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March 30, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

Webconference via Zoom due to COVID-19 concerns.

TAC Meeting Minutes

Attendance

**Councilman Bill Taylor, City of Morehead
City – Chair**

**Commissioner Chris Chadwick – Carteret
County**

**Commissioner James Harper – Jones
County**

**Commissioner Candy Bohmert, Pamlico
County**

**Commissioner Theron McCabe – Craven
County**

Diane Hampton – NCDOT Division 2
Len White – NCDOT Division 2
Christopher Connolly – NCDOT TPD
Alan Pytcher – NCDOT Division 3
Deanna Trebil – Jacksonville MPO

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

- 1. Call to Order** – *Bill Taylor, TAC Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00am. A quorum of four was reached; five total members were in attendance.*
- 2. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement** – *No conflict of interests.*
- 3. Remote Legislation Information** – *Jill Quattlebaum, Grady & Quattlebaum reminded members of the requirements for virtual meetings, including roll call votes required.*
- 4. Public Comment Period** – *No public comments.*
- 5. ACTION: Approval of Minutes** - *Minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting was presented for approval. James Harper presented a motion to approve the minutes; Candy Bohmert seconded. Minutes from previous meeting approved unanimously.*
- 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Future Meeting Location** – *There was a discussion on whether to continue having virtual meetings. There was unanimous interest from the TAC to return to in-person meetings starting in May. A motion was made by Candy Bohmert to return to in-person meetings, seconded by Theron McCabe, and approved unanimously. There will still be an option to participate virtually for those who are unable to travel to TAC meetings.*

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7. **DERPO Staff Report** – *B.J. Eversole gave on the updated SPOT schedule, as well as reminder of potential funding issues that may complicate the P6.0 process. He discussed the methodology used in P5: the competitiveness model, where projects are pushed above a predetermined threshold of viability using local input points. He asked for volunteers to join the SPOT Subcommittee; Candy Bohmert volunteered to join. The Jacksonville MPO boundary expansion, which is proposed to include all of Onslow County (taking them out of the DERPO area), has been approved by the county and all municipalities (except for Surf City), as well as the JUMPO TAC. The boundary expansion was submitted for approval in February. As Deanna Trebil from JUMPO was attending the meeting, he asked her if there were any updates on the boundary expansion; she had no further updates. He also gave the dates for the remaining TCC and TAC meetings for the year.*
5. **NCDOT Presentation: Roundabouts in North Carolina** - *Diane Hampton of Division 2 and Alan Pytcher of Division 3 gave an informative presentation on the advantages of roundabouts in highway construction. They went over the basics of what constitutes a roundabout, the safety improvements and maintenance savings, and how NCDOT has recently stepped-up construction of roundabouts statewide. After the presentation, Bill Taylor asked if there was a similar presentation on superstreets; Diane Hampton informed him that one was in the works.*
8. **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. The Havelock Bypass is currently at 23% completion. Work on the James City upgrade to US 70 should begin in the late spring or early summer. Preliminary design work on the Newport River Bridge in Morehead City is officially “unpaused.” The NCDOT Litter Sweep conducted in April picked up a total of 2 million pounds of trash statewide.*
 - b. *Division 3 – Alan Pytcher provided a construction update for DERPO Division 3 projects (all in Onslow County). Sneads Ferry Rd grading, paving and shoulder work is currently at 70% complete. Work on Gum Branch Rd. should be complete in March.*
 - c. *Transportation Planning Division – Chris Connolly*
 - i. *Craven County CTP - Craven County CTP remains on hold due to COVID-19. There is the possibility that the second public meeting could be held virtually.*
 - ii. *Carteret County CTP – Data collection and verification is underway for a Carteret County Traffic Demand Model (TDM).*

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9. ACTION: Draft FY22 PWP

B.J. Eversole presented the draft Planning Work Program (PWP) for FY 2022. The PWP is an annual financial document that each RPO and MPO submits to NCDOT. The PWP breaks down the work the RPO plans to do for the year and assigns dollar values to that work. Funding for DERPO remains at the same level as this fiscal year. The most significant change was moving some money from project development (which is delayed for multiple projects) to Comprehensive Transportation Plans (as we have work remaining for both the Craven and Carteret CTPs in the new year). A motion to approve the Draft FY22 PWP TAC was made by Candy Bohmert, seconded by James Harper, and approved unanimously.

- 10. Other Business/Discussion** – *Chris Chadwick requested that DERPO write a letter in support of Carteret County receiving reimbursement from the state for money spent on behalf of Hyde County to dredge around Ocracoke Island. The dredging project was necessary to return the ferries out of Ocracoke, including to Cedar Island in Carteret County, to regular service. A motion was made to instruct B.J. Eversole to write a letter of support on behalf of DERPO was made by Chris Chadwick, seconded by Candy Bohmert, and was approved unanimously.*

- 11. Adjournment** – *A motion to adjourn was made by Theron McCabe and seconded by Candy Bohmert; it was approved unanimously. Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:58am.*