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TCC Chair

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## DERPO TCC Regular Meeting, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023; 10:00am

### Attendance:

Don Baumgardner, Chair – Craven County	Becca Eversole – Eastern Carolina Council
Jeannie Drake – Town of Morehead City	Hemal Shah – NCDOT TPD
Justin Oakes – Pamlico County	Brian Chadwick – DERPO TAC
Diane Hampton – NCDOT Division 2	Brandi Robertson – DERPO TAC
William Shanahan – Town of Newport	Ethan Brogden – Cherry Point MCAS
Kelly Walker - CARTS	Mark Eatman – NCDOT IMD
Len White – NCDOT Division 2	Heather Hildebrandt – NCDOT IMD
Katrina Marshall – City of Havelock	Allan Price – Town of Oriental
Stephanie Ayers – N.C. State Ports Authority	Tim Quinn – Town of Peletier
Diane Miller – Town of Oriental	
Beth Bucksot – Vice-Chair, Pamlico County	
David Rief – Town of Cedar Point	
Greg Hartman – Carteret County Planner	
Janie Mason – Michael J. Smith Airport	

### Minutes for TCC

**Call to Order** – Don Baumgardner, *Chair TCC opened the meeting at 10:07am.*

- 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 David Rief, seconded by Len White, and approved unanimously.*
- 3. ACTION: Approval of Minutes**  
Minutes of the May 24, 2022 meeting was presented for approval.  
*A motion to approve minutes from previous meeting was made by Don Baumgardner, seconded by David Rief, and approved unanimously.*

**4. ACTION: Election of Officers**

As this was the first TCC meeting of the year, a vote for Chair and Vice Chair is required. Both Chair Don Baumgardner and Vice-Chair Beth Bucksot were eligible for re-election. *A motion to nominate Don Baumgardner for Chair was made by Diane Miller and seconded by David Rief. No other nominations were made, and Mr. Baumgardner was re-elected unanimously. A motion was then made to nominate Beth Bucksot as Vice-Chair by Katrina Marshall and seconded by Diane Miller. No other nominations were made, and Ms. Bucksot was re-elected unanimously.*

**5. DERPO Staff Report – Becca Eversole**

- a. Carteret County CTP Update – *Ms. Eversole spoke on progress made on the Carteret County CTP, with the first public meeting being held later that day in Cedar Point. Additional public meetings would be held in February and March, which would coincide with the release of the online Carteret County Transportation Survey.*
- b. 2024-33 STIP/SPOT 7.0 Update – *Ms. Eversole briefly discussed progress on the next STIP, which has a deadline for swaps of March 17. There are no swaps being considered by the TCC or TAC as all potential swaps are in Carteret County and there was no interest in swaps by the county transportation committee. She also stated that the SPOT Workgroup were continuing to work on details for SPOT 7.0, and that further updates would be made available.*
- c. Census Urban Area Update – *Ms. Eversole informed the committee of the recent release of Census numbers for urban areas. These are important to transportation planning organizations as they determine whether a new metropolitan planning organization (MPO) should be created, and how MPO boundaries should be redrawn. There was a small chance that the Morehead City-Atlantic Beach-Emerald Isle urban area would hit 50,000, which would require the creation of an MPO in Carteret County, but the total population was 44,300. The New Bern urban area’s population dipped below 50,000, but the New Bern MPO would continue operating as before. There will be one new MPO in North Carolina: the Pinehurst-Southern Pines urban area in Moore County.*
- d. Other DERPO Updates – *Ms. Eversole is continuing to conduct transportation needs meetings with communities throughout the DERPO region, and requested that towns in Pamlico County that had not yet met with her contact her with availability. She briefly discussed attending the N.C. Transportation Summit in Raleigh the previous week, and that she would be attending the quarterly meeting of the N.C. Association of RPO Directors later that week in Albemarle. She also shared tentative dates for TCC and TAC meeting dates in 2023.*

**5. NCDOT/Transportation Agency Reports**

- a. Division 2 – *Len White of NCDOT Division 2 gave updates on current projects underway in the DERPO region, including the Havelock Bypass, the James City upgrades to US 70/Future I-42 (with a completion date of late '23 or early '24 for that project).*
- b. Transportation Planning Division – *Hemal Shah of NCDOT Planning spoke about the Craven CTP, which was wrapping up local adoption with votes by the New Bern MPO’s TAC later that week, as well as an endorsement from DERPO’s TAC.*

- c. **Public Transit/Aviation**
  - i. **CARTS (Craven, Jones, Pamlico) Update** – *Kelly Walker announced that her agency had completed NCDOT compliance review. Chris Green is not the assistant CARTS director. CARTS is doing significant outreach and is soliciting invitations.*
  - ii. **Michael J. Smith Airport** – *Jamie Mason spoke to the committee that they currently have 62 hangers (28 recently completed), 11 ground leases, and that runway 826 is planned to be extended by 1000' and the airport has received \$5 million to help with the runway extension. She also discussed the FBO and fuel providers at the airport and they have an extensive waiting list for hangers and ground leases.*

**6. ACTION: RECOMMEND APPROVAL of DRAFT 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. Becca Eversole presented the draft PWP. There are a few alterations in budget lines from the previous fiscal due to anticipated work on the Carteret CTP and SPOT 7.0. A motion to recommend approval by the TAC was made by Len White, seconded by Beth Bucksot, and approved unanimously.*

- 7. PRESENTATION: CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM** – *Heather Hildebrandt As a result of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, significant funding has been made available from the federal government for transportation projects that are designed to reduce overall carbon emissions. A total of \$19 million is available to the rural areas of North Carolina, and we have been asked to submit up to 12 projects to NCDOT for funding consideration. Heather Hildebrandt of NCDOT gave a presentation into the details of the program to the committee.*

- 8. ACTION: RECOMMEND ENDORSEMENT OF CRAVEN COUNTY CTP**  
*The Craven County CTP is currently in the adoption phase, and DERPO is required to give a formal endorsement of the plan. The CTP is the document that identifies the long-range transportation needs for all Craven County. Hemal Shah of NCDOT gave a presentation over specifics of the plan, including maps of the identified needs. A motion was made to recommend endorsement by the TAC was made by Katrina Marshall, seconded by David Rief, and approved unanimously.*

- 9. Other Business/Discussion** – *There was no further business or discussion.*

- 10. Adjournment** – *A motion was made by David Rief to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Len White, and passed unanimously. Chair Don Baumgartner then adjourned the meeting.*