

Minutes
Of the Joint
RPO Technical Coordinating Committee
And
Transportation Advisory Committee
February 4, 2015

TCC: David Bone, Betty Moore, Hood Richardson, Gray Hodges, Frank Halsey, Gil Alligood, Robert Belcher, Glen Moore, Mark Nottingham, Seth Laughlin

TAC: Dempsey Bond, Charlotte Griffin, Tom Coulson,

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

Staff: Bryant Buck, Justin Oakes

TCC Chair Albright called the TCC meeting to order.
TAC Chair Bond called the TAC meeting to order.

Public Comments: None.

Action Items:

Approval of Agenda:

Betty Moore made a motion for the TCC to approve the agenda for the February 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 February 2015 meeting. The motion was seconded by Tom Coulson, the motion carried and the agenda was approved by the TAC.

Approval of Past Minutes:

Gil Alligood noted that on page 2 of the minutes, it should be terminal, not hanger. David Bone also noted that on page 2, it should state at a business, not with a business. With the corrections, Mr. Bone made a motion for the TCC to approve the minutes of the November 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. 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 November 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Griffin, the motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TAC.

Endorsement of City of Washington Comprehensive Bicycle Plan:

Justin Oakes explained to the group that the Mid-East Commission had completed work on the City of Washington Bicycle Plan, City. The plan was adopted by the City in December of 2014. Betty Moore made a motion that the TCC endorse the City of Washington Bicycle Plan. The motion was seconded by David Bone, the motion carried and the Plan was endorsed by the TCC. Charlotte Griffin made a motion that the TAC endorses the City of Washington Bicycle Plan. The motion was seconded by Tom Coulson, the motion carried and the Plan was endorsed by the TAC.

Endorsement of Town of Farmville Comprehensive Pedestrian Plan and Comprehensive Bicycle Plan:

Justin Oakes explained to the group that the Mid-East Commission had completed work on both the Town of Farmville Pedestrian Plan, which looked at opportunities to promote walking safely by the development of program, policies, and facilities, and the Bicycle Plan, which looked at opportunities to promote cycling by the development of program, policies, and facilities in the Town. The plans were adopted by the Town in December of 2014 and January of 2015 respectively. Judy Lannon made a motion that the TCC endorse the Town of Farmville Pedestrian and Bicycle Plans. The motion was seconded by David Bone, the motion carried and the Plans were endorsed by the TCC. Tom Coulson made a motion that the TAC endorses the Town of Farmville Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Griffin, the motion carried and the Plans were endorsed by the TAC.

Endorsement of Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant for Town of Fountain:

Bryant Buck explained to the group that the Town of Fountain was applying for a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant from the NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Division. The town had completed their application, and was looking for endorsement of the application by the RPO. David Bone made a motion that the TCC endorse the Town of Fountain Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant application. The motion was seconded by Gil Alligood, the motion carried and the application was endorsed by the TCC. Charlotte Griffin made a motion that the TAC endorses the Town of Fountain Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Application. The motion was seconded by Tom Coulson, the motion carried and the application was endorsed by the TAC.

Endorsement of Martin County Stoplight and School Signal Signs:

Gretchen Byrum, NCDOT Division 1 Planner, said the plan is to install high visibility road markings and also look to reduce speed limit. Daryl Vreeland asked if including speed signs at the beginning and ends of schools days like at the middle school in Greenville were a possibility; Mrs. Byrum said that could be an option. Hood Richardson said he could support

resolution, but not with a stoplight. Gil Alligood agreed, adding that traffic studies need to be included when schools are built. Bryant Buck recommended striking stoplight from the resolution and replace with safety improvements. David Bone motioned to replace language with maximum safety/design improvements. Betty Moore seconded, supporting maximum safety language in the resolution. The motion carried and the application was endorsed by the TCC. Charlotte Griffin made a motion that the TAC endorses the resolution with the language as endorsed by the TCC. The motion was seconded by Tom Coulson, the motion carried and the resolution was endorsed by the TAC.

Endorsement of Future Interstate Designation for US 64 and US 17:

Bryant Buck brought to the group a resolution that would endorse the Future Interstate Designation for US 64 and US 17. Mr. Buck said that this had received traction at the State and Federal Level, and that this resolution would endorse the necessary improvements to bring to interstate standards. Judy Lannon made a motion that the TCC endorse the resolution. The motion was seconded by Gene Powell, the motion carried and the resolution was endorsed by the TCC. Tom Coulson made a motion that the TAC endorses the resolution. The motion was seconded by Charlotte Griffin, the motion carried and the resolution was endorsed by the TAC.

Discussion:

Prioritization/STIP:

Bryant Buck provided the group with a copy of the Draft STIP for the Mid-East RPO. Jeff Cabaniss said the RPO got one project at the Regional Level (US 11 at Hanrahan Road Intersection) and two projects at the Division Level (15th Street in Washington – 4 lanes w/ turn lane; land acquisition for runway extension at Warren Field). Mr. Cabaniss noted that if a project were in the second half of the STIP, it could get pushed out if environmental or other issues arise. Mr. Cabaniss mentioned that the STIP Public Meeting for Region B would be on March 19th at the Community College in Kenansville. Gretchen Byrum added that the Region A meeting would be March 19th at the Bob Martin Ag Center in Williamston.

Information Items/Updates:

Area Transit & Airport Staff Updates

Justin Oakes updated the group on Beaufort Area Transit, passing along the concerns that BATTS had regarding the hard cutoff for the vehicle mileage threshold that needed to be met in order to be eligible for a new vehicle.

Gil Alligood said that the new terminal is under construction; Runway 0523 getting new lighting and there is new pavement on an additional runway; Commercial Hanger is in design and will be constructed soon.

Southern Albemarle Association:

Justin Oakes filled the group in on a presentation that was done by Division 1 Engineer Jerry Jennings, and also touched on the Alligator River Bridge endorsement.

NCARPO Update:

Bryant Buck updated the group on the January 2015 meeting, stating that Ethics was the big discussion item. Mr. Buck said that all TAC members needed to submit their SEI and Real Estate Disclosure by April 15, as if they are not completed, you would become subject to fines and potential litigation.

NCDOT Updates:

Gretchen Byrum, NCDOT Division 1 Planner, 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 said that the Martin County CTP Kickoff would be on February 24th in Williamston at 6. This is the first Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the county and the model area would be Williamston; said it was a 22-23 month process.

Next Meeting:

Bryant Buck said the next meeting was scheduled for May 6th 2015.

Adjournment:

David Bone made a motion for the TCC to adjourn, seconded by Betty Moore. TCC adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Charlotte Griffin made a motion for the TAC to adjourn, seconded by Tom Coulson. TAC adjourned at 10:42 AM.