



**January 31, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

Eastern Carolina Council

233 Middle Street, 3rd Floor Open Room, O. Marks Building, New Bern, NC

**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes**

**TAC Members in Attendance:**

Eddie Barber  
Chad Braxton  
Candy Bohmert

Josh Potter  
Johnnie Sampson

**TCC Members in Attendance:**

Jeff Cabaniss  
Kim Maxey  
Maurizia Chapman

Alan Pytcher  
Catherine Bryant

**ECC Members in Attendance:**

Patrick Flanagan

Leighann Morgan

1. **Call to Order** – Eddie Barber called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
2. **Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Statement**
3. **Public Comment Period** – no public comment
4. **ACTION: Election of Officers**  
Currently the Chair is vacant. The Vice-Chair is Eddie Barber; he has served one year out of a possible two-year term.  
*Josh Potter motioned to nominate Eddie Barber as Chair & Hugh Overholt as Vice Chair, seconded by Chad Braxton, unanimously approved.*
5. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes**  
Minutes of the October 25, 2016 meetings are attached and presented for approval.  
*Johnnie Sampson motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Josh Potter, unanimously approved.*
6. **Meeting Schedule** – Eddie Barber confirmed the 2017 meeting schedule as follows.
  - a. 2017 Meeting Schedule 10:00–11:30 a.m.
    - i. March 28, 2017
    - ii. May 30, 2017
    - iii. July 25, 2017
    - iv. September 26, 2017

**7. DERPO Staff Report:**

**Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports**

Patrick Flanagan reported that SPOT is changing how many projects each RPO has in the system. In the previous round, we had 44 projects evaluated. From those 6 projects are safe, 8 are carry-over projects, and there are 20 new project slots. Projects are to be inputted starting in July and the reviewing of projected projects needs to start now. Reasoning behind the decrease in projects stems from the cost estimator tool and review time needs to be less. Patrick also stated that the RPO budget may increase 15%, because the RPOs started doing SPOT year round and picking up more tasks, local dues will increase if approved by NCDOT.

HWY 17 Association met 2 weeks ago in Williamston to start talking about their project statuses. HWY 70 Commission met and talked about how the division is dealing with Hurricane damage. Secretary Trogon wants to see more production and the use of the fund balance used to forward projects quicker.

Stephanie Ayers was at the TCC meeting and reported a general update but mainly they are looking forward to new projects that are upcoming.

**8. NCDOT Staff Report:**

**Division 2:** Jeff Cabaniss presented a handout for viewing and highlighted projects in Division 2. For more information contact [jcabaniss@ncdot.gov](mailto:jcabaniss@ncdot.gov)

**Division 3:** Alan Pytcher presented a handout for viewing and highlighted projects in Division 3. For more information contact [apytcher@ncdot.gov](mailto:apytcher@ncdot.gov)

**Transportation Planning Branch:** Catherine Bryant introduced herself as the TPB contact and reported that Craven CTP is starting their steering committee. Onslow CTP have submitted maps to management for review and will be opening the steering committee to public comment.

**9. ACTION: CTP Priority Needs List**

Patrick Flanagan stated that the CTP Priority list is a list of CTP studies we want done in our area. Considering all five counties have CTP either completed or in progress there is no need to submit a needs list. CTPs are good for 10 years as long no major growth or expansions in the county have been completed.

**10. INFORMATION: Draft STIP '18-'27**

Patrick Flanagan reported the results of Prioritization 4.0 have been released in form of the DRAFT 2018-2027 STIP. He reviewed how our projects fared by region, division and by county. There is 6 months to submit comments on the results. Patrick gave out a handout with the list of projects that were moving forward with production and were other projects stand with money amounts.

There was a discussion with the issue of smaller MPO not getting more state funds, Patrick explained that larger MPO takes the majority of the funds and smaller RPOs have to put points on projects that cascade down. Johnnie Sampson commented that he felt that there are more representatives in larger areas getting the funds but seem that there is more working together now than years past. Jeff Cabaniss stated that the division is going for a different approach, where projects will be presented to a board to make sure the public wants the project and everyone is on the same page.

**11. Other Business**

Patrick Flanagan reminded TAC members to file their Ethics paperwork by April 15<sup>th</sup>.


Maurizia Chapman stated that New Bern MPO is hosting Green Growth Tool Box on Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1-4:30 p.m.

Patrick Flanagan also stated that the Statewide MPO conference will be held in New Bern on April 26-28<sup>th</sup>

**12. Adjournment**

*Johnnie Sampson motioned to adjourned the meeting, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,



Eddie Barber, DERPO TAC Chair



Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary

