as well. Following lengthy discussion on the benefits and proposed improvements, Robert Cayton made a motion for the TCC to endorse the resolution. The motion was seconded by Betty Moore; the motion carried and was approved by the TCC. Tom Coulson made a motion for the TAC to endorse the resolution. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Griffin; the motion carried and was approved by the TAC.

Endorsement of Regional and Division Alternative Criteria:

Mr. Oakes presented to the group the Regional and Division Alternative Criteria that had been agreed upon by the Divisions, MPO's, and RPO's in Division 2 and Funding Region B (Division 2 & 3). Mr. Oakes explained that this was the same process that took place in P 3.0, however, this time Division 1 and Funding Region A (Division 1 & 4) did not set an alternative criteria, meaning that Martin County projects would not be subject to the presented criteria. Robert Cayton made a motion for the TCC to endorse the Alternative Criteria presented. The motion was seconded by David Bone; the motion carried, and was approved by the TCC. Tom Coulson made a motion for the TAC to endorse the Alternative Criteria presented. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Griffin; the motion carried, and was approved by the TAC.

Discussion of New Projects for P 4.0:

Mr. Oakes provided everyone with a spreadsheet that included all of the projects currently in the SPOT Online database. Mr. Oakes also provided spreadsheets that included projects that had been permanently deleted, already committed for funding, and projects that had been placed in the "holding tank". He explained that projects that had been permanently deleted were done so due to changes in the criteria for a project to be included in the Prioritization process. He explained that projects that were already committed did not have to go back through the prioritization process and would not be evaluated in P 4.0. Finally, he explained that projects placed in the holding tank were projects that either received no local points in P 3.0 or scored poorly. He noted that the RPO would have the opportunity to add all holding tank projects back, should they wish, but that it would count against the number of new projects allowed during the project submittal window.

Mr. Oakes asked that each County and its communities begin to review the list and let him know if there were any projects they wanted to remove from the list, or if there were any potential new projects they wanted to add. He added that at the November meeting, the RPO would need to approve the new project list to be submitted.

Information Items/Updates:

Area Transit Staff Updates

Bryant Buck introduced Rhonda Suggs, the new Transit Director for Beaufort Area Transit.

Southern Albemarle Association:

Charlotte Griffin and Justin Oakes filled the group in on the resolutions that the Southern Albemarle Association went on record supporting, including the Connect NC Bond, the previously discussed request to return to the Equity Formula, and the Opposition to SB 540, which proposed a ferry pass fee for locals.

Martin County CTP Update:

Mr. Buck, Mr. Oakes, Carlos Moya, and David Bone provided the group with an update on the progress of the Martin County CTP.

NCARPO Update:

Justin discussed with the group that the majority of the presentation at the July meeting in Kinston was about the timeline, criteria, and other important information surrounding Prioritization 4.0.

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 had nothing to report at this time.

Next Meeting:

Bryant Buck said the next meeting would be at Grifton Depot and would be scheduled for November 4th 2015.

Adjournment:

Robert Cayton made a motion for the TCC to adjourn, seconded by David Bone. TCC adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Charlotte Griffin made a motion for the TAC to adjourn, seconded by Tom Coulson. TAC adjourned at 11:15 AM.