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June 30, 2020 • 10:00 a.m.

Webconference via GoToMeeting due to COVID-19 concerns.

TAC Meeting Minutes

Attendance

**Commissioner Candy Bohmert, Pamlico
County - Chair**
**Councilman Bill Taylor, City of Morehead
City – Vice Chair**
**Commissioner Brandi Robertson – Town of
Arapahoe**

Diane Hampton – NCDOT Division 2
Len White – NCDOT Division 2
Christopher Connolly – NCDOT TPD
Nazia Sarder – NCDOT TPD
Christopher Palsgrove – NCDOT TPD
Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT Division 2
Preston Hunter – NCDOT Division 2

B.J. Eversole – ECC, TAC Secretary
Katie Bordeaux - ECC
Mickey Anderson – ECC; ECRPO
Leighann Morgan - ECC
Jill Quattlebaum

Call to Order – *Candy Bohmert, Chair TAC called the meeting to order at 10:17am. A quorum of three was reached (Bohmert, Taylor, Robertson).*

- 1. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement** – *No conflict of interests.*
- 2. Public Comment Period** – *No public comments.*
- 3. ACTION: Approval of Minutes** - *Minutes of the April 7, 2020 meeting were presented for approval. Bill Taylor presented a motion to approve the minutes. Minutes from previous meeting approved unanimously.*
- 4. DERPO Staff Report** – *B.J. Eversole gave on the updated SPOT schedule, as all deadlines had been moved ahead three months, concentrating on the two windows when local points would be added to Regional Impact or Division Needs projects.*

He briefly spoke about the (now law) House Bill 77, which balances the NCDOT budget and changes its governance and fiscal oversight requirements.

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The Jacksonville MPO boundary expansion, which is proposed to include all of Onslow County (taking them out of the DERPO area), is partially on hold but is still expected to be finished this year.

Upcoming 2020 meeting dates:

- i. Tuesday July 28th, ECC Skyline Conference Room, New Bern (will most likely be cancelled due to a lack of business).*
- ii. Tuesday September 29th, ECC Skyline Conference Room, New Bern*
- iii. Tuesday November 24th, ECC Skyline Conference Room, New Bern*

5. NCDOT Reports

- a. Division 2 – Len White and Diane Hampton gave a brief update on construction and delays within the Division 2 portions of the DERPO area. Preston Hunter and Jeff Cabaniss further discussed the fiscal situation at NCDOT with TAC members. They felt cautiously optimistic that with the new law, the division's fiscal situation should improve.*
- b. Division 3 – Alan Pytcher was not able to attend but provided a construction update for DERPO Division 3 projects (all in Onslow County). It was attached to the agenda packet for the meeting.*
- c. Transportation Planning Division*
 - i. Craven County CTP – Chris Connolly stated that the Craven County CTP remains on hold until a public meeting can be held, followed by approval by towns, New Bern MPO and DERPO.*
 - ii. Carteret County CTP Presentation - Nazia Sarder and Christopher Palsgrove gave a quick presentation on traffic demand models (TDM) and their importance, as well as what to expect from the Carteret County CTP and why it is important to update the document.*

6. ACTION: SPOT Submission Adjustments - B.J. Eversole presented two highway projects that were deemed either unnecessary or unpopular and needed to be removed from the DERPO submittal list along with two replacement projects.

The proposed NC 24/Main St. Extension intersection improvements in Swansboro were determined by the town to be redundant with R-5885, which would convert NC 24 into a superstreet in the town. Eversole proposed replacing the project with a modernization of SR 1331 (White Oak River Rd) in Jones County. The project was submitted for SPOT 5.0 and there was NCDOT planning for the project with the assumption that it would be resubmitted. Bill Taylor presented a motion to exchange the two projects, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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The proposed roundabout at NC 306/Kershaw Rd. in Arapahoe has proven to be unpopular with the local population, to which members Candy Bohmert and Brandi Robertson, both from Pamlico County, agreed. Eversole proposed to replace the project with a modernization of nearby Scott Town Rd. (SR 1100), but Bohmert and Robertson instead proposed a modernization of Neuse Rd. (SR 1005) between Seafarer Rd. and Scott Store Rd. Robertson made a motion to replace the roundabout with the Neuse Rd. modernization, and it was approved unanimously. There was a desire to reconsider the roundabout at a future date.

There was one minor change to the previously approved ferry project: the replacement ferry would replace the “Gov. Daniel Russell” instead of the “Kinnakeet.” The Ferry Division also recommended that an additional project be added: the replacement of the seawall at the Cherry Branch ferry terminal. Bohmert made a motion to approve both changes, and they were approved unanimously.

- 7. Other Business/Discussion** – *There was no additional business or discussion.*
- 8. Adjournment** – *Chair Bohmert adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:57am.*