



**May 26, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

Human Services Building  
800 Main Street Alliance, NC 28509

**Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Agenda**

- 1. Call to Order** – *Don Baumgardner, Chairman TCC*
- 2. Public Comment Period**
- 3. ACTION: March 24, 2015 Minutes**  
Minutes of the March 24th, 2015 meetings are attached and presented for approval.
- 4. Staff Report**
  - a. 2015 Meeting Schedule: Human Services 800 Main St. Alliance, NC 28509 10:00–11:30 a.m.
    - i. July 28, 2015
    - ii. September 22, 2015
    - iii. November 24, 2015
- 5. Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports**
  - a. **Highway 17 Association Update** *Marc Finlayson*
  - b. **Highway 70 Commission Update** *Patrick Flanagan*
  - c. **Eastern NC MPO/RPO Coalition Update** *Patrick Flanagan*
  - d. **Logistics Update** *Stephanie Ayers*
  - e. **Transit Update** *Carol Long, Kelly Walker & Randy Cantor*
- 6. NCDOT Division Reports**
  - a. Division 2: *Jeff Cabaniss*
  - b. Division 3: *Patrick Riddle*
  - c. Planning Branch: *Nazia Sarder*
    - Craven County CTP Update
    - Onslow County CTP Update
    - Jones County CTP Update

**7. ACTION: DERPO PWP Amendment**

A significant amount of our budget was allocated to CTP work in this fiscal year. However, neither the Craven County nor the Onslow County CTPs have begun at this time. We will review where we are moving money to in lieu of working on these two CTPs. Our overall budget has not changed.

**8. ACTION: FY '15-'16 Planning Work Program Planning**

This is the budget for our RPO in the upcoming year. This document outlines the projects we will work on and the products we will produce for NCDOT. The majority of this year's budget is focused on SPOT and the multiple CTPs we will be helping with in 2015 and 2016.

**9. ACTION: FY '15-'16 Five Year Calendar**

This is an outline of the future work the RPO hopes to accomplish in the next couple of years. The idea is that projects funnel from the Five Year Calendar into the PWP.

**10. DERPO SPOT 4.0 Subcommittee**

The work for the SPOT 4.0 process will soon begin. Our system of creating a subcommittee to review our methodology, new projects to submit and old projects to remove worked well last time. We need volunteers, at least one from every county, to be on that committee again.

**11. DERPO Meeting Schedule**

The set meeting dates of the Down East RPO TCC and TAC may present a problem with the Draft SPOT 4.0 schedule so we need to discuss potentially moving our meeting dates to a more agreeable day of the month moving forward.

**12. Other Business**

**13. Adjournment**



**March 24, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

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**Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Minutes**

**TCC Members in Attendance:**

Don Baumgardner	Jessica Fiester	Gene Foxworth
Carol Long	Violet Ollison	Jim Jennings
Randy Cantor	Katrina Marshall	Stephanie Ayers
Jeff Cabaniss	Patrick Riddle	Nazia Sarder
Scott Sherrill		

**Staff in Attendance:**

Patrick Flanagan	Lauren Tuttle	Nan Holton
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**Guests in Attendance:**

**1. Call to Order**

Don Baumgardner, Chairman TCC, called the meeting to order.

**2. Public Comment Period**

There were no public comments.

**3. ACTION: Election of Officers**

Patrick Flanagan reported that currently Don Baumgardner is the Chair and has served one year out of a possible two consecutive years in this position and that Scott Sherrill is the Vice Chair and has served one year out of a possible two consecutive years in this position. He opened the floor for nominations.

*Gene Foxworth stated that if both were willing to continue to serve he would like to make a motion that they remain in their positions for one more year; seconded by Katrina Marshall; and unanimously approved.*

**4. ACTION: November 18, 2014 Minutes**

Minutes of the November 18th, 2014 meetings were presented for approval.

*Motion was made by Scott Sherrill to approve the minutes as submitted for November 18, 2014 DERPO TCC meeting; seconded by Jessica Feister; and unanimously approved.*

**5. Staff Report**

The groups was reminded of the upcoming meeting dates and new location for the duration of the year.

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## **6. Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports**

### **Highway 17 Association Update**

Marc Finlayson was not present.

### **Highway 70 Commission Update**

Patrick Flanagan reported that there was a meeting last week with 2 really significant presentations: one by Paul Worley regarding the rail system which he will highlight later in the meeting and one by General Jim Trogdon about the financial situation of the DOT. It is losing revenue as a result of not collecting as much money from the gas tax. The state uses a Level of Service (LOS) to grade the system and NC is currently at a C minus. Eighty-six billion dollars are needed to just maintain that status, but if we wanted to improve it, it would take another \$114 billion over the next 10 years. The gist of the report was that the situation is dire. Methods such as interstate tolling, highway usage fees, and increased vehicle registrations are being looked at to address the needs, but even these will not fill the gap.

### **Eastern NC MPO/RPO Coalition Update**

Patrick Flanagan reported that the Coalition would be getting together in mid-April. The SPOT work crews will have the highway criteria defined by then, so the Coalition can discuss what they like and don't like and have time to make suggestions or changes prior to it being submitted to the Board of Transportation in July.

### **Logistics Update**

Stephanie Ayers reported that the Army Corp of Engineers is about to issue a bid for dredging the channel back to its working depth. She also noted that there are a lot of girders moving through Morehead City. These are from a company in Greensboro en route to NY for construction on the Tappan Zee Bridge. Because of this, she indicated that other opportunities were opening up for over-sized product movement. She stated that truck and rail are seeing growth as lumber, logs and chips are starting to come back through. Stephanie remarked that due to the vision of our state leadership they are looking at offshore energy projects, such that Radio Island might see improvements as a result. She announced that Rex Edwards had retired as Director of Operations last month and that Gordon Becton is serving as the interim until someone is hired.

### **Transit Update**

Carol Long gave a glowing report on Onslow County Transit stating that their ridership is up 11% from last year and they are continuing to grow, with 70-80 on the waiting list. One of the issues they face is the need for new vehicles and drivers and the difficulty in getting these due to procedures in place. They have implemented a new schedule software and provided tablets for the drivers which enable them to be more efficient. She remarked that the City of Jacksonville and Onslow County work well together so as not to duplicate efforts. The City of Jacksonville had purchased a CISCO hub telephone system for them and it enables them to count their calls and provide other supporting data as well. An interactive voice response (IVR) system is in place that allows them to place reminder calls to some of their clients. Currently they are running 15,000-17,000 trips a month.

Randy Cantor reported that Carteret County Transit is also growing as they have seen a 17% in growth since last year. He stated that they are breaking ridership records each month. He indicated that are looking at a fixed route to Newport and a seasonally deviated fixed route to the beach.

Carol Long informed the group that a problem within Transit is that the number of seats in their vehicles have been decreasing over the years. So they have the same number of vehicles, but are not able to carry as many passengers as before.

## **7. NCDOT Division Reports**

### Division 2:

Jeff Cabiness provided handouts Carteret, Craven, Jones, and Pamlico counties and highlighted the progress of the various projects and schedules for resurfacing.

### Division 3:

Patrick Riddle indicated he would be forwarding his reports electronically to Patrick Flanagan to disperse to everyone. He provided a general overview of the projects and resurfacing going on in Onslow County. He also spoke about some public funding issues, and opportunities they face regarding congestion.

### Planning Branch:

Nazia Sarder reported that the Carteret County CTP closed out in January. The Jones County CTP held their fifth steering committee meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. The engineer received map comments from DERPO, and each town provided bicycle and pedestrian recommendations. The next step is to update all the maps for internal review. For Onslow County, the Jacksonville model documentation was completed earlier this month. The Onslow County CTP should start by early May. The Craven County CTP has a new NBMPO Coordinator. The basic calibrations are complete and the engineers have met with the consultants to complete future year application of the model. It will start up in the fall or winter. She informed the group that the DERPO and the Albemarle RPO TP3 position has not being filled or posted yet due to some internal issues.

## **8. ACTION: DERPO PWP Amendment**

Patrick Flanagan informed the group that with the increased activity necessary to complete all of the tasks for SPOT this year, DERPO has a need to allocate more money and time to that category. He provided a handout and reviewed where the reallocations of the money and indicated that the overall budget has not changed. Data Collection and Assessment will be reduced by \$6,100 as that money is being reallocated to Prioritization and Program Development. Because the Camden Road Study is not going to be conducted and the planning on the Kinston By-Pass has been paused at this time, those funds are available to move. Project Development will be reduced by \$5,000, with \$4600 being reallocated to General Transportation Planning and the remainder to Prioritization and Program Development.

*Motion was made by Jessica Feister to approve the DERPO PWP Amendment as presented; seconded by Jim Jennings; and unanimously approved.*

## **9. DRAFT FY '15-'16 Planning Work Program Planning Calendar**

Patrick Flanagan then presented the 2015-2016 PWP. This document outlines the projects we will work on and the products we will produce for NCDOT. The majority of this year's budget is focused on SPOT and the multiple CTPs we will be helping with in 2015 and 2016. They added the Craven CTP, SPOT 4.0 and the Hwy. 58 Corridor Study. No new projects are anticipated. He did mention the James City merger and the Newport Bridge feasibility study as continuing as part of this proposed PWP calendar.

Jessica Feister inquired in regards to whether or not the Havelock Bypass was funded. Patrick explained that it was funded and that a resolution in support of the project was passed, but there is still litigation concerns.

Gene Foxworth wanted to know why the Hwy. 70 quasi study was not on the list and if it could be added later. Patrick stated that if all goes smoothly with the CTP work load then it certainly could be added, but if the CTP work became too complicated, it would have to be delayed.

Patrick further highlighted how the project funding was distributed and indicated that it will be voted on in May and to please let him know if there are any concerns or changes.

#### **10. NC Eastern Infrastructure Improvement Study**

NCDOT Rail Division has completed the study requested of them by SB 402 Section 34.23 in the 2013 General Assembly. Paul Worley gave a presentation on this topic at the recent Hwy. 70 Commission meeting mentioned earlier. The Executive Summary was available for everyone, and Patrick Flanagan highlighted a number of items crucial to the Down East RPO area.

#### **11. DRAFT STIP '16-'25 Review**

The Draft results of SPOT 3 and the prioritization process were provided as handouts. Patrick Flanagan reviewed how the Down East RPO fared and what projects got funding. He indicated that these projects would not be moved around, with the exception of a small project at the Beaufort airport being moved to 2016 because it already had the permits in hand and it being such a small project. In regards to our area, Division 2 received the most money in transition due to the Hwy 17 and 70 projects as well as Gallant's Bridge. Region B as a whole placed fifth in overall funding. There was some discussion regarding the tier funding.

#### **12. Other Business**

There was no other business to discuss.

#### **13. Adjournment**

*Motion was made by Scott Sherill to adjourn the meeting.*

Don Baumgardner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Don Baumgardner, DERPO TCC Chair

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Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary