

Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County
Pender County

Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee
May 4, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present

Samantha Alsup, Columbus County
Joe Bailey, NCDOT Division 6
Gary Brown, St. James
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Trey Burke, Cape Fear COG
Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPB
Harry Foley, Lake Waccamaw
Gary Lanier, Columbus County
Josh Lopez, Wilmington MPO

Hiram Marziano, Whiteville
Charles Patton, Columbus County
Jessica Fiester, Pender County
Jeff Repp, Boiling Spring Lakes
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3
Rebekah Roth, Burgaw
Allen Serkin, CFRPO
Valerie Sutton, Pender Adult Services
Jake Vares, Oak Island

Others Present

John Allen, Southport
Al Leonard, Tabor City

Tiffany Snow, NCDOT TPB

1. **Introduction and quorum** – Having reached a quorum, Mr. Serkin called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Changes or additions to the agenda** – *Mr. Marziano made a motion to accept the agenda, Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
3. **Approval of the minutes** – *Ms. Bunch made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Marziano seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
4. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.
5. **Calendar Amendment** – Staff informed the RTCC that changes to NCDOT prioritization deadlines meant that the RTCC could delay its September 7th meeting to October 5th. *Mr. Riddle made a motion to approve the meeting date change, Mr. Bailey seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
6. **Regional Bike Plan** – Mr. Serkin made a presentation about the Cape Fear Regional Bike Plan on behalf of Alta Planning Group. Ms. Alsup reminded staff about the Take the Lake event around Lake Waccamaw in August. Mr. Foley noted Lake Waccamaw State Park's

100th anniversary celebration on May 14th. *No action was taken.*

7. **2015-2016 Planning Work Program Amendment** – Mr. Serkin explained that the deadline for Planning Work Plan amendments is May 31, 2016 and that Transportation Planning Branch had provisionally approved the PWP. *Ms. Bunch made a motion to recommend approval of the PWP amendment, Ms. Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
8. **P4.0 Preliminary Regional Impact Point Assignments** – Mr. Serkin explained where in the P4.0 process calendar the RPO currently was, how the Regional Impact tier works, and what was needed of the RTCC and RTAC at the current time. Mr. Serkin also explained that the RPO may want to put points towards a project on US-74/76 (H090287-AG), which extends well into the MPO, but was a high priority of the RPO. The project would bring the road to interstate standards from NC-87 to Mt. Misery Road. Mr. Lopez noted that the MPO did not currently have points allocated to the project. *No action taken.*
9. **Southport-Ft. Fisher Ferry Tolling Resolution** – Mr. Serkin explained the issues regarding increased ferry tolls throughout the Ferry System, how the legislature had backed off the proposals, and how the state was now reconsidering the issue. Mr. Riddle explained that NCDOT wanted to ensure that newly elected officials and their staffs were in favor of the idea. *Mr. Marziano made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution, Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
10. **General Discussion** – Mr. Serkin noted that the Jacksonville-area MPO and Down East RPO were considering a planning scope that includes the Topsail-area CTP when it updates its combined CTP.
11. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Minutes prepared by James Burke on June 25, 2016.