



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) Minutes

TAC Members in Attendance:

Sandra Fountain
Christine Mele
John Rouse

Joshua Potter
Johnnie Sampson

TCC Members in Attendance:

Kim Maxey
Maurizia Chapman

Patrick Riddle
Jeff Cabaniss

ECC Staff in Attendance:

Patrick Flanagan

Leighann Morgan

Guest in Attendance:

Bill Taylor

14. Call to Order – Christine Mele, Chair TAC called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Christine then read the Code of Ethics Conflict

15. Public Comment Period – no public comment

16. 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.

Josh Potter nominated Christine Mele as Chair, seconded by Sandra Fountain, unanimously approved.

Johnnie Sampson nominated Eddie Barber as Vice Chair, seconded by Christine Mele, unanimously approved.

17. ACTION: September 29, 2015 Minutes

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

Johnnie Sampson motioned to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Josh Potter, Unanimously approved.

18. Meeting Schedule – Patrick Flanagan presented the meeting schedule for 2016 as follows

- 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

DERPO Staff Report

19. Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports

- a. **Highway 17 Association Update** – Patrick Flanagan reported that the Board of Directors will met January 20th in Rocky Mount at 10:00, the FAST Act was the main subject on the agenda
- b. **Highway 70 Commission Update** - Patrick Flanagan reported the Commission will met Thursday, January 21st, in Goldsboro at 1:30 focusing on what projects should be priorities for the future
- c. **Eastern NC MPO/RPO Coalition** – Patrick Flanagan reported this group is stagnate
- d. **Logistics** - Patrick Flanagan reported that CSX is compiling a \$250 million dollar project to make a large rail hub center in Johnston County.
- e. **Transit Update** – Patrick Flanagan reported no updates

20. Division 2: Jeff Cabaniss gave a handout on the TIP Projects, Resurfacing of roads in Craven, Jones and Carteret Counties and highlighted some projects. In Carteret County US 70 improvements to the bridge at Radio Island to Beaufort are 41% complete; the North River Bridge is 8% complete; Masontown Rd is to be completed early spring. Resurfacing of US 70 & NC 12 are 25% complete. In Craven County the Rest Area construction is 25% complete; multiple Secondary Roads have a let date of January 27, 2016 with a completed date in November 2016. In Jones County US 17 from NC 58 to Belgrade is 7% complete, NC 41 project is complete, resurfacing roads to be completed October 2016. For more information please contact Jeff Cabaniss at jcabaniss@ncdot.gov

21. Division 3: Patrick Riddle gave a handout and reviewed the various projects. Piney Green Road widening estimated contract completion dated 11/2016; US 17 Widening estimated contract completion date 12/2020; Bridge at Surf City letting date 08/2016; NC 53 realign the intersection target letting date 01/2017; Gum Branch Road installing paved shoulders letting date 03/2018; Various resurfacing contracts estimated contract completion date of 12/4/2015. For more information please contract Patrick Riddle at priddle@ncdot.gov

22. Transportation Planning Branch: Patrick Flanagan reported:

- a. Craven County CTP Update – will base off the New Bern MPO model and plan, once it has been approved.
- b. Onslow County CTP Update – Meeting to finalize vision goals, presenting to municipalities on February 9th, 2016
- c. Jones County CTP Update – locally adopted

23. 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. There was a small discussion of how the CTP process works.

Johnnie Sampson motioned to endorse Jones County CTP, seconded by Josh Potter, unanimously approved.

24. ACTION: CTP Priority Needs List

This is our annual priority list of CTP studies we want done in our area. It was decided that Craven CTP would move to the top followed by Carteret, then Jones and Pamlico for updates. This will be the plan to be completed in and submit that list to NCDOT TPB for consideration.

Johnnie Sampson motioned to approve the CTP Priority Needs List, seconded by Josh Potter, unanimously approved.

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

Patrick Flanagan present the budget for the RPO in the upcoming year. The document outlines the projects that will be worked on and the products that will be produced 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.

26. INFORMATION: DRAFT FY '16-'17 Five Year Calendar

Patrick Flanagan presented 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. CTPs to be updated or completed (Onslow, Craven and Carteret County); Merger Projects (R-1015, R-2553, R-5727, U-5740); Regional Organization Participation (17 & 70, JUMPO & NBAMPO) and SPOT is every year involvement.

27. INFORMATION: NCDOT RPO Evaluations

NCDOT TPB completed evaluations of every RPO in the State at the end of last year. Down East RPO scored 2.67 which rates of exceeding expectations. The RPO pursues excellence in delivering projects, programs, services and initiatives and produces products that possess accurate information, require minimal redo iterations, and contain complete elements useful in decision-making.

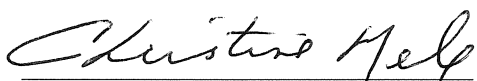
28. INFORMATION: STIP '16-'25 Additions and Accelerations

Due to an additional \$440 million 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.

29. Other Business – Patrick Flanagan mentioned ECC will be hosting an event with the State Legislatures on April 14th at the New Bern Convention Center

30. Adjournment – *Christine Mele adjourned the meeting*

Respectfully Submitted,



Christine Mele, DERPO TAC Chair



Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary

