

William Taylor
TAC Chair

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TCC Chair



Brandi Robertson
TAC Vice-Chair

Beth Bucksot
TCC Vice-Chair

February 1, 2022; 11:00am
Main Conference Room, ECC Offices, New Bern

Attendance:

Bill Taylor, Morehead City Councilman, TAC Chair
Candy Bohmert, Pamlico County Commissioner
James Harper, Jones County Commissioner
Theron McCabe, Craven County Commissioner
B.J. Eversole, Down East RPO Director (Eastern Carolina Council)
Diane Hampton – NCDOT Division 2
Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Minutes

1. **Call to Order** – William Taylor, *Chair TAC called the meeting to order at 11:00am.*
2. **Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement**
3. **Public Comment Period** – *No public comments.*
4. **ACTION: Approval of Agenda**
A motion was made to approve the agenda by Theron McCabe, seconded by Candy Bohmert, and unanimously approved.
3. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes**
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021, and September 28, 2021 by Candy Bohmert, seconded by Theron McCabe, and unanimously approved.
4. **ACTION: Election of New Chair, Vice Chair**
Chair Bill Taylor was nominated for a second term by Theron McCabe, seconded by Candy Bohmert, and his reelection was unanimously approved. Vice Chair Brandi Robertson was nominated for a second term by Candy Bohmert, seconded by James Harper, and was reelected unanimously.

5. **DERPO Staff Report** – *B.J. Eversole gave an update on multiple grant opportunities, including the Bike and Pedestrian Planning Grant, the State Planning and Research Grant, and the Bike Helmet Initiative. She asked for nominations for this year’s Mobi Awards, spoke briefly about attending the upcoming NC Transportation Summit also gave the dates for the remaining TCC and TAC meetings for the year.*
6. **NCDOT Reports**
 - a. *Division 2 – Diane Hampton gave a brief update on construction and delays within the DERPO portion of the Division 2 area. Work on the Havelock Bypass is 40% complete and construction work on the James City upgrade to US 70 will begin in April.*
 - b. *Transportation Planning Division – Behshad Norowzi*
 - i. *Craven County CTP – Behshad Norowzi spoke about the public meeting for the Craven County CTP that occurred on September 29, 2021 at the Craven County Cooperative Extension Building west of New Bern, but there was is a local pause due to COVID.*
 - ii. *Carteret County CTP – Work on the document proper will begin in the spring.*
 - c. *N.C. State Ports Authority – B.J. Eversole gave a special update to the TCC about funding coming to the Authority for the redevelopment of Radio Island, across from the existing Port of Morehead City, including \$5 million for environmental work and an EIS for development, as well as \$1.6 million to rebuild rail on the island.*
7. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: CREATION OF NEW 2024-33 STIP**

A presentation made by B.J. Eversole on the current STIP proposal. Due to the lack of funding to program new projects, the N.C. Board of Transportation, on the recommendation of the SPOT 6.0 Workgroup, decided to bring all further work on SPOT 6.0 to a halt. It was decided that only existing STIP projects would be used to create the next STIP, and unfortunately some currently committed projects would be decommitted and subject to SPOT 7.0 prioritization. The Workgroup created a process proposal to determine which projects should remain committed; this proposal had not yet been approved by the BOT, but they were expected to approve at their February meeting (which they did). Chair Baumgardner asked about potential projects and their status, but Ms. Eversole was not able to give any status on any specific projects, as the draft STIP would not be available until later in the year.
8. **Other Discussion** – *Theron McCabe asked for clarification on who could apply for the Bike Helmet program to B.J. Eversole, who reminded him that any local government could apply.*
9. **Adjournment** – *A motion to adjourn was made by Theron McCabe and seconded by Bill Taylor; the motion was approved unanimously. Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at 11:47.*