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DERPO TAC Regular Meeting, April 4th, 2023; 10:00am

Attendance:

Bill Taylor – Town of Morehead City
Brandi Robertson, Chair – Town of Araphoe
James Harper – Jones County
Darlene Spivey – Town of Trenton
Dred Mitchell – Town of Cove City
Chadwick Howard, Vice Chair – Craven County
Merrie Alcoke – NC Board of Transportation

Becca Eversole – Eastern Carolina Council
Hemal Shah – NCDOT TPD
Kim Maxey – New Bern MPO
Terry Arellano – NCDOT Corridor Development
Len White – NCDOT Division 2
Kim Nguyen – NCDOT IMD

Minutes for TAC

Call to Order – Brandi Robertson, *Chair TAC opened the meeting at 10:05am.*

1. **Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement** – *no conflicts.*
2. **Public Comment Period** – *no public comments.*
3. **ACTION: Approval of Agenda**
The agenda for today’s meeting was presented for approval.
A motion to approve the agenda was made by James Harper, seconded by Dred Mitchell, and approved unanimously.
3. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes**
Minutes of the January 31, 2023 meeting was presented for approval.
A motion to approve minutes from previous meeting was made by James Harper, seconded by Dred Mitchell, and approved unanimously.

4. **DERPO Staff Report – Becca Eversole**
 - a. Carteret County CTP Update – *Ms. Eversole spoke on about the online Carteret County Transportation Survey, which was live and would be available until April 30. She also spoke about the three public meetings that were held in January-March in Cedar Point, Beaufort, and Newport.*
 - b. 2024-33 STIP/SPOT 7.0 Update – *Ms. Eversole briefly discussed progress on the next STIP, which needs to be approved by the BOT and USDOT. It was requested from the SPOT Office to select two carryover projects from the list of submitted SPOT 6.0 projects, and her recommendation was the NC 24 superstreet/58 interchange in Cedar Point and the Bridges St. Intersection Bundle in Morehead City. Work on SPOT 7.0 would begin in the summer.*
 - c. Carbon Reduction Plan Update – *Ms. Eversole announced that four projects submitted by three communities (Pollocksville, Atlantic Beach, and Havelock) were being considered for CRP funds. The next round of CRP funds would be released in October.*
 - 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 will also be attending the NCAMPO Conference and the NCARPO quarterly immediately preceding the conference.*

6. **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). Resurfacing projects are now underway, and a safety project in Morehead City that will upgrade Arendell St. in the commercial district to a superstreet is being prepared. Maple Cypress Bridge is open to traffic as well. Bill Taylor asked about the project connecting the Havelock Bypass to the James City project (U-5777C), and Mr. White explained the basics of the project.*
 - b. Transportation Planning Division – *Hemal Shah of NCDOT Planning spoke about the Craven CTP, which would be voted on by the BOT in May. She also briefly went over progress on the Carteret CTP.*
 - c. Integrated Mobility Division – *Kim Nguyen discussed a call for projects for the Unified Grant Program, and spoke about IMD Connect.*

7. **ACTION: FINAL APPROVAL of FY 24 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 were no changes to the one approved at the January meeting. A motion to approve the draft PWP was made by Bill Taylor, seconded by James Harper, and approved unanimously.

9. **ACTION: ENDORESEMENT OF WESTERN CARTERET BIKE AND PEDERTRIAN PLAN APPLICATION**
The NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division, focused on public transportation and nonmotorized transportation, has an annual call to municipalities and counties to create new/updated multimodal, bike, and/or pedestrian plans with the aid of a grant program that covers most of the cost. The Western Carteret towns of Cedar Point, Cape Carteret, Bogue, and Peletier decided to apply for a Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, and DERPO was asked to support their application. A motion was made to endorse the application was made by Darlene Spivey, seconded by Bill Taylor, and approved unanimously.

10. **Other Business/Discussion** – *Len White mentioned that the Board of Transportation would be meeting at 1:15pm that day, and that they would be voting on the draft STIP in June.*

11. **Adjournment** – *Chair Brandi Robertson adjourned the meeting at 10:31.*