

Minutes  
of the joint  
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee  
And  
Transportation Advisory Committee  
March 12, 2014

TCC: Betty Moore, Jonas Hill, James Rhodes, Mark Nottingham, Randell Woodruff, David Bone, Hood Richardson, Robert Belcher, Gene Powell, Joe Albright, Gil Alligood, Guinn Leverett, David Daniel, Charlotte Griffin, Glen Moore, Timmy Baynes

TAC: Dempsey Bond, Robert Cayton

State/NCDOT : Carlos Moya, Woody Jarvis, Gretchen Byrum, Sterling Baker, Jeff Cabaniss

Staff: Bryant Buck, Justin Oakes

TAC Chair Bond called the meeting to order. One other TAC members was present therefore TAC did not meet quorum. TAC Chair Bond handed the meeting over to TCC Chair Albright, the meeting was led by TCC Chair Albright.

The minutes of the November, 2013, meeting were considered and upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the minutes were approved by the TCC.

Public Comments: None.

Project Prioritization Methodology

An overview of the Mid-East RPO proposed methodology for scoring of projects was presented to the TCC for review and comment. The scoring criteria included Crash History, Transportation Plan Consistency, Economic Development/Employment Access, Multimodal Elements, and Existing Deficiency. After discussion on the proposed methodology motion was made by Betty Moore, and seconded by Hood Richardson all were in favor therefore motion passed.

Endorsement of City of Washington Bicycle Plan

An update was provided to the group on the City of Washington Bicycle Plan. Staff discussed endorsement of the plan and TCC members decided to postpone this matter until City endorsement had been received. Motion made by James Rhodes, seconded by David Bone.

### Resolution Endorsing US 64 to Interstate 495/Interstate 44

Staff presented an overview of the proposed resolution endorsing the classification change of US 64 to Interstate 495/Interstate 44. After brief discussion on the positive impacts to our region of this proposed future interstate, motion was made by Charlotte Griffin, and seconded by David Bone all were in favor of the endorsement therefore motion passed.

### Beaufort Area Transit

No report at this time.

### Ferry Tolling additional update

Public input meetings have been held and Beaufort County opposed the tolling of Ferries. Also noted was that Down East RPO and the Town of Bath both have endorsed resolutions opposing the tolls, and would prefer that Raleigh (General Assembly) come up with financing instead of placing tolls. Staff solicited the members for direction on this matter and how the committee wanted to proceed. Hood Richardson cautioned the group to be careful moving forward and that the RPO should take no action at this time.

Sterling Baker commented that Albemarle RPO had decided not to take action on the matter. Betty Moore mentioned that Beaufort County was in need of a bridge over the Pamlico replacing the current ferry, and furthermore opposed all tolling.

Robert Belcher noted that representative Paul Tine informed him representatives wanted to move ferry replacement from division to regional level of funding, Sterling Baker commented that in divisions 2&3 it would help, division 1 would not benefit.

Robert Cayton commented that we should not act on this until after short session has ended, thus agreeing with Commissioner Richardson to hold off taking action at this time.

Robert Belcher made motion to table item until after short session, Guinn Leverett seconded, all agreed to table until short session has ended.

### Eastern NC RPO/MPO Coalition

It was noted that coordination is ongoing regarding scoring criteria and ranking of projects throughout the region. Also discussed at the last meeting was continuation, and the future of the NC MPO/RPO Coalition.

### Southern Albemarle Association

At the January meeting Sterling Baker and Gretchen Byrum gave the members a presentation on the SPOT 3.0 scoring process. Also discussed was the status update on the ferry tolling issue. Sterling Baker shared a 3D rendering of the Bonner Bridge stabilization process that just recently was completed.

### NC Association of Rural Planning Organizations Conference

Mr. Buck stated that at the last meeting SPOT 3.0 scoring was the continued topic of discussion, and that the Association added a fourth representative to the SPOT 4.0 committee.

#### NCDOT Updates

Division Staff provided handouts regarding project status in Division 1 & 2. Staff also informed the members that SPOT office will be releasing preliminary scores sometime in March.

#### Strategic Transportation Investment Update (STI)

DOT staff informed the members of the scheduled timeline for the release of scores, and the upcoming scoring process.

#### Transportation Planning Branch Updates

Mr. Carlos Moya-Astudillo stated that the RPO has continued to coordinate with Transportation Planning Branch on the upcoming Planning Work Program, and worked closely with the SPOT office developing an approved methodology for scoring of projects

#### Next Meeting:

Upcoming meetings are scheduled for May 2014, and August 2014. Based on DOT schedules and deadlines, meeting dates are subject to change. Mr. Buck will notify the group as early as possible about such changes.