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May 25, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

ECC Main Conference Room, New Bern and via Zoom.

TAC Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Councilman Bill Taylor, Town of Morehead City – Chair

Commissioner Chris Chadwick, Carteret County

Commissioner Brandi Robertson, Town of Arapahoe

Diane Hampton – NCDOT Division 2

Len White – NCDOT Division 2

Christopher Connolly – NCDOT TPD

Leighann Morgan - ECC

Commissioner Candy Bohmert, Pamlico County

Commissioner Theron McCabe, Craven County

Commissioner Robin Comer, Carteret County (alternate)

B.J. Eversole – ECC, TAC Secretary

Katie Bordeaux - ECC

Mickey Anderson – ECC; ECRPO

Don Baumgartner – Craven County (TCC)

- 1. Call to Order** – *Bill Taylor, TAC Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05am. Quorum was reached; five total members were in attendance.*
- 2. Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement** – *No conflict of interests. There was also a reminder to all TAC members to complete their ethics paperwork with the State.*
- 3. Public Comment Period** – *No public comments.*
- 4. ACTION: Approval of Minutes** - *Minutes of the March 30, 2021 meeting was presented for approval. Candy Bohmert presented a motion to approve the minutes; Brandi Robertson seconded. Minutes from previous meeting approved unanimously.*
- 5. 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 mentioned that the SPOT Subcommittee had met for the first time on May 10 and had discussed the methodology that would be presented for approval later in the meeting. He spoke of available grants to local governments: the Federal RAISE Program as well as the Bicycle and Pedestrian Grant Initiative. He announced that the JUMPO boundary expansion was complete, and that Onslow County was no longer a part of DERPO. He also gave the dates for the remaining TCC and TAC meetings for the year.*

6. NCDOT Reports

- a. Division 2 – *Len White and Diane Hampton gave a brief update on construction and delays within the DERPO portion of the Division 2 area. Work on the Havelock Bypass and the James City upgrade to US 70 is ongoing. R-2513A, R-3413B, and U-3431 remain on the “pause list.” Resurfacing projects are underway, and at the Glenburnie Rd ramp off US 70 in New Bern, asphalt samples are being taken. New cost estimates on STIP projects are due on June 30.*
- b. Transportation Planning Division – *Chris Connolly*
 - i. Craven County CTP - *Craven County CTP was presented on May 17 to the Craven County Board of Commissioners for review. The second public meeting remains on hold due to COVID-19.*
 - ii. Carteret County CTP – *Data collection and verification is underway for a Carteret County Traffic Demand Model (TDM). Base year data has been approved; future year work continues.*

7. ACTION: FY21 PWP Amendment

B.J. Eversole presented amendments to the FY 21 Planning Work Program (PWP). 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. As there was no travel during the fiscal year to date and less data collection than originally budgeted, the travel budget was zeroed out and the data collection budget was reduced by \$3000. A motion to amend the FY21 PWP was made by Candy Bohmert, seconded by Brandi Robertson, and approved unanimously.

8. ACTION: Approval of FY 22 Local Dues

B.J. Eversole explained that to make use of NCDOT’s RPO funding, a 20% match must be made by the local governments, which totals \$27,974 for DERPO. Until this fiscal year, approximately \$7000 was covered by Onslow County. As Onslow County has now joined JUMPO, that money must be covered by the four counties remaining in the RPO. He went over the current population estimates for the counties and the two options: keep using a population-based dues structure where the larger counties pay more of the dues, or switch to an equal share dues structure where everyone pays \$6994. The latter option would reduce dues on the larger counties but greatly expand what the smaller counties pay. A motion was made to keep using the existing population-based dues structure by Candy Bohmert, seconded by Chris Chadwick, and approved unanimously.

9. ACTION: Approval of Draft DERPO LIP Methodology

B.J. Eversole went over the draft methodology document provided in the agenda packet. He explained that the subcommittee had recommended that DERPO continue to use the competitiveness model used for SPOT 5.0, as that best suited our RPO’s needs. The one major addition was to add the SPOT Office’s proposed flex points language, which would

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allow an MPO/RPO to flex up to 500 points from regional to division and vice versa. There was also an adjustment of the target modal points from P5, giving the ferry projects the 100 target points previously set aside for public transportation (there were no public transportation submittals). Candy Bohmert made a motion to approve the draft methodology, was seconded by Brandi Robertson, and was approved unanimously.

- 10. Other Business/Discussion** – *Chris Chadwick asked about damage being done in the Down East area on US 70 due to dump trucks; Len White stated that he would look into the issue. There was also discussion of the speed limit on US 70. B.J. Eversole also stated that he had sent out the letter requested by the TAC on behalf of Carteret County being recompensated for dredging work in Ocracoke to their local representatives in the General Assembly as well as Transportation Secretary Boyette.*
- 11. Adjournment** – *A motion to adjourn was made by Bill Taylor, and seconded by Candy Bohmert, and approved unanimously. Chair Taylor adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:00am.*