

Minutes
Of the Joint
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
And
Transportation Advisory Committee
June 24, 2014

TCC: Jonas Hill, James Rhodes, David Bone, Hood Richardson, Gene Powell, Glen Moore, Judi Lannon, Gray Hodges, Jay Hardin, Susan Davenport, Eric Pearson, Gil Alligood, Daryl Vreeland

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

State/NCDOT : Carlos Moya, Woody Jarvis, Gretchen Byrum, Jeff Cabaniss, John Rouse

Staff: Bryant Buck, Justin Oakes

TAC Chair Bond called the TAC meeting to order. TAC Chair Bond handed the meeting over to TCC Vice-Chair Rhodes, who called the TCC meeting to order.

Public Comments: None.

Assignment of Points to Transportation projects in the Mid-East RPO

Bryant Buck thanked everyone for making time in their schedules for this special meeting. He began by providing the group with an overview of the Local Methodology as well as how the RPO had got to where they are now in the prioritization process. Mr. Buck then began with the Regional Level projects. He mentioned that there was coordination with the surrounding MPO's and RPO's, including the Down East RPO, Upper Coastal RPO, Peanut Belt RPO, Albemarle RPO, and the Greenville MPO. Mr. Buck asked the group to look over the Regional Level spreadsheet and let him know if there were any questions regarding the point's recommendations. James Rhodes asked if projects that did not receive 100 points were given maximum allowable, which Bryant responded yes. David Bone sked about the NC 903 project; Bryant said that it was not scored due to the low quantitative score from NCDOT; Gretchen Byrum also explained that Division 1 did not score it well. Charlotte Griffin asked about the Littlefield intersection; Bryant provided background on the project, and Daryl Vreeland with the Greenville MPO said his group had almost maxed out their allowable points on that project. David Bone asked about the NC 306 project and why it received 100 points while the score was low; Justin Oakes mentioned that based on the methodology the top 2 projects in each county automatically received 100 points. Dempsey Bond asked about the Highway 17 Business project location; Bryant said it was Carolina Avenue between 264 and the Bridge. David Bone asked about the redundant project at the bottom of the spreadsheet; Bryant said they are the same project, and since one was cheaper, that one was given the full 2 possible points. Daryl Vreeland explained that when looking at the projects, cost had to be factored in by what each region was

projected to have. Daryl explained to Charlotte that this process is new and its an improvement from Prioritization 1.0, but it will need to be adjusted for Prioritization 4.0 based on what is best for the MPO or RPO. David Bone said he would like to see additional discussion, specifically regarding 306 as the Division ranked it low. Dempsey Bond proposed that NC 11 perhaps be given points; Bryant said it would be eligible for 87 points. James Rhodes asked if the projects bordering the MPO were maxed out, which Bryant responded saying yes they were. David Bone asked if there were any other projects that could receive points; Bryant said NC 33 (R-3407-B) could, with 33 potential points to give. David Bone motioned to approve Regional Level points with thee exception of moving 100 points from H090535 toH090182 (87 points) and H090224-B (33 points); James Rhodes asked if all were in favor; there were no objections.

Tom Coulson asked why not max out points on H090224-B and give to H090182; motioned to place 55 points on H090182 and 65 on H09024-B; Dempsey Bond asked for all in favor, there were no objections.

Bryant moved the group on to the Division Level projects. David Bone commented that based on the number of airports in Division 1, it may be difficult to judge based on quantitative score; additionally, David was curious as to why Beaufort Area Transit was recommended to receive points for 3 different vans, but Martin county Transit did not receive points for the one van they requested. James Rhodes asked if there were recommendations on the points; David asked if he could see Beaufort Transit get 100 points in FY 16 and 17, and Martin Transit get 100 points in FY 18. Gray Hodges, Director of Beaufort Area Transit, explained that the vans for purchase are mini-vans with lifts as they are more economical with ridership and cost of gas; Martin County Transit said their van was the same. David Bone mentioned that four projects at Warren Field were given 100 points, recommended that 100 points from the sewer project be moved to the Martin County hanger project and 100 from Beaufort Transit FY 18 to Martin Transit FY 18; James Rhodes asked for comment. Gray Hodges asked if points could be moved from any other project to the BATS FY 18 van. Gill Alligood, Gray Hodges, and Hood Richardson opposed the recommendation, all else were in favor, therefore the motion passed.

Tom Coulson said he believed the sewer project has health risk as well as prior commitments attached to it ad believed points should not be taken from it. Tom motioned to undo the TCC Airport recommendation, Robert Cayton seconded. Daryl Vreeland suggested having points moved from Maintenance Hanger at Warren to Corporate Hanger at Martin Airport. Gill Alligood said currently the Maintenance Hanger needs to be torn down and the sewer is a must due to a new hanger and Sun Energies 1. Tom Coulson motioned to move 100 points from the Maintenance Hanger to Martin County Corporate Hanger; majority vote approves the move. A130374 now receives 100 points, while A130379 will now receive 0; A130380 would still receive 100 points.

Next Meeting:

Bryant Buck said the recommendation will be posted for 30 days for public comment. Following that, the TCC and TAC will give final approval at the August 6th meeting. David Bone made a motion for the TCC to adjourn, seconded by Eric Pearson. TCC adjourned at 10:03 AM. Charlotte Griffin made a motion for the TAC to adjourn, seconded by Robert Cayton. TAC adjourned at 10:03 AM.