

Minutes
Of the Joint
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
And
Transportation Advisory Committee
August 6, 2014

TCC: Joe Albright, James Rhodes, Jonas Hill, David Bone, Hood Richardson, Gene Powell, Judi Lannon, Gray Hodges, David Bone, Frank Halsey, Eric Pearson, Gil Alligood, Daryl Vreeland, Robert Belcher

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

State/NCDOT : Woody Jarvis, Jeff Cabaniss

Staff: Bryant Buck, Justin Oakes

TAC Chair Bond called the TAC meeting to order. TAC Chair Bond handed the meeting over to TCC Chair Albright, who called the TCC meeting to order.

Public Comments: None.

Action Items:

Final Approval of Local Methodology:

Bryant Buck explained to the group that NCDOT was requesting each RPO submit a resolution stating they have endorsed the Local Methodology in which projects were evaluated in the prioritization process. Mr. Buck explained that the group had already approved the local methodology, and no changes had been made; only a resolution was needed to make that official. David Bone made a motion that the TCC approve the resolution endorsing the Local Methodology. The motion was seconded by Betty Moore and the motion passed unanimously. Robert Cayton made a motion that the TAC approves the resolution endorsing the Local Methodology. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Griffin and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Past Minutes:

James Rhodes made a motion for the TCC to approve the minutes of the May 2014 and June 2014 meetings. The motion was seconded by David Bone, the motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TCC.

Robert Cayton made a motion for the TAC to approve the minutes of the May 2014 and June 2014 meetings. The motion was seconded by Tom Coulson, the motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TAC.

Final Endorsement of Local Input Project Prioritization Points:

Bryant Buck explained to the group that the Mid-East RPO had been given 100 points from the New Bern MPO to be put toward a US 17 project. Mr. Buck explained that currently there were US 17 projects north of Washington to Martin County and south of Chocowinity to Craven County; and that the RPO has the opportunity to give either 50 points to each or 100 to one of them. Jeff Cabaniss, NCDOT Division 2 Planner, explained to the group that the northern section looks logical as it is a connection of existing segments. David Bone asked for clarification if the RPO has assigned any points to either of these projects in June; Mr. Buck said they RPO had not as the RPO did not assign points to Statewide Tier Projects. Robert Belcher asked where the projects south of Chocowinity went to, to which Mr. Buck replied the Craven County line. Mr. Belcher then said it was logical to assign points to the northern segment. Hood Richardson said that since New Bern had given the points and they are located in Craven County, at least a few points should be given to the southern leg. Mr. Richardson motioned that the TCC give 70 points to the northern segment and 30 points be given to the southern segment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Belcher and the motion was unanimously approved by the TCC. Charlotte Griffin made a motion that the TAC endorses the TCC's recommendation of 70 to the northern segment and 30 to the southern segment. The motion was seconded by Robert Cayton and passed on a 3-1 vote, with Dempsey Bond for and Tom Coulson opposed.

Mr. Buck informed the group that the RPO had completed the 30 Day Public Comment Period for the proposed Local Input Project Points Assignment that the group had recommended back in June; there were no comments from the public. Mr. Buck asked the group for final endorsement of the Local Input Project Points Assignment, with the addition of the 100 points from the New Bern MPO that had just been discussed. David Bone made a motion that the TCC approve the Local Input Project Points Assignment. The motion was seconded by James Rhodes and the motion passed unanimously. Robert Cayton made a motion that the TAC approves the Local Input Project Points Assignment. The motion was seconded by Tom Coulson and the motion passed unanimously.

Information Items/Updates:

Southern Albemarle Association:

Robert Cayton provided the group an update on the activities at the most recent Southern Albemarle Association. The group adopted a resolution regarding the bridges in Dare County and also heard an update on Prioritization 3.0 from Bryant Buck. The group will be holding their Annual Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of October.

NCARPO Update:

Bryant Buck updated the group on the July 2014 meeting; said the discussion was on TAC and ethics, as a \$250 fine was recently imposed for not submitting SEI and Real Estate Disclosure. Daryl Vreeland added that there was a Senate Bill that made the ethics requirements a statute, making violators subject to fines and criminal prosecution. Other than ethics, Mr. Buck added

that there was discussion on the unevenness of project scores across the state; and that two additional rural representatives would serve on the SPOT 4.0 Committee.

NCDOT Updates:

Jeff Cabaniss updated the group on work in Pitt and Beaufort Counties, including the 10th Street Connector Project in Greenville, which is scheduled to let in December; the SW Greenville Bypass let date has been moved up to May; currently, a turn lane is being placed at the Memorial and Firetower intersection. James Rhodes asked about the timeline of the 10th Street Connector, to which Mr. Cabaniss said it would take about 2 years. Joe Albright asked about the timeline for the bypass, to which Mr. Cabaniss said it would take about 3 years.

NCDOT TPB Update:

Bryant said there was no update at this time; said he would be entering project points into the system as well as the RPO's 4th Quarter Invoice later in the day. David Bone asked about the Martin County CTP; Bryant said that a Roadway and Existing Deficiency map was complete and review will take place in the coming weeks. James Rhodes requested an update on the status of the Pitt County CTP update.

Next Meeting:

Bryant Buck said the next meeting was scheduled for November 5th 2014. David Bone made a motion for the TCC to adjourn, seconded by Jonas Hill. TCC adjourned at 9:40 AM. Robert Cayton made a motion for the TAC to adjourn, seconded by Tom Coulson. TAC adjourned at 9:41 AM.