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**Chadwick Howard**  
TAC Vice-Chair

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## DERPO TAC Meeting, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023; 10:00am

### Attendance:

**Merrie Jo Alcoke** – NC Board of Transportation  
**Brandi Robertson, Chair** – Town of Araphoe  
**Chadwick Howard** – Craven County  
**Candy Bohmert** – Pamlico County  
**Darlene Spivey** – Town of Trenton

Becca Eversole – Eastern Carolina Council  
Jeremy Stroud – NDOT Div 2 Deputy Division Engineer  
Amanda Killian – NCDOT TPD  
Kim Nguyen – NCDOT IMD  
Len White – NCDOT Div 2 Planning Engineer

### Minutes for TAC

**Call to Order** – Brandi Robertson, *Chair TAC opened the meeting at 10:03am.*

- 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 Chadwick Howard, seconded by Darlene Spivey, and approved unanimously.*
- 4. ACTION: Approval of Minutes**  
Minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting was presented for approval.  
*A motion to approve minutes from previous meeting was made by Chadwick Howard, seconded by Brandi Robertson, and approved unanimously.*
- 5. DERPO Staff Report** – *Becca Eversole*  
*Becca Eversole informed the committee of big wins with Carbon Reduction Program funding (Pollocksville and Atlantic Beach both received funding totally roughly \$1m combined) and the funding approval of the Western Carteret Bike and Pedestrian Plan for Peletier, Cedar Point, Cape Carteret, and Bogue. She also spoke about October's regional Transportation Summit in New Bern, and that she would be attending the next quarterly meeting of the NCARPO in Boone. She also went over the remaining dates.*

**6. NCDOT Reports**

- a. Division 2 – *Len White informed the committee that the Havelock Bypass project is two thirds of the way complete, and the James City project is one half complete. The “C Project” to link the two is expected to begin construction in FY 25 and be completed in FY 28. Adams Creek Rd will be completely reopened to traffic in 4-6 weeks, and US 70 paving has been paused for the summer but will resume after Labor Day.*
- b. Transportation Planning Division – *Amanda Killian informed the committee that on the Carteret CTP project the survey has closed and that NCDOT staff are analyzing the data.*
- c. Integrated Mobility Division – *Kim Nguyen informed the committee that work on the Western Carteret Bike and Pedestrian Plan should begin soon and that a feasibility study is being conducted for microtransit in Onslow County.*

**7. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION: SPOT 7.0 Holding Tank Projects;**

**Jones/Craven/Pamlico Subcommittee - Becca Eversole**

*On Monday July 17<sup>th</sup>, SPOT Online opened, marking the beginning of the SPOT 7.0 submittal window. Ms. Eversole went over what are referred to as “holding tank” projects, which were projects that were submitted for SPOT 6.0 but not funded (as SPOT 6.0 was cancelled, all new submittals from that round are holding tank projects). She asked for volunteers for a Jones/Craven/Pamlico SPOT 7.0 Subcommittee to meet every two weeks (twice online, once in person ideally) until the September TCC/TAC meetings to further discuss the merits of resubmitting holding tank projects or suggesting new project ideas. Candy Bohmert, Chadwick Howard, Brandi Robertson, and Len White volunteered to be on the committee. As Carteret County has an active Transportation Committee, it was decided to make use of it as a de facto subcommittee for projects in that county. The goal is to have a final list of projects to present at the September TCC/TAC meetings. Chadwick Howard asked Jeremy Stroud of Division 2 about bike and pedestrian facilities in the James City project, and he replied that due to the nature of the project, it would have been difficult to add those facilities in a mostly commercial strip. Becca Eversole went over a potential roundabout project that had been rejected by the community in Arapahoe, and Brandi Robertson explained why there was opposition; there were fears about how much ROW would be needed to create the roundabout.*

**6. Other Business/Discussion – No further business.**

- 7. **Adjournment** – *Chadwick Howard made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Darlene Spivey and approved unanimously. Chair Brandi Robertson adjourned the meeting at 10:53.*