



July 28th, 2015

10:00 AM

Eastern Carolina Council

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

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes

TAC Members in Attendance:

Eddie Barber
Christine Mele
Hugh Overholt
Sandra Fountain
Johnnie Sampson

TCC Members in Attendance:

Jeff Cabaniss
Maurizia Chapman
Behshad Norowzi
Patrick Riddle
Jack Veit

Staff in Attendance:

Patrick Flanagan
Leighann Morgan

1. Call to Order

Christine Mele called the meeting to order and read the Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Reminder

2. Public Comment Period

There was no public comments

3. ACTION: May 28, 2015 Minutes

Minutes of the May 28th meeting are attached and presented for approval.

Motion was made by Sandra Fountain to approve minutes as submitted for May 28, 2015 DERPO TAC Meeting; seconded by Hugh Overholt and unanimously approved.

4. Meeting Schedule

The group was reminded of the upcoming meeting dates.

b. 2015 Meeting Schedule 10:00–11:30 a.m.

- i. September 29, 2015
- ii. October 27, 2015
- iii. January 26, 2016

DERPO Staff Report

5. Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports

Patrick Flanagan stated there was no updated from the HWY 17 Association.

The Highway 70 Commission met in Morehead City and Patrick gave a presentation of the changes from SPOT 3 to SPOT 4. There was also a discussion of the Governor's Bond and censes was to support the bond. Hugh Overholt stated there was also a discussion of the Havelock By-pass. Jeff Cabaniss stated there is a public review on August 31st at the Tourist Center in Havelock. Christine Mele had questions regarding the contents of the Governor's Bond which lead to an open discussion of the make-up of the bond.

Patrick Flanagan reported that the full Eastern NC MPO/RPO Coalition has not meet and there are no plans to schedule a full meeting.

There was no Transit update to be reported.

NCDOT Staff Reports

6. **Division 2:** Jeff Cabaniss presented a handout with the progress of Carteret, Pamlico, Jones and Craven counties and highlighted the progress of various projects in those counties. Christine Mele asked if the restoration of the Clark Rd. rest area was the best use of the allocated funds. There was a brief discussion of the Clark Rd rest area as to why the building was torn completely down verses just remodeling and the elimination of other rest areas in the vicinity.
7. **Division 3:** Patrick Riddle presented a handout with the progress of the TIP & Division projects and highlighted some of the issues and progress of those projects. There was a discussion of requirements of clustering of mailboxes and the resurfacing of roads that were paved before 1975.
8. **Transportation Planning Branch:** Behshad Norowzi gave updated on the Pamlico and Carteret County CTP being completed; Jones County CTP is in internal review; Onslow County CTP is about to begin. Patrick Riddle asked if there are links to these CTP and if one can be provided. Behshad responded with he will send the link out and it is the same as last years.
9. **SPOT 4.0 Update**

Patrick Flanagan gave a presentation on the major changes from the SPOT 3.0 prioritization process to the SOPT 4.0 process, highlighting Scaling, Peak ADT, local contribution, NCSTM, and Safety benefits. He also discussed individual criteria and the percentage changes of criteria weight in the areas of Highway Congestion, Benefit Cost, Economic Competitiveness, Accessibility/Connectivity, Freight and Multimodal. In Non-highway, Bicycle; the criteria will start using counts of unoccupied housing units, 2nd homes and hotels. There was other minor tweaks in the Non-Highway areas.
10. **DRAFT: Alternative Criteria**

Patrick Flanagan presented that the staff from neighboring MPOs and RPOs have met to draft potential alternatives to the weights of the criteria used to measure the projects in the Region and Divisions. In Region B the weights are suggested to be 10% Benefit-Cost; 10% Congestion; 10% Accessibility/Connectivity; 25% Safety; 10% Freight and 5% Multimodal. These do not have to be adopted until October.

Patrick Flanagan presented the weights in Division 2 as follows: 10% Congestion; 10% Accessibility/Connectivity; 20% Safety; 5% Freight; 5% Multimodal. Division 3: 10% Congestion; 5% Accessibility/Connectivity; 15% Safety; 10% Freight; 10% Multimodal.

Patrick Flanagan gave the dates of the SPOT 4.0 schedule. September 1st is the project modification are due and October 1st the alternative criteria's are due.

11. ACTION: Modifying Existing Projects

Patrick Flanagan presented a handout that The Down East RPO SPOT 4.0 Subcommittee has met to review the cut projects and existing projects in our area.

ACTION: No action was made to approve list of projects and modifications till the list has been presented by email to members.

12. Other Business

Patrick Flanagan stated the Eastern Carolina Council will be having an Event called Network on the Neuse on August 13th, 2015 at the Abilena Plantation in New Bern.

13. Adjournment

Eddie Barber motioned to adjourn meeting; seconded by Christine Mele and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Christine Mele, DERPO TAC Chair


Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary

