

Candy Bohmert
TAC Chair



William Taylor
TAC Vice-Chair

May 28, 2019
10:00 AM

O. Marks Building
233 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes

TAC Members in Attendance:

Bill Taylor
George Liner
James Harper
William Shanahan
Candy Bohmert

DOT Members in Attendance:

Caitlin Marks
Chris Connolly
Len White
Diane Hampton

ECC Members in Attendance:

Patrick Flanagan
Eric Howell
Leighann Morgan
Katie Bordeaux

Guest in Attendance:

Rhonda Murray, CPLO, MCAS Cherry Point

1. **Call to Order** – *Candy Bohmert, TAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:01 am, quorum was met*
2. **Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement**
3. **Public Comment** – no public comment
4. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes**
Minutes of the March 26, 2019 meetings are attached and presented for approval.
George Liner motioned to approve minutes from previous meetings, seconded by Bill Taylor, unanimously approved.

5. DERPO Staff Report – *Patrick Flanagan*

- a. Eastern NC Regional Freight Mobility Plan – moving along; statewide freight map, freight carrier survey.
- b. SPOT Schedule – delayed 3 months; submission for projects window is October 7th to December 20th. Area specific weights are due December 20th to be split between mobility and modernization. Draft 2022-2031 STIP to be released April 2021.
- a. Corridor Studies – Patrick Flanagan stated the NC24 in Morehead City corridor has environmental screening report and environmental features map completed. Most of the traffic analysis is completed including evaluation of alternatives at the NC24/NC58 intersection. Preliminary horizontal designs for the overall corridor and currently working through termini for project segments. Currently working from east to west to complete design for the overall corridor and currently working on intersection alternatives. Diane Hampton commented that breaking the project up smaller makes them more competitive in the SPOT process.
- b. 2019 Meeting Location: New Bern 10:00 – 11:30
 - i. July 30, 2019
 - ii. September 24, 2019
 - iii. November 26, 2019

6. Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports

Patrick Flanagan stated at the HWY 70 Commission they met about funding situations with the hurricane recovery efforts.

7. NCDOT Reports

- a. Division 2: Len White gave update on Division 2 projects. For more information please contact lenwhite@ncdot.gov
- b. Division 3: Caitlin Marks gave an update on Division 3 projects. For more information please contact cmmarks@ncdot.gov
- c. Transportation Planning Division: Chris Connolly stated Craven County CTP is currently underway, problem statements are being developed for the recommended projects.

8. ACTION: FY 18-19 Planning Work Program Amendment

Staff is requesting an amendment to our budget for this year. This is not new money, it is just rearranging money from one category to another within our existing budget to cover various work we have been doing in this fiscal year. Patrick Flanagan stated Data Collection & Assessment will increase by \$8,000 to cover more Bicycle, Pedestrian and Transit Planning; Comprehensive Transportation Plan Development will reduce by \$4,000 due to the Craven County CTP delay; Prioritization and Program Development will reduce by \$8,000 due to SPOT schedule and delay; Project Development will increase by \$2,000 because of projects in STIP; General Transportation Planning will decrease by \$5,000 due to the corridor studies not beginning as anticipated; Programmatic Direct Charges will increase by \$5,500 to cover computer equipment purchases; Lodging, Meals, Incidentals will increase by \$500 and Travel will increase by \$1,000.

Bill Taylor motioned to approve the FY 18-19 PWP Amendment, seconded by George Limer, unanimously approved.

9. DISCUSSION: NCDOT Prioritization 6.0

Caitlin Marks gave an update and an interactive explanation on the next round of Prioritization.

10. ACTION: Morehead City Port BUILD Grant Application Resolution

Down East RPO members are pursuing BUILD Grant application that will be due July 19th. The applications will be boosted by a resolution of support from the RPO. Patrick Flanagan presented the suggestion to have a blanket resolution and support for towns in the region if the deadlines comes before the next DERPO meetings.

George Liner motioned to endorse the Resolutions for multiple BUILD Grant Applications, seconded by Bill Taylor, unanimously approved.

11. ACTION: NCDOT Ferry Support Vessel Naming Resolution

NCDOT Ferry Division is requesting the Down East RPO support the names of the new ferry support vessels.

Bill Taylor motioned to endorse the Ferry Support Vessel Naming Resolution, seconded by George Liner, unanimously approved

12. ACTION: DERPO Title VI Plan Adoption

RPOs across North Carolina are now being held to Title VI administration. We have developed a plan that conforms to the Federal and State Transportation Organization guidelines. Patrick Flanagan stated Eric Howell is the Title VI coordinator for the RPO who will enact this plan to ensure that all parties have equal opportunity to participate in DERPO business.

Bill Taylor motioned to adopt the DERPO Title VI Plan, seconded by George Liner, unanimously approved

13. ACTION: ECC AmeriCorps VISTA Application Letter of Support

Eastern Carolina Council is pursuing AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers to assist in a number of functions at the COG. One of these positions would assist the DERPO with data and GIS analysis in our project prioritization process. The COG is requesting that we submit a Letter of Support for their application. The cost to the RPO would be a phone.

Bill Taylor motioned to endorse the AmeriCorps VISTA Application Letter of Support, seconded by William Shanahan, unanimously approved.

14. Other Business

Eric Howell stated there will be a meeting in Kinston to discuss truck stop parking on June 14 at 1:30.

15. Adjournment

George Liner motioned to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Candy Bohmert, DERPO TAC Chair


Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary

