

Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County
Pender County

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee
October 21, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present

Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Craig Caster, Boiling Spring Lakes
JV Dove, Southport

Fred McCoy, Pender County
Randy Thompson, Brunswick County
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Brunswick

Others Present

Trey Burke, Cape Fear RPO
Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPB

Alan Pytcher, NCDOT Division 3
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear RPO

1. **Introduction and quorum** – Having reached a quorum, Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Ethics awareness and conflict of interest statement** – Mr. Williams read the statement to the RTAC. No conflicts were raised and no members recused themselves from any votes.
3. **Changes or additions to the agenda** – Mr. Williams asked that a resolution endorsing Topsail Beach’s application for a NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant be added to the agenda. *Mr. McCoy made a motion to accept the amended agenda, Ms. Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
4. **Approval of the minutes** – *Mr. Caster made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. McCoy seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
5. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.
6. **Prioritization 4.0 Final Division Needs Point Assignments** – Mr. Serkin reviewed the proposed points for the Division Needs tier, which was created using the adopted local methodology. Mr. Serkin reviewed two airport projects (A130091 and A150697), and how it may be prudent to put points toward them in lieu of a project that is not a priority. This would be within the accepted methodology.

Mr. Serkin explained a few other deviations from the methodology. In doing so, he noted the concerns of Brunswick County RTCC representative Helen Bunch, who had concerns about not putting points on the NC 211 project to make another project more competitive, contrary to county priorities. Mr. Serkin suggested that the County and affected municipalities draft a resolution supporting the NC 211 project, showing local support despite assigning no local input points.

Mr. McCoy asked about the Hampstead Bypass, and whether or not it had been funded at the Regional Tier. Mr. Serkin replied that it had. Mr. Dove wanted to confirm that the NC 211 widening project from Southport to Midway Road was still happening. Mr. Serkin noted that it was fully funded by Prioritization 3.0, and was not subject to reprioritization in P4.0.

Mr. Pytcher asked about what the Wilmington MPO might do regarding the proposed ferry maintenance vessels. Mr. Serkin replied that it was still not yet decided, but noted that the decision came down to whether it might take funding away from other projects within the MPO. Mr. Serkin noted that by his analysis, the project would come out of the Jacksonville MPO, not the Wilmington MPO.

Mr. Williams expressed frustration that improvements along Maco Road were funded when NC 211 from Midway Road to US 17 was not even though it was a high priority for the County. He asked that the county's municipalities adopt resolutions to this effect.

Mr. Dove made a motion to approve the Division Needs Points Assignments as presented, Mr. Caster seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. **CTP Needs List** – Mr. Serkin explained that the CTP Needs List is due prior to the February RTAC meeting, and presented the list. He explained how the Surf City CTP would work and why it was deemed necessary. Mr. Williams asked if the Brunswick County CTP could potentially function as one CTP for the whole county – noting that the County currently had three different CTPs. *Mr. McCoy made a motion to approve the CTP Needs List, Mr. Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
8. **RTAC Reappointments** – Mr. Serkin reviewed the RTAC Roster and noted which seats need to be appointed at the first RTAC meeting of 2017. *No action was taken.*
9. **2017 RTAC Meeting Dates** – Mr. Williams reviewed the meeting dates, and asked if it were possible for the proposed May 12 meeting date be moved to May 19. *Mr. McCoy made a motion to adopt February 10, May 19, August 18, and November 17 as 2017 meeting dates, Ms. Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
10. **Topsail Beach Bicycle/Pedestrian Planning Grant Application Endorsement** – Mr. Serkin reviewed the status of Topsail Beach's Bike/Ped Planning Grant application, stating that it may not be approved by the Board, and that this would endorse their application should it be submitted to NCDOT. *Mr. McCoy made a motion to endorse the application, Ms. Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
11. **General Discussion**
12. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes prepared by James Burke on November 3, 2016 and approved by the RTAC on February 10, 2017.