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DERPO TCC Regular Meeting, March 28th, 2023; 10:00am

Attendance:

Don Baumgardner, Chair – Craven County
Sandi Watkins – Town of Morehead City
Jennifer Ansell – Town of Atlantic Beach
Bea Cunningham – Town of Peletier
Patrick Flanagan - CCATS
Diane Miller – Town of Oriental
Janie Mason – Michael J. Smith Airport
Laura Wisecup - JUMPO
Kim Maxey - NBAMPO
Holly Craighead – Eastern Carolina Council
Jeff Cabaniss – NCDOT Division 2
Len White – NCDOT Division 2

Becca Eversole – Eastern Carolina Council
Behshad Norowzi – NCDOT TPD
Kelly Walker - CARTS
John Bender – Jones County
Terry Arellano – NCDOT
Beth Bucksot – Vice-Chair, Pamlico County
David Rief – Town of Cedar Point
Mickey Anderson – Eastern Carolina Council
Kim Nguyen – NCDOT IMD
Deanna Trebil - JUMPO
Jeremy Stroud – NCDOT Division 2
Hemal Shah – NDOT TPD

Minutes for TCC

Call to Order – Don Baumgardner, *Chair TCC opened the meeting at 10:08pm.*

- 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 Len White, seconded by Kelly Walker, and approved unanimously.
- 3. ACTION: Approval of Minutes**
The minutes for the January 24 meeting was presented for approval.
A motion to approve the January 24 minutes was made by Len White, seconded by Janie Mason, and approved unanimously.
- 4. DERPO Staff Report – Becca Eversole**
 - a. Carteret County CTP Update – *Ms. Eversole stated that the Carteret County Transportation Survey was online and gave its address. Three public meetings were held*

in Cedar Point (Jan), Beaufort (Feb), and Newport (Mar). The survey would be online until April 30.

b. *Carbon Reduction Program – Four DERPO communities submitted CRP applications: Havelock – Church Rd. sidewalk/crosswalk and Webb Blvd. sidewalk, Atlantic Beach – Ft. Macon Rd. (NC 58) sidewalk, and Pollocksville – Main St. (Old US 17) sidewalk. The next round of CRP funds is expected to become available in the fall.*

c. *Other DERPO Updates – Ms. Eversole is continuing her local transportation needs meetings in Pamlico County. She went over her experience at the NC Transportation Summit in Raleigh in January, including learning more about emerging technologies, electrification, and funding challenges. She will be attending the NCARPO Quarterly Meeting in Albemarle and the Hwy 17/64 Association Meeting later this week. Ms. Eversole also shared tentative TCC and TAC meeting dates for the remainder of 2023.*

5. NCDOT/Transportation Agency Reports

a. *Division 2 – Len White of NCDOT Division 2 spoke about resurfacing being underway again in the division, and that the Maple Cypress Bridge is open. The utilities and service roads are one third complete on the James City project, with construction on the highway. The project’s completion date should fall either in late 2024 or early 2025. 60% of the center section of the Havelock Bypass is complete, with an early 2024 opening date. The section that will connect the two projects, U-5777C, has right of way and utilities underway. Resurfacing on Arendell St. in Morehead City was imminent.*

b. *Transportation Planning Division – Hemal Shah of NCDOT TPD, introduced herself, spoke of Craven County CTP’s local adoption being complete and that it would be official with a vote of the NC Board of Transportation. She reiterated Ms. Eversole’s Carteret County CTP updates, adding that a total of 415 people had participated in the online survey to date.*

c. *Integrated Mobility Division – Kim Nguyen of NCDOT IMD had no updates at that time.*

d. **Public Transit/Aviation**

i. *CARTS (Craven, Jones, Pamlico) – Kelly Walker spoke about CARTS continuing their public outreach and to let her know if there were any upcoming events.*

ii. *CCATS (Carteret) Update – Patrick Flanagan had no updates at that time.*

iii. *Michael J. Smith Airport – Jamie Mason spoke about the widening and restriping of the taxiway currently ongoing. Hangars are at a premium, with a long waiting list. The airport hopes to soon construct new hangars on site. Sitework for corporate hangars will begin in April.*

6. ACTION: Final Draft Planning Work Program – Becca Eversole

Ms. Eversole reintroduced the Planning Work Program (PWP) for FY 2024, the yearly budget for DERPO. The initial draft was approved by the TAC in January and subsequently by NCDOT. There were no changes from the previous draft. A motion was

made to recommend adoption of the PWP by the TAC by Kelly Walker, seconded by Janie Mason, and approved unanimously.

7. **ACTION: Western Carteret Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan** – *Becca Eversole*
The towns of Cedar Point, Cape Carteret, Peletier, and Bogue have decided to apply for a NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant to create a regional bicycle and pedestrian plan. DERPO has been asked to provide a letter of support for the application, and a draft letter was provided in the agenda packet. The letter was recommended for approval by the TAC by Patrick Flanagan, seconded by Beth Bucksot, and approved unanimously.
8. **Other Business/Discussion** – *There was no further business or discussion.*
9. **Adjournment** – *A motion to adjourn was made by Beth Bucksot, seconded by David Rief, and approved unanimously. Mr. Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 10:40.*