



January 26th, 2016

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: Election of Officers

Currently Chris Mele is the Chair and has served one year out of a possible two consecutive years in this position. Currently Mark Mansfield is the Vice Chair and has served one year out of a possible two consecutive years in this position.

ACTION: Election of Officers

4. ACTION: September 29, 2015 Minutes

Minutes of the September 29th, 2015 meetings are attached and presented for approval.

ACTION: Approval of TAC meeting minutes

5. Meeting Schedule

- a. 2016 Meeting Schedule 10:00–11:30 a.m.
 - i. March 29, 2016
 - ii. May 31, 2016
 - iii. July 26, 2016
 - iv. September 27, 2016
 - v. November 29, 2016

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6. 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.

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7. Division 2: Jeff Cabaniss

8. Division 3: Patrick Riddle

9. Transportation Planning Branch: Lee Cowhig

10. ACTION: Jones County CTP Endorsement

The Jones County CTP has been completed and adopted by Maysville, Pollocksville, Trenton and Jones County. It now comes before the RPO for endorsement before going to the NCDOT Board of Transportation for final adoption.

ACTION: Endorse the Jones County CTP

11. ACTION: CTP Priority Needs List

This is our annual priority list of CTP studies we want done in our area. We need to decide what order we would like our plans to be completed in and submit that list to NCDOT TPB for consideration.

ACTION: Approve the CTP Priority Needs List

12. INFORMATION: DRAFT FY '16-'17 Planning Work Program Planning Calendar

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, current STIP project development and the multiple CTPs we will be helping with in 2016 and 2017.

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13. INFORMATION: DRAFT FY '16-'17 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.

14. INFORMATION: NCDOT RPO Evaluations

NCDOT TPB completed evaluations of every RPO in the State at the end of last year. We will review the results of our evaluation with the group.

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15. INFORMATION: STIP '16-'25 Additions and Accelerations

Due to additional revenue added to the NCDOT budget by HB 97 the recent 2016-2025 STIP has been amended. A number of projects were added or moved up in schedule with the influx of money. We will review how the Down East RPO projects changed.

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16. Other Business

17. Adjournment



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TAC Members in Attendance:

Eddie Barber

Steve Tyson

Johnnie Sampson

Chad Braxton

Paul Buchanan

Christine Mele

Josh Potter

Sandra Fountain

TCC Members in Attendance:

Jeff Cabaniss

Lee Cowhig

John Rouse

Staff in Attendance:

Patrick Flanagan

Leighann Morgan

1. **Call to Order** – Christine Mele, Chair TAC, called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. Everyone introduced themselves around the table followed by Patrick Flanagan reading the Code of Ethics Conflict.
2. **Public Comment Period** – There was no public comment
3. **ACTION: July 28, 2015 Minutes**
Minutes of the July 28th meeting are attached and presented for approval.

Johnnie Sampson motioned to approve minutes as presented, 2nd by Sandra Fountain, motion was passed.

4. **Meeting Schedule** - Patrick Flanagan stated that he did not have an agenda for the October 27th meeting and posed the question of postponing the meeting to the next regular scheduled meeting on January 26, 2016.

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5. **Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports** - Patrick Flanagan gave the update on the Highway 17 Association, stating there is a meeting on September 23rd in Washington, NC. Main focus being to refocus group to include the governor's plan to upgrade US 64. Patrick Flanagan gave update on Highway 70 update stating on October 13-15th there will be a public outreach for the James City project. Patrick stated there was no update on the Eastern NC MPO/RPO Coalition. Patrick Flanagan gave the Logistics Update, stating there has been an increase in business revenue, wood pellets are increasing in the Morehead City Port, military activity, and they just signed a new contract to import grain at the Morehead City Port. Patrick also stated that the Transit providers all reported an increase in ridership.

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6. **Division 2:** Jeff Cabaniss gave a handout and covered highlighted projects in Carteret, Crave, Jones, and Pamlico Counties. Jeff reported Carteret County just started the bridge rehab over North River, general resurfacing is 55% complete, the NC 70/NC12 went to contract July 1st and projected to be completed June 2016. Craven County NC 43 connector is 88% complete, sidewalks along Neuse Blvd. is projected to be constructed from September 30th, 2015 to March, 2016. General resurfacing is 21% complete. Jones county Highway 17 projected to be completed around December 2020, resurfacing of NC 41 is now complete along with all secondary resurfacing. In Pamlico county Bay River bridge replacement is 69% complete, resurfacing is projected to be completed June 2016. Bay City Rd project is 75% complete.

There was small discussion on repaving and how it is completed

7. **Division 3:** Patrick Riddle was not present to give an update.
8. **Transportation Planning Branch:** Lee Cowhig reported the Jones county CTP has been internally approved and has been distributed to the steering committee and will be presented for public comment on October 1st. Patrick Flanagan stated that there will be public comment open 1 hour before Jones County Commissioner, Trenton, Pollocksville, and Maysville meetings for the next month. Lee stated that the Onslow CTP is meeting to organize a committee and to develop a meeting scheduled. Craven County CTP the engineers are in the process of finalizing New Bern MTP model.
9. **ACTION: Alternative Criteria**
Patrick Flanagan gave a handout of the Regional and Division Impact Weights and explained the reason for the percentages of each criteria. There was a discussion on how military is affected by the weight impacts.

Paul Buchanan motioned to approve the Alternative Criteria, 2nd by Johnnie Sampson, motion was passed.

10. INFORMATION: Modifying Existing Projects

Patrick Flanagan gave multiple handouts explaining the modified list of projects; new project submittals; projects that were not submitted; and projects that remain in the system. He explained that the subcommittee reduced the scope and lengths of projects to reduce cost to make projects more affordable. The projects that remained are safe and the funding is guaranteed, there is no need to re-score them. The projects that were not resubmitted and removed from the database can always be resubmitted at a later date. There was a discussion on the dual submission of projects being deleted and why some projects were being deleted.

11. ACTION: New Project Submissions

Patrick Flanagan asked for approval of new and deleted projects as explained in the Modifying Existing Projects section

Josh Potter motioned to approve new project submissions as presented, 2nd by Paul Buchanan, motioned was carried.

12. INFORMATION: SPOT 4.0 Schedule Update - Patrick Flanagan gave the dates for the upcoming deadlines for SPOT 4.0:

- a. October 19th – November 20th – New Project submission
- b. March 16th – Statewide Funded projects released
- c. April 1st – Methodology Due
- d. April 1st – June 30th – Regional Impact Points Assigned
- e. August 1st – October 31st – Divisional Needs Points Assigned

13. Other Business: There was a brief discussion on the State Budget approving additional funding for transportation and how it will affect STIP.

14. Adjournment

Josh Potter motioned to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Paul Buchanan, Christine Mele adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Mele, DERPO TAC Chair

Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary