



**September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

Eastern Carolina Council

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

**Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Agenda**

1. **Call to Order** – *Christine Mele, Chair TAC*
2. **Public Comment Period**
3. **ACTION: July 28, 2015 Minutes**  
Minutes of the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting are attached and presented for approval.

*ACTION: Approval of TAC meeting minutes*

4. **Meeting Schedule**
  - a. 2015 Meeting Schedule 10:00–11:30 a.m.
    - i. October 27, 2015
    - ii. January 26, 2016

**DERPO Staff Report**

5. **Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports**  
Reviews of area committees and commissions that affect our area such as the Highway 17 Association and the Highway 70 Commission.

**NCDOT Staff Reports**

6. **Division 2:** Jeff Cabaniss
7. **Division 3:** Patrick Riddle
8. **Transportation Planning Branch:** Lee Cowhig

*ACTION*

9. **ACTION: Alternative Criteria**  
We again have the opportunity to change the weights of the criteria used to measure the projects in our Region and Divisions. The staff from all of our neighboring MPOs and RPOs have met to draft potential alternatives that we will present for your review.

*ACTION: Approve criteria and weights to be used in Region B, Division 2, and Division 3*

*INFORMATION*

**10. INFORMATION: Modifying Existing Projects**

The Down East RPO SPOT 4.0 Subcommittee has met to review the cut projects and existing projects in our area. We are proposing a number of projects be reworked or segmented into to hopefully boost their score. This is a review of what we have submitted to NCDOT for modification.

*ACTION*

**11. ACTION: New Project Submissions**

The Down East RPO SPOT 4.0 subcommittee has met to determine what projects need to be resubmitted, what projects need to be deleted, and what new projects need to be submitted. We will review these recommendations approved by the TCC for your consideration before submitting to NCDOT.

*ACTION: Approve list of projects to be deleted and submitted*

*INFORMATION*

**12. INFORMATION: SPOT 4.0 Schedule Update**

There will be a presentation on the schedule for SPOT 4.0 and any upcoming deadlines.

**13. Other Business**

**14. Adjournment**



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**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> is the project modification are due and October 1<sup>st</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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,

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Christine Mele, DERPO TAC Chair

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Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary