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## DERPO TCC Regular Meeting, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023; 1:00pm

### Attendance:

Don Baumgardner, Chair – Craven County	Becca Eversole – Eastern Carolina Council
Sandi Watkins – Town of Morehead City	Amanda Killian – NCDOT TPD
Frank Rush – Town of Cape Carteret	Jeremy Stroud – NCDOT Division 2
Rohan Lahiji – NCDOT Division 2	John Bender – Jones County
William Shanahan – Town of Newport	Julie Shambaugh – Town of Cape Carteret
Patrick Flanagan - CCATS	Terry Arellano – NCDOT
Len White – NCDOT Division 2	Beth Bucksot – Vice-Chair, Pamlico County
Janie Mason – Michael J. Smith Airport	David Rief – Town of Cedar Point
Stephanie Ayers – N.C. State Ports Authority	Deanna Trebil - NBAMPO
Greg Hartman – Carteret County	Felicia McGee - NBAMPO
Chad Strawn – Craven County	

### Minutes for TCC

**Call to Order** – Don Baumgardner, *Chair TCC opened the meeting at 1:03pm.*

- 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 Patrick Flanagan, seconded by Stephanie Ayers, and approved unanimously.*
- 5. DERPO Staff Report – Becca Eversole**
  - a. Regional Transportation Summit – Ms. Eversole announced the ECC’s upcoming Regional Transportation Summit to be held at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern on October 19 from 9am-3pm. The theme of the event is “Investments in Transportation – A Driving Force in Economic Development.” There would be corridor and multimodal updates, a panel discussion on economic impacts from transportation investments, and a presentation on Wilson’s Microtransit program. The keynote speaker is the new N.C. Secretary of Transportation, Joey Hopkins. A link to register for this free event was shared as well.*

b. *Other DERPO Updates – DERPO would be hosting the NCARPO Quarterly Meeting in Atlantic Beach on October 28-29. Ms. Eversole also shared tentative TCC meeting dates for 2023 and 2024.*

**5. NCDOT/Transportation Agency Reports**

a. *Division 2 – Len White of NCDOT Division 2 gave updates on current projects underway in the DERPO region. The Havelock Bypass is 69% complete with an anticipated completion date of mid-2024. There is new drone footage of the bypass construction progress on the project website. The James City upgrades to US 70/Future I-42 is 37% complete with an anticipated completion date of mid-2025. The US 70 upgrade project to connect these two projects, U-5777C, is slated to begin construction in 2025 and take about 1.5 years to complete. The NC 43 Connector project in New Bern is also slated for construction in 2025. In Morehead City, an alternative should be selected for the Bridges St. Extension project by early 2024.*

b. *Transportation Planning Division – Amanda Killian of NCDOT TPD spoke of Craven County CTP’s adoption earlier that year, and that though there had been delays in the Carteret County CTP, a steering committee meeting would be scheduled soon.*

c. **Public Transit/Aviation**

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

ii. *Michael J. Smith Airport – Jamie Mason had no updates at that time.*

**6. ACTION: Recommend DERPO SPOT 7.0 Submittals**

*Submittals for SPOT 7.0 were due at the end of October, and Ms. Eversole presented her draft list of submittals. She went into detail with the highway projects, showing preliminary cost estimates and a map/description of each project. There was a total of 19 highway submittals. She also shared the list of other mode submittals: 19 bike and pedestrian projects, seven aviation projects for Michael J. Smith Airport, three rail projects (plus two being submitted for the NCRR corridor by the Goldsboro MPO), and 16 ferry projects (some would be submitted by the Albemarle RPO). A motion was made to recommend adoption of the submittal list to the TAC by Beth Bucksot, seconded by Sandi Watkins, and approved unanimously.*

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

**10. Adjournment – Mr. Baumgartner adjourned the meeting.**