

Brandi Robertson
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TCC Chair



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Chad Strawn
TCC Vice-Chair

May 23, 2024; 1:00pm

Hybrid: ECC Board Room, New Bern and Virtual (via Zoom)

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AGENDA for TCC

Call to Order – *Beth Bucksot, Chair TCC*

1. Public Comment Period

2. ACTION: Approval of Agenda

The agenda for today’s meeting is presented for approval.

Action: Approve agenda.

3. ACTION: Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the March 19 TCC meetings are presented for approval.

Action: Approve March 19 minutes.

4. DERPO Staff Report – *Becca Eversole*

- a. SPOT 7.0 Update
- b. Carbon Reduction Program
- c. Western Carteret Bike/Ped Plan
- d. Other DERPO Updates
- e. Tentative 2024 TCC Schedule (Hybrid: ECC Main Conference room and Zoom):
 - i. July 23, 2024
 - ii. September 17, 2024
 - iii. November 12, 2024

6. NCDOT/Transportation Agency Reports

- a. Division 2 – *Len White, Roham Lahiji*
- b. Transportation Planning Division – *Amanda Killian*
- c. Integrated Mobility Division – *Kim Nguyen*
- d. Public Transit
 - i. CARTS (Craven, Jones, Pamlico) Update – *Kelly Walker*
 - ii. CCATS (Carteret) Update – *Patrick Flanagan*
- e. Michael J. Smith Field Update – *Janie Mason*

7. ACTION: DERPO SPOT 7.0 LIP Subcommittee - Becca Eversole
For projects to be programmed in SPOT 7.0 at the Regional Impact and Division Needs levels, local input points (LIPs) shall be placed on selected projects to improve their overall score by planning organizations as well as the relevant NCDOT Division. To make recommendations for LIPs to the TCC and TAC, a subcommittee made up of members of the TCC and TAC from all four counties will be created. DERPO is asking for volunteers to serve on this subcommittee for the remainder of the SPOT process.
Action: Select LIP Subcommittee Members from the TCC from each county.

8. ACTION: CCATS 5310 Letter of Support – Patrick Flanagan
One of the main sources of funding for public transit agencies like Carteret County Area Transportation System (CCATS) is the 5310 federal grant program that funds transportation services for seniors and people with disabilities. DERPO has been asked to formally support their application. CCATS Director Patrick Flanagan will briefly expand on 5310 funds and how CCATS utilizes them. A draft letter of support has been attached to the agenda.
Action: Recommend approving letter of support for CCATS 5310 funding to TAC.

9. Other Business/Discussion

10. Adjournment

William Taylor
TAC Chair

Beth Bucksot
TCC Chair



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TAC Vice-Chair

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DERPO TCC Regular Meeting, March 19th, 2024; 10:00am

Attendance:

Don Baumgardner, Chair – Craven County
Sandi Watkins – Town of Morehead City
Jeff Wood – Craven County
Rohan Lahiji – NCDOT Division 2
Len White – NCDOT Division 2
Janie Mason – Michael J. Smith Airport
Stephanie Ayers – N.C. State Ports Authority
Katrina Marshall – City of Havelock
Chad Strawn – Craven County

Becca Eversole – Eastern Carolina Council
Amanda Killian – NCDOT TPD
Janie Mason – Michael J. Smith Airport
Julie Shambaugh – Town of Cape Carteret
David Rief – Town of Cedar Point
Kelly Walker - CARTS
Greg Hartman – Carteret County
Kim Nguyen – NCDOT IMD

Minutes for TCC

Call to Order – *Chad Strawn, Vice-Chair TCC opened the meeting at 10:05am.*

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 Stephanie Ayers, seconded by Don Baumgartner, and approved unanimously.
3. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes**
Minutes from the January 23rd TCC meetings were presented for approval.
A motion to approve the agenda was made by Don Baumgartner, seconded by Roham Lahiji, and approved unanimously.
4. **DERPO Staff Report** – *Becca Eversole*
 - a. *SPOT 7.0 Update* – *Ms. Eversole updated the committee on the schedule for SPOT 7.0, which has been moved up two months to allow for the new draft STIP to be presented at the January 2025 meeting of the N.C. Department of Transportation. This means that the end of the Regional Impact local input points assignment window will close on August 30, and the Division Needs window will close on November 29.*

b. *Carbon Reduction Program* – Ms. Eversole announced that the Town of Cape Carteret had submitted a multi-use path as well as three improved pedestrian crossings on NC 24. She reminded the committee that communities can submit projects at any time and that grants are awarded quarterly. She also reminded them that this is a reimbursement program and required a 20% local match, and to contact her if their community is interested.

c. *Other DERPO Updates* – The Western Carteret Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan had their kickoff meeting on February 22, and regular meetings will take place both on Zoom and in Cape Carteret. Ms. Eversole will be attending the 2024 NCAMPO Conference in New Bern on April 18-19, will be out of the country from April 20-30, and will attend the N.C. Transportation Summit in Greensboro on May 20-22.

5. NCDOT/Transportation Agency Reports

a. *Division 2* – Len White of NCDOT Division 2 gave updates on current projects underway in the DERPO region. Right of way and utility work for the NC 43 Connector project in New Bern. The Havelock Bypass is 77% complete with an anticipated completion date near the end of this year. The James City upgrades to US 70/Future I-42 is 41% complete with an anticipated completion date near the end of 2025. The US 70 upgrade project to connect these two projects, R-5777C, is slated to be completed in FY 2027 or 2028. A meeting was held concerning U-5878 (Newport River Bridge project in Morehead City) to consider a replacement of the existing railway trestle over the river. Repaving/restriping NC 58 and the Atlantic Beach Causeway was nearing completion.

b. *Transportation Planning Division* – Amanda Killian of NCDOT TPD stated that the next Carteret County CTP steering committee meeting will be on April 10, and that project sheets are being prepared for the committee's review.

c. *Integrated Mobility Division* – Kim Nguyen of NCDOT IMD spoke about the Western Carteret Bike and Pedestrian Plan briefly, stating that the steering committee is being selected and its first meeting is upcoming. She also spoke of a new multimodal app from NCDOT.

d. Public Transit/Aviation

i. *CARTS (Craven, Jones, Pamlico) Update* – Kelly Walker briefly updated the committee on ridership, which continues to trend up, but had no further updates.

ii. *Michael J. Smith Airport* – Jamie Mason updated the committee on the rehab of runway 321, stating that the award bid was out for repavement and upgrading lights. Preliminary work also continues on the planned runway extension.

6. **ACTION: Recommend Final FY 2025 Planning Work Program - Becca Eversole**
The Planning Work Program (PWP) is the annual budget for the Down East RPO and lays out DERPO's priorities in the new fiscal year. Ms. Eversole presented the final draft of the document and detailed changes from this fiscal year in priorities, including an increase in indirect costs. The final draft was unchanged from the one approved in January. A motion to recommend the PWP to the TAC was made by Don Baumgartner, seconded by Len White, and approved unanimously.

7. **ACTION: Recommend SPOT 7.0 Local Input Point Methodology – Becca Eversole**
It is required by STI law that all planning organizations and NCDOT Divisions must create a methodology for the purpose of assigning local input points (LIPs) to transportation projects in the Regional Impact and Division Needs funding categories. Ms. Eversole presented a draft SPOT 7.0 LIP Methodology for DERPO, which included significant changes from previous methodologies. The changes were designed to provide more equity in project selection and provide a simpler overall method for everyone involved. Don Baumgartner asked if, should this method prove not to be satisfactory, could we return to the previous method, to which Len White responded yes. A motion was made to recommend the methodology to the TAC for approval by Don Baumgartner, seconded by Len White, and approved unanimously.

8. **Other Business/Discussion – No other business/discussion.**

10. **Adjournment – Mr. Strawn adjourned the meeting at 10:45am.**

Brandi Robertson
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May 28, 2024

Mr. Patrick Flanagan
Carteret County Area Transportation System
5231 Business Drive
Newport, NC 28570

Dear Mr. Flanagan,

The Down East Rural Planning Organization (DERPO) has received your request for a letter of support for funding from the North Carolina Department of Transportation and the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program through 5310 Capital - Purchase of Services funding process. As the Transportation Planning Organization covering Carteret County, we appreciate your interest in our support.

DERPO understands the need for transportation services for individuals needing to make medical appointments and dialysis in, and out, of Carteret County. Particularly those citizens that meet the age and/or disability requirements that need to travel outside of the county to access their care.

Therefore, DERPO supports your application for these funds. We look forward to seeing the impact of these transportation services on the lives of seniors and those with disabilities that you will be able to provide.

Sincerely,

Brandi Robertson
Chair, Transportation Advisory Committee
Down East Rural Planning Organization


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Contract Number: C204177 Division: 2 TIP Number: R-1015 Length: 10.353 miles NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE Location Description: US-70 (HAVELOCK BYPASS) FROM NORTH OF PINE GROVE TO NORTH OF CARTERET COUNTY LINE. Contractor Name: BALFOUR BEATTY INFRASTRUCTURE INC Contract Amount: \$167,243,715.65 Work Began: 09/30/2019 Original Completion Date: 05/13/2024 Latest Payment Thru: 04/22/2024 Latest Payment Date: 04/30/2024	Route: US-70 County: Carteret Federal Aid Number: NHF-0070(049) NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716 Letting Date: 07/16/2019 Revised Completion Date: Construction Progress: 78.53%
Contract Number: C204372 Division: 2 TIP Number: B-4863 Length: 0.853 miles NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE Location Description: BRIDGE #73 AND #96 OVER THE STRAITS AT HARKERS ISLAND ON SR-1335 (ISLAND RD). Contractor Name: BALFOUR BEATTY INFRASTRUCTURE INC Contract Amount: \$59,995,745.96 Work Began: 08/30/2021 Original Completion Date: 10/28/2025 Latest Payment Thru: 04/30/2024 Latest Payment Date: 05/08/2024	Route: SR-1335 County: Carteret Federal Aid Number: BRSTP-1335(4) NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716 Letting Date: 07/20/2021 Revised Completion Date: Construction Progress: 94.68%
Contract Number: DB00534 Division: 2 TIP Number: BP2-R005 Length: 0.091 miles NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE Location Description: CARTERET COUNTY BRIDGE 57 Contractor Name: S T WOOTEN CORPORATION Contract Amount: \$1,097,843.05 Work Began: 01/29/2024 Original Completion Date: 08/25/2024 Latest Payment Thru: 04/30/2024 Latest Payment Date: 05/08/2024	Route: SR-1391 County: Carteret Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716 Letting Date: 09/27/2023 Revised Completion Date: Construction Progress: 82.32%
Contract Number: DB00538 Division: 2 TIP Number: R-5816 Length: 0.097 miles NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE Location Description: NC 58 (FORT MACON ROAD) AT SR 1182 (ATLANTIC BEACH CAUSEWAY) Contractor Name: MILITARY & FEDERAL CONSTRUCTION CO Contract Amount: \$1,434,583.07 Work Began: 10/24/2022 Original Completion Date: 07/11/2024	Route: NC-58 County: Carteret Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716 Letting Date: 09/14/2022 Revised Completion Date:

Latest Payment Thru: 04/30/2024 Latest Payment Date: 05/20/2024		Construction Progress: 85.97%
Contract Number: DB00545 Division: 2 TIP Number: Length: 6.17 miles NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE Location Description: CARTERET COUNTY Contractor Name: BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO Contract Amount: \$4,245,101.00 Work Began: 03/20/2023 Original Completion Date: 11/15/2024 Latest Payment Thru: 04/30/2024 Latest Payment Date: 05/17/2024		Route: US-70 County: Carteret Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716 Letting Date: 10/26/2022 Revised Completion Date: Construction Progress: 94.58%
Contract Number: DB00551 Division: 2 TIP Number: Length: 7.04 miles NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE Location Description: CARTERET COUNTY Contractor Name: BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO Contract Amount: \$1,394,452.00 Work Began: 05/17/2023 Original Completion Date: 03/15/2025 Latest Payment Thru: 12/31/2023 Latest Payment Date: 01/12/2024		Route: SR-1113 County: Carteret Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716 Letting Date: 02/22/2023 Revised Completion Date: Construction Progress: 68.44%
Contract Number: DB00571 Division: 2 TIP Number: Length: 15.32 miles NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE Location Description: CARTERET COUNTY Contractor Name: ONSLOW GRADING & PAVING INC Contract Amount: \$0.00 Work Began: Original Completion Date: 12/15/2025 Latest Payment Thru: Latest Payment Date:		Route: US-70 County: Carteret Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716 Letting Date: 09/27/2023 Revised Completion Date: Construction Progress: 0%





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Contract Number: C204177	Route: US-70
Division: 2	County: Craven
TIP Number: R-1015	
Length: 10.353 miles	Federal Aid Number: NHF-0070(049)
NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE	NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716
Location Description: US-70 (HAVELOCK BYPASS) FROM NORTH OF PINE GROVE TO NORTH OF CARTERET COUNTY LINE.	
Contractor Name: BALFOUR BEATTY INFRASTRUCTURE INC	
Contract Amount: \$167,243,715.65	
Work Began: 09/30/2019	Letting Date: 07/16/2019
Original Completion Date: 05/13/2024	Revised Completion Date:
Latest Payment Thru: 04/22/2024	
Latest Payment Date: 04/30/2024	Construction Progress: 78.53%

Contract Number: C204225	Route: US-70
Division: 2	County: Craven
TIP Number: R-5777A, R-5777B, U-5713	
Length: 5.1 miles	Federal Aid Number: FEDERAL FUNDED
NCDOT Contact: Wendi O. Johnson, PE	NCDOT Contact No: (252)439-2800
Location Description: US-70 FROM THE NEUSE RIVER BRIDGE TO EAST OF THURMAN RD IN JAMES CITY.	
Contractor Name: BALFOUR BEATTY INFRASTRUCTURE INC	
Contract Amount: \$203,300,000.00	
Work Began: 10/22/2019	Letting Date: 09/10/2019
Original Completion Date: 09/07/2023	Revised Completion Date: 05/16/2025
Latest Payment Thru: 04/22/2024	
Latest Payment Date: 05/20/2024	Construction Progress: 42.99%

Contract Number: C204695	Route: US-70
Division: 2	County: Craven
TIP Number: R-5777C	
Length: 6.4 miles	Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED
NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE	NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716
Location Description: US-70 FROM THE HAVELOCK BYPASS TO EAST OF SR-1116 (THURMAN R D).	
Contractor Name: BALFOUR BEATTY INFRASTRUCTURE INC	
Contract Amount: \$242,350,000.00	
Work Began: 02/27/2023	Letting Date: 01/17/2023
Original Completion Date: 06/07/2028	Revised Completion Date:
Latest Payment Thru: 04/30/2024	
Latest Payment Date: 05/23/2024	Construction Progress: 11.27%

Contract Number: DB00556	Route: US-70
Division: 2	County: Craven
TIP Number: BR-0074A	
Length: 0.19 miles	Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED
NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE	NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716
Location Description: CRAVEN COUNTY BRIDGE 91 AND 92 IN HAVELOCK	
Contractor Name: T A LOVING COMPANY	
Contract Amount: \$841,912.00	
Work Began: 09/26/2023	Letting Date: 02/22/2023
Original Completion Date: 07/02/2024	Revised Completion Date:

Latest Payment Thru: 04/22/2024	Construction Progress: 55.6%
Latest Payment Date: 05/01/2024	
Contract Number: DB00567	Route: -
Division: 2	County: Craven
TIP Number:	
Length: 12.96 miles	Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED
NCDOT Contact: Jon Aaron Bullard, PE	NCDOT Contact No: (252)527-0053
Location Description: CRAVEN SR1400	
Contractor Name: TRIPP BROS INC	
Contract Amount: \$0.00	
Work Began:	Letting Date: 08/09/2023
Original Completion Date: 12/15/2024	Revised Completion Date:
Latest Payment Thru:	
Latest Payment Date:	Construction Progress: 0%



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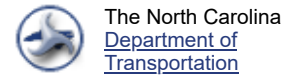


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Contract Number: DB00579	Route: -
Division: 2	County: Jones
TIP Number:	
Length: 17.07 miles	Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED
NCDOT Contact: Jon Aaron Bullard, PE	NCDOT Contact No: (252)527-0053
Location Description: JONES AND LENOIR COUNTIES	
Contractor Name: BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	
Contract Amount: \$0.00	
Work Began:	Letting Date: 03/13/2024
Original Completion Date: 03/15/2026	Revised Completion Date:
Latest Payment Thru:	
Latest Payment Date:	Construction Progress: 0%

Contract Number: DB00580	Route: -, SR-1103, SR-1107 SR-1108, SR-1143, SR-1144 SR-1183, SR-1184, SR-1206 SR-1208
Division: 2	County: Jones
TIP Number:	
Length: 19.71 miles	Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED
NCDOT Contact: Jon Aaron Bullard, PE	NCDOT Contact No: (252)527-0053
Location Description: JONES AND LENOIR COUNTY	
Contractor Name: BARNHILL CONTRACTING CO	
Contract Amount: \$0.00	
Work Began:	Letting Date: 03/13/2024
Original Completion Date: 03/15/2026	Revised Completion Date:
Latest Payment Thru:	
Latest Payment Date:	Construction Progress: 0%





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Contract Number: DB00558	Route: SR-1005
Division: 2	County: Pamlico
TIP Number: BP2-R002	
Length: 0.19 miles	Federal Aid Number: STATE FUNDED
NCDOT Contact: Brad T. McMannen, PE	NCDOT Contact No: (252)514-4716
Location Description: PAMLICO COUNTY	
Contractor Name: SANFORD CONTRACTORS INC	
Contract Amount: \$1,444,300.00	
Work Began: 01/08/2024	Letting Date: 10/11/2023
Original Completion Date: 09/03/2024	Revised Completion Date:
Latest Payment Thru: 05/07/2024	
Latest Payment Date: 05/15/2024	Construction Progress: 69.81%

