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## **DERPO TCC Regular Meeting, May 24, 2022; 10:00am**

### **Attendance:**

Don Baumgardner, Chair – Craven County	Diane Hampton – NCDOT Division 2
Kelly Walker - CARTS	Sandi Watkins – Town of Morehead City
Jack Veit – Craven County Manager	Kelly Jones – NCDOT TPD
Kim Maxey – New Bern MPO	Deanna Trebil - JUMPO
Mickey Anderson - ECC	B.J. Eversole – Eastern Carolina Council
Catherine Peele – NCDOT Ferry Division	Leighann Morgan - ECC
Diane Miller – Town of Oriental	Justin Oakes – Pamlico County
Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT Division 2	Zack Steffey – Town of Cape Carteret
David Bone – ECC Executive Director	Greg Hartman – Carteret County Planner
Len White – NCDOT Division 2	Haywood Daughtry - NCDOT
Katrina Marshall – City of Havelock	Ethan Brogden
Stephanie Ayers – N.C. State Ports Authority	

### **Minutes for TCC**

**Call to Order** – Don Baumgardner, *Chair TCC opened the meeting at 10:00am.*

- 1. Public Comment Period – no public comments.**
- 2. ACTION: Approval of Agenda**  
The agenda for today’s meeting was presented for approval.  
*A motion to approve the agenda was made by Stephanie Ayers, seconded by Katrina Marshall, and approved unanimously*
- 3. ACTION: Approval of Minutes**  
Minutes of the January 18, 2022 meeting was presented for approval.  
*A motion to approve minutes from previous meeting was made by Katrina Marshall, seconded by Stephanie Ayers, and approved unanimously.*
- 4. DERPO Staff Report – B.J. Eversole**
  - a. Carteret County CTP Update – Ms. Eversole spoke on progress made on the Carteret County CTP, including the completion of the Traffic Demand Model by NCDOT Planning, with the help of DERPO and the Carteret County Economic*

*Development office. A steering committee has been selected and the first meeting is tentatively scheduled for the end of June (note: the meeting took place in early August). DERPO will help NCDOT complete the Community Understanding Report, which identifies key features in the county such as low-income areas, public amenities, major employers, etc.*

b. *Morehead City Comprehensive Plan Update – Ms. Eversole also updated the committee on the work of the Morehead City Comprehensive Plan steering committee, of which she and TAC Chair Bill Taylor are members (as is NCDOT’s Len White). Focus group meetings and a public workshop took place on the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss specific elements of the plan, including transportation. The future Land Use Strategy chapter will be completed first to meet state 160D requirements. As DERPO is involved in both the Morehead City Comp Plan and Carteret CTP development, a key role is to coordinate identified transportation needs and strategies between the two committees.*

c. *Other DERPO Updates – Ms. Eversole spoke of the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Federal grant program and encouraged local communities to consider applying for planning, infrastructure, behavioral or operational projects in their area. The deadline is September 15. She updated the TCC on preliminary design work done on the US 17 New Bern Bypass Extension, which would create a new highway between US 70 and existing US 17 west of New Bern. This project is not on the STIP but has been submitted by both the New Bern Area MPO (NBAMPO) and DERPO to SPOT in the past and will continue to be a priority future project for both organizations. She encouraged participation in the Mileage-Based User Fee pilot program being conducted by NCDOT to track mileage and simulate what a monthly bill for such a tax would look like. Elected officials are specifically encouraged to participate. She also encouraged participation in the N.C. Clean Transportation Survey, and updated the TCC on future meetings.*

## **5. NCDOT/Transportation Agency Reports**

a. *Division 2 – Len White of NCDOT Division 2 spoke about current projects underway in the DERPO region. The Havelock Bypass is currently 40% complete, and the James City improvement project is 17% complete. Bridge 1420 is 68% complete and is expected to be finished in the winter of 2024. Broadband fiberoptic cable will begin being laid along US 70 in the fall of this year. Diane Hampton of NCDOT added that any questions about the CTPs should be sent to either her or Mr. White. Jack Veit asked Mr. White about delays in mowing in Craven County, and Mr. White told him that he would get back to him with an answer.*

b. *Transportation Planning Division – Kelly Jones of NCDOT Planning stated that work on the Craven County CTP and that a presentation would be held in Dover on June 3. She reminded the local communities to apply for Powell Bill money to help pay for maintenance of streets and sidewalks, and that more information is located in the newsletter.*

c. **Public Transit**

i. *CARTS (Craven, Jones, Pamlico) Update – Kelly Walker announced that a new mobility manager had started with the agency. She reminded members to call for any*

*information they needed on CARTS, particularly for traveler's aid and assistance. There is also a call for a grant program for local governments to help pay for buses; it requires a 50% match.*

**6. ACTION: RECOMMEND APPROVAL of DERPO'S FY 2023 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM (PWP)**

*The Planning Work Program (PWP) serves as DERPO's yearly budget and highlights the goals and expected duties of the RPO and its Director over the next fiscal year. B.J. Eversole gave a brief presentation on the draft PWP, explaining briefly what work would be prioritized in the coming fiscal year, including SPOT 7.0, the Carteret CTP, and wrapping up work on the 2024-33 STIP. Stephanie Ayers made a motion to recommend approval of FY 2023 PWP to TAC, Diane Miller seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.*

**7. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: CREATION OF NEW 2024-33 STIP**

*A brief presentation was made by B.J. Eversole on development of the current draft STIP. 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, and therefore an alternative means of creating the next STIP has been crafted to keep the plan. A draft 2024-33 STIP has been released, with some projects that are currently committed being de-committed and subject to reprioritization in SPOT 7.0. There is also the opportunity to swap, on a \$ to \$ basis, projects that are on the draft STIP for formerly committed projects that were removed from the draft STIP. She discussed potential projects that could be swapped, with a goal to approve any swaps at our July meeting, as they are due to NCDOT by September.*

**8. Other Business/Discussion – New Eastern Carolina Council Executive Director David Bone introduced himself to the committee. Len White let Jack Veit know that the contract situation that had held up mowing in Craven County had been resolved.**

**9. Adjournment – A motion was made by Katrina Marshall to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Greg Hartman, and passed unanimously. Chair Don Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 11:11am.**