

Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County
Pender County

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee
February 10, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present

Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Mike Forte, Brunswick County
Bruce Maxwell, St. James
Craig Caster, Boiling Spring Lakes
Edwin Russ, Columbus County
Giles Byrd, Columbus County
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Brunswick

Terry Mann, Whiteville
George Brown, Pender County
Fred McCoy, Pender County
Don Helms, Surf City
Wilfred Robbins, Burgaw
Robbie Collins, Board of Transportation

Others Present

JV Dove, Southport
Lee Hinnant, State Port Pilot
Frank Iler, NC House of Representatives

Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPB
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear RPO
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6

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. Mann made a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Ms. Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
4. **Approval of the minutes** – *Mr. Maxwell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. Byrd seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
5. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.
6. **Election of Officers** – Mr. Williams opened nominations for the position of Chair. *Mr. Caster nominated Frank Williams, Mr. Byrd seconded the nomination.* There being no further nominations, Mr. Williams closed nominations. Mr. Williams then opened nominations for the position of Vice Chair. *Mr. Byrd nominated Terry Mann. Ms. Williams-Rowland seconded the nomination.* There being no further nominations, Mr. Williams closed nominations and called for a vote. *Mr. Russ made a motion to elect the state of officers as nominated, Mr. Brown seconded the nomination. The motion carried.*

7. **State Ethics Filings** – Mr. Serkin reminded members that April 15th is the deadline for filing their Statement of Economic Interest and Real Estate Disclosure to the State Ethics Commission.
8. **Proposed Changes to Transportation Funding** – Mr. Iler made an informal presentation discussing the modifications to the STI legislation and other changes to transportation funding as proposed in a report to the Legislature from the House Select Committee on Strategic Transportation Planning and Long Range Funding Solutions, on which he serves. A discussion ensued. Mr. Helms asked about funding for maintenance activities. Mr. Iler suggested Mr. Helms contact his Division Engineer. *No action was taken.*
9. **Prioritization 4.0 Results/Draft 2018-2027 STIP** – Mr. Serkin presented a summary of the projects funded through the P4.0 process and their proposed schedules in the Draft STIP. *No action was taken.*
10. **Draft FY 17-18 Planning Work Program (PWP)** – Mr. Serkin presented the draft PWP for the upcoming fiscal year, as recommended by the RTCC. Mr. Serkin noted that a revised PWP may be necessary if additional RPO funding is made available, as was discussed in the next agenda item. *Mr. Maxwell made a motion to submit the draft PWP to NCDOT for approval, Mr. Helms seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
11. **RPO Funding Request** – Mr. Serkin informed the Committee that the NC Association of RPOs has submitted a request to NCDOT for a 15% increase in funding, which, if granted, would require an increase in local match. The Committee requested that Mr. Serkin send this information by email to the county managers and copy the county Committee members. *No formal action was taken.*
12. **P5.0 Pre-submittal Projects** – Mr. Serkin explained the pre-submittal process and presented the list of proposed projects to be submitted to NCDOT for pre-evaluation in Prioritization 5.0. *Mr. Helms made a motion to submit the following projects: US 74/Maco Rd interchange; US 701/Complex St intersection; Hallsboro Rd/Soles Rd intersection; NC 210/50 roundabout; Ridgewood Ave extension (as US 117 Bypass/NC 53 intersection); NC 211 widening from US 17 to Midway Rd; Antenna Farm Rd; US 701 widening from SC to NC 210; US 701 widening from R-5020A to Big Pond Branch; NC 210 widening from US 17 to B-4929; NC 410 widening from US 74 to US 701; Chadbourn Bypass; Ms. Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
13. **Reports/Updates** – Mr. Serkin gave an update on the P5.0, the Regional Bicycle Plan, and the Columbus Co CTP. Mr. Sturdivant gave the Division 6 update. Ms. Sarder gave the Transportation Planning Branch update.
14. **Adjournment** – *There being no further discussion, Mr. Caster made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.*

Minutes prepared by Allen Serkin on May 5, 2017 and approved by the RTAC on May 12th, 2017.