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May 15th, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.
La Grange Community Center
410 W Washington St, La Grange, NC 28551
Gathering Hall

TCC Minutes

The following were present:

TCC Members Present

- Angel Venecia, *Duplin County Rural Transit Service Transportation Coordinator*
- Dawn Strickland, *Duplin County Rural Transit Service Transportation Coordinator- Alternate*
- Rodney Fritz, *Town of Wallace- Alternate*
- Kyle DeHaven, *Greene County Manager, TCC Chair*
- Harold Thomas, *Greene County Planning/Economic Development*
- Kim Howell, *Greene County Rural Transit Service Transportation Coordinator*
- Mark Pope, *Lenoir County Planning/Economic Development*
- Angie Green, *Lenoir County Rural Transit Service Transportation Coordinator*
- Gage King, *Lenoir Airport Authority/GTP*
- Shawn Condon, *Town of La Grange*
- Don Willis, *Wayne County Rural Transit Service Transportation Coordinator*
- Len White, *NCDOT Division 2*
- Adrienne Cox, *NCDOT Division 3*
- Eric Ritzel, *NCDOT Division 3*
- Kesha Smith, *NCDOT Division 4*

Other Members

- Mickey Anderson, *DERPO Director*

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Call to Order – Kyle DeHaven, Chair TCC

Kyle DeHaven called the meeting to order at 9:39am, quorum was met.

1. Public Comment Period

No members of the public were present for comment.

2. ACTION: Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes from the January 16th meeting is attached for review.

Action: Approve minutes from the January 16th TCC meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes by Harold Thomas, seconded by Angel Venecia, unanimously approved.

3. ACTION: Approval of Minutes

- a. Minutes from March 20th the meeting is attached for review.

Action: Approve minutes from the March 20th TCC meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes by Harold Thomas, seconded by Shawn Condon, unanimously approved.

4. ACTION: Approval of Finalized Planning Work Program (PWP)

- a. The Finalized Planning Work Program (PWP) is attached for review.

Action: Approve the Finalized Planning Work Program.

Motion to approve the minutes by Harold Thomas, seconded by Angel Venecia, unanimously approved.

5. ECRPO Staff Report – Jordan Kearney

- a. SPOT Update

Jordan Kearney discussed the need for the establishment of a SPOT Sub-Committee for the upcoming P8 Cycle. This committee will require one representative per county (Greene, Lenoir, Duplin, and Wayne), and a member from each NCDOT Division (2, 3, and 4).

Mickey Anderson stated that the committee will meet at least twice, and it could be held virtually. Jordan Kearney will send an email after the meeting to TCC and TAC representatives to ask for volunteers for these positions. After members have been set, Jordan Kearney mentioned that the committee will convene to establish meeting dates and times, and to establish and update our methodology and goals.

Jordan Kearney also mentioned that there have been talks of the next prioritization cycle, P9, possibly requiring express designs for each project submitted. He stated that no action has been taken by the group at this time, but if approved, the TCC and TAC boards would have to convene for P9 early to discuss the necessary actions.

- b. 2025 Meeting Calendar
 - i. July 17th, 2025
 - ii. September 18th, 2025
 - iii. November 20th, 2025

Jordan Kearney discussed the remainder of the 2025 Meeting calendar. No additional comments were made.

- c. Meeting Attendance

Jordan Kearney discussed the new attendance sheets for the meetings. He stated that attendance for the ECRPO TCC and TAC Meetings will begin to be recorded in the minutes.

6. NCDOT Reports

- a. Division 2 – *Len White*
- b. Division 3 – *Adrienne Cox*
Adrienne Cox introduced Eric Ritzel, the new Corridor Development Engineer for Division 3.
- c. Division 4 – *James Salmons*
- d. Transportation Planning Division – *Samjhana Khakurel*
- e. Public Transit

- i. Duplin County Update – *Angel Venecia*

Angel Venecia introduced Dawn Strickland, the new transportation director. Angel will continue to stay on the TCC, with Dawn Strickland as her alternate. Dawn Strickland gave an update, stating that they have received their new fleet of vans from FY22, FY23, and FY24, all at once, totaling 14 new vans. They noted that they have also moved their organization to a new building. Angel iterated that they have been improving their trips significantly, not being negatively impacted much since COVID-19, with overall ridership going up. They are set to exceed 44,000 trips this year. Angie asked Angel who used the public transit the most, with Angel saying that their biggest use includes medical services, with employment following that. Angel also said that they have a strong relationship with the local community college and their students, transporting 30 students a day.

- ii. Greene County Update – *Kim Howell*

Kim Howell stated that they have 3 new vans, with an expectation that in FY26 they will have a whole new fleet. They have also begun the grant writing process for FY27.

- iii. Lenoir County Update – *Angie Greene*

Angie Green says that more than half of their fleet has been replaced. They have also begun the grant writing process for FY27.

- iv. Wayne County Update – *Don Willis*

Don Willis said that GWTA provided free transportation for non-abled people to the recent airshow. He also noted that they have completed onboarding counts for their transit along with customer survey feedback and have received positive feedback from the public. He also noted that the Urban Busses have been replaced.

- f. Aviation

- i. Duplin County Update – *Joshua Raynor*

ii. Lenoir County Update – Gage King

Gage King has said that he has replaced Rick Barks. He noted that the GTP has a total of \$400 million of projects ongoing. Some of the projects include the recently completed fueling system, an upgrade to their runway lighting system, and a new aviation school in conjunction with the Lenoir Community College.

iii. Wayne County Update – Mike Bass

7. Other Business

Mickey Anderson noted that Jordan Kearney recently graduated from ECU and will be transferring to a full-time position within ECCOG. Mickey noted that as Jordan is full-time, Mickey will be transferring his focus to the Down East RPO, with Jordan taking over the Eastern Carolina RPO. Mickey said that he will continue to take charge of Greene County CTP until it finishes, however he will be taking a backseat for ECRPO matters but will still be here if needed.

Mickey Anderson also mentioned a Transportation Workshop that is open to all members of the TCC and TAC for both RPO's, along with any official member. He is unsure if the public is invited but will figure that out. Mickey said that the theme of the workshop is going to be "How a Road Gets Built" from the CTP Process to the opening of the road. Along with the road process, a speaker will also give a presentation on the financial impacts of the recovery efforts that have been made by Hurricane Helene. He notes that this workshop is expected to be held between June and September but will confirm the dates later.

8. Adjournment