

Minutes of the Mid-East RPO
Technical Coordinating Committee
Washington-Warren Airport
200 Airport Road
Washington 27889
May 14, 2018 10:00am

TCC: David Bone, Judi Lannon, Frank Halsey, David Jaynes, Rhonda Suggs, Seth Laughlin, Brian Alligood, James Rhodes, Jonas Hill, Ryan Purtle, Allison Stalls, Jerry McCrary, Gretchen Byrum, Cam Coburn, Brooks Braswell, Robert Cayton, Cameron Braddy, Diane Hampton

Guest: Eliud De Jesus, Scott Walston, Casey Whitley, Gloristine Brown, Gerald Whitley, Jerry Jennings

Staff: Jamie Heath

TCC Chair Cayton called the TCC meeting to order at 10:05 and quorum for the TCC was established.

Election of Vice Chair

Chairman Cayton recommended Judi Lannon to be the new TCC Vice Chair. Ryan Purtle motioned for Judi Lannon to be TCC Vice Chair. James Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion carried and Judi Lannon accepted the position as Vice Chair.

Approval of Agenda

David Jaynes made a motion for the TCC to approve the agenda for the May 14, 2018 meeting. David Bone seconded the motion. The motion carried and the agenda was approved by the TCC.

Approval of Past Minutes

Ryan Purtle motioned to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2018. James Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved by the TCC.

Public Comment

Chairman Cayton asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak; there were no comments.

Planning Work Program (PWP) FY 18-19

Jamie Heath reviewed the last changes to the final PWP for FY 18-19. David Jaynes motioned to approve the Planning Work Program (PWP) for FY 18-19. David Bone seconded the motion. The motion carried and the PWP FY 18-19 was approved by the TCC.

Title VI Assurance

Jamie Heath explained that the Title VI Assurance is required to all the RPOs by the Federal Highway Administration. We have not received information about how to develop the non-

discriminatory agreement yet. David Bone motioned to approve Title VI Assurance. David Jaynes seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Title VI Assurance was approved by the TCC.

MOU / Bylaws Discussion

Jamie Heath notified to the TCC members about the upcoming MOU Workshop.

Beaufort Area Transit System (BATS)

Rhonda Suggs from Beaufort Area Transit System (BATS) did a presentation on the achievements and financial challenges that the organization have. Although the organization have received support from Beaufort County, their facilities still needs improvements. David Bone and Frank Halsey Jr. mentioned that Martin County Transit used funds from 5311 grant to improve their facilities. They recommended that BATS should apply for those funds.

P5.0 Local Input Methodology

Jamie Heath reviewed the final P5.0 Local Input Methodology. There were no major changes. More information was add on cascading projects and some terminology was changed based on NCDOT recommendations. David Jaynes motioned to approve the P5.0 Local Input Methodology. Ryan Purtle seconded the motion. The motion carried and the P5.0 Local Input Methodology was approved by the TCC.

Regional Local Input Point Assignment

Jamie Heath reviewed the assigned regional local input points to the projects in Beaufort, Martin and Pitt Counties. The points were assigned following the P5.0 Local Input Methodology. Diane Hampton mention that the Division 2 points' assignment still in a draft phase and they will be finalize by the end of July. Brooks Braswell mentioned that the same applies to Division 1 points' assignment. Ryan Purtle asked Diane Hampton why the point assignment dead line is at the end of July. Diane Hampton explained that they will submit the scores to Raleigh by the end of the month, where further process will take place. David Bone motioned to approve the Regional Local Input Point Assignment. James Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion carried and the Regional Local Input Point Assignment was approved by the TCC.

Martin County & Pitt County CTP Updates

The final draft of the Martin County CTP was presented to six municipalities and is on the next board meeting agenda of the last three. The municipalities of Bear Grass, Parmele, Hamilton, Williamston, Oak City, and Robersonville adopted the plan. Presentations pending in Jamesville, Hassell and Everretts in thru May and June. The presentation to the Martin County Board will be schedule for July. It will be presented to the RPO in upcoming meeting.

Eliud De Jesus was able to meet with Dominique Boyd to set deadlines and priorities for next steps for the Pitt County CTP. RPO staff is in process to form a Steering Committee for Pitt County. The staff spoke with County representatives at the local input point meeting to get the some ideas in whom to invite to the committee. The transportation demand model is still in development by the consultant and is expected to be complete by August.

NC DOT Division Updates

Brooks Braswell reviewed current projects and STIP projects in Marin County. Current projects include: the NC-125 Bypass (estimated completion date April 2019), a US-17 access

management project, 2018-2019 resurfacing projects of NC-11, US-64 Alternate, US-64/13 US-17 and multiple resurfacing/sealing projects on secondary roads. 2018- 2027 STIP projects include; US-17 access management project, the US-17 widening project from Washington to Williamston (construction June 2020), the Flat Swamp Road bridge replacement, the Collie Swamp bridge replacement, and upgrades to Prison Camp Road. Mr. Braswell also reviewed information regarding the I-87 Feasibility Study.

Jerry Jennings talked about the BUILD NC Bond Act status (draft bill MLC205A).

Diane Hampton reviewed Beaufort and Pitt County projects. For Beaufort County, the safety project at Beaufort Community College's entrance is already under design. Other current projects in Beaufort County include; a bridge replacement on Long Bridge Road, a bridge replacement on Horsepen Swamp Road, a bridge replacement on VOA Road, a bridge construction on Hawkins Beach Road, a bridge construction on Gray Road, a bridge construction on Market Street Ext., a bridge construction on Post Road, a bridge construction on over Pungo Creek On US-264, construction of a retaining wall at a railroad overpass on NC-33, resurfacing of NC-102, NC-32, and NC-33, and multiple resurfacing projects on secondary roads.

Current projects in Pitt County include: the Greenville Southwest Bypass (estimated completion date November 2019), the 10th Street Connector, upgrades to Laurie Ellis Road, grading, drainage and paving for Boyd's Street, a bridge replacement on Big Oak Road, a bridge replacement on Sheppard Mill Road, resurfacing of US-264-Alt, NC-33, and NC-102, and multiple resurfacing projects on secondary roads.

Ms. Hampton mention that Division 2 will have a public meeting for the STI point assignment on June 12 in Kinston from 4 to 6 pm.

Gretchen Byrum mentioned that Division 1 will have their public meeting for the STI point assignment on June 14 in Edenton from 5 to 7pm.

NC DOT Transportation Planning Division Updates

Scott Walston went over updates for the Transportation Planning Division.

Updates from Transportation Association Meetings and RPO Workshops

Jamie Heath announced that Eliud De Jesus is going to be the new RPO. She will still involved but in supervisory role.

Eliud De Jesus reported on attendance at RPO workshops and Transportation Association meetings, including the April's RPO Quarterly Meeting, NCAMPO Conference, and the Highway 17/64 Association meeting. Mr. De Jesus stated that if anyone wanted more details on these meetings they could contact him.

Public Input

Jamie Heath asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak. There were none.

Member Discussion/Comments

Chairman Cayton asked if there were any final comments from the TCC. There were none.

Next Meeting

Ms. Heath said the next meeting is scheduled for August, with a future meeting date in November. Ms. Heath will send out a Doodle Poll to schedule the meetings.

Adjournment

David Bone made a motion for the TCC to adjourn. David Jaynes seconded the motion. The motion carried and the TCC adjourned at 11:20 am.