



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes

February 21, 2014

10:00 a.m.

2nd Floor Conference Room

O'Marks Building

233 Middle St.

New Bern, NC

TAC Members in Attendance:

Robin Comer, Carteret County Commissioner

Trace Cooper, Mayor of Atlantic Beach

Josh Potter, Mayor of Minnesott Beach

Johnnie Sampson, Craven County Commissioner

Chad Braxton, Mayor of Vanceboro

Christine Mele, Pamlico County Commissioner

Staff in Attendance:

Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Planner

Guests in Attendance:

Larry Summers, Town of Oriental

Bill Taylor, Eastern Carolina Council Board Member

1. Call to Order

Trace Cooper, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. It was determined there was a quorum.

Mr. Cooper read aloud the ethics statement.

2. Public Comment Period

Public comments were made by Larry Summers, Town of Oriental resident. He requested the RPO take no action on Ferry Tolling.

3. ACTION: Approval of minutes

The minutes from our December 5th, 2013 meeting were presented and approved.

Motion from Chris Mele and a second by Johnnie Sampson; they were approved unanimously.

4. DERPO Staff Report

- The May meeting was changed to the 20th to avoid Memorial weekend, and the November meeting was changed to the 18th to avoid Thanksgiving.

a. Croatan Regional Bike Plan

Patrick Flanagan relayed his message. Two adoptions remain, Onslow County and Craven County. Everything is moving right ahead as planned. For questions or concerns please email rwill@eccog.org.

b. Highway 17 Association Update

Mr. Finlayson was unable to attend but reported he will have new information for us at our next meeting.

c. Highway 70 Commission Update

The Havelock Bypass has been delayed and therefore will be subject to scoring in the SPOT 3.0 system. The Gallant's Channel bridge project has been let for construction and is scheduled for completion in September of 2017. Morehead City is in talks with NCDOT to construct partial medians on Highway 70 in their 5 lane section. Havelock met with NCDOT staff to review their concerns with aspects of the Slocum Gate project.

d. Eastern NC MPO/RPO Coalition Update

The staff will be meeting at the end of February to start compiling a list of Regionally Significant projects to all entities of the Coalition.

e. Logistics Update

Since the last meeting, construction has been completed on the Morehead City Port Gate. Their administration building is now open to the public again.

f. Transit Update

CARTS will be establishing a fixed route system with the New Bern Area MPO.

5. NCDOT Staff Reports

Handouts were available from Division 2 and Division 3 on project statuses. CTP updates are as follows:

- Carteret County CTP (Carlos Moya) – NCDOT BOT adopted the CTP on January 6, 2014. The report is currently being reviewed by upper management. Recommended Maps have been sent out for review. After going through the review process, the CTP will close out in the next few months.
- Jones County CTP (Hemang Surti) – Initial letter went out end of last year. There was a meeting on February 4th, this was a pre-CTP meeting where everyone (open meeting) met the TPB engineer and the DERPO. Overview what given on what a CTP is. The next meeting will be sometime in the beginning of March, where vision, goals, objectives and survey will be discussed. Currently the TPB Engineer and RPO are putting together a list of steering committee members.
- Onslow County CTP (Saeed Mohamed) – Currently there is a Jacksonville Model that is being developed (includes the whole county). This model calibration is expected to be done by end of April, and the entire model is to be completed by end of August. If a request for Onslow County CTP is made, that will start at the end of this year (2014).
- Craven County CTP (Priya Nimbole) – New Bern Model will be completed end of October, 2014. CTP will start end of this year.

6. PWP Amendment

Given the increased activity necessary to complete all of the tasks for SPOT this year we have a need to allocate more money and time to that line item. We will review where we are moving money from to support SPOT activities. Our overall budget has not changed.

- I-1 Data Collection and Assessment

Data Collection and Assessment was increased by \$3,000 to accommodate further crash studies in the area.

- II-2 Prioritization and Program Development
Prioritization was increased by \$15,757 to cover new projects being submitted and the Local Input Point assignment later this year.
- II-3 Project Development
Project Development was reduced by \$3,111 because the Havelock Bypass is under litigation and therefore the merger process has been slowed down.
- II-4 General Transportation Planning
Transportation Planning was increased by \$4,000 to cover increased work load as a member of the SPOT workgroup.
- III-1 Administrative Documents and Public Involvement
Administrative was reduced by \$19,646 because the PIP will not be updated in this fiscal year and the MOU will not be updated this fiscal year.

Motion was made by Johnnie Sampson to accept the PWP Amendment, seconded by Chad Braxton, and unanimously approved

7. DERPO New SPOT Projects List

After review by the DERPO TAC these are the lists of highway and bicycle/pedestrian projects we would like to submit for scoring in the NCDOT SPOT process, and projects we would like to remove from the SPOT system.

Highway Projects to Remove from SPOT

Regional

H090070-B	15.09
H090772	10.28
H090790	12.2
H090792	15.29

Divisional

H090784	31.63
H090282	0

Highway Projects to Add to SPOT

Statewide

*H090779	63.32
*H140008	34.15
H090292	33.55
H140013	21.62
*H141009	6.56

Regional

H140022	22.19
H140016	15.36

Divisional

H140043	32.92
H140105	24.02
H140916	16.52
H140067	14.04
H140111	9.73
H140164	8.45
H140057	7.67

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects to Add to SPOT

Carteret County

B140831	24.39
B140854	23.39
B140446	21.15
B140797	20.8
B140832	19.75
B140875	18.77
B140820	13.46

Craven County

B140602	15.61
B140572	15.52
B140601	15.41
B140668	13.01

Jones County

B140486	15.73
B140514	14.88

Onslow County

B140610	23.9
B140859	19.64
B140868	15.28

Pamlico County

B140523	16.61
B140540	15.61
B140537	15.16
B140536	14.65

Motion was made by Chris Mele to accept the SPOT Project lists, seconded by Robin Comer, and passed unanimously.

8. Other Business

The Ferry Tolling legislation was discussed as well as the toll routes outlined in the NCDOT public hearings. Logistics of the tolling system as it relates to Divisional Needs money and project scoring and ranking was discussed. Many opinions in opposition to ferry tolling were expressed.

Motion was made by Robin Comer to draft a resolution expressing the concerns of the DERPO that this legislation unjustly harms Eastern North Carolina and its transportation network, seconded by Chris Mele, and passed unanimously.

9. Adjournment

It was established that there was no further business, Trace Cooper adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Trace Cooper, DERPO TAC Chair

Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary