

# Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County  
Pender County

Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee  
October 5, 2016 Meeting Minutes

## Voting Members Present

Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports  
Trey Burke, Cape Fear COG  
Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPB  
Jessica Fiester, Pender County  
Harry Foley, Lake Waccamaw  
Gary Lanier, Columbus County

Suraiya Motsinger, Wilmington MPO  
Alan Pytcher, NCDOT Division 3  
Rebekah Roth, Burgaw  
Allen Serkin, CFRPO  
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6  
Jake Vares, Oak Island

## Others Present

Monterai Adams, Burgaw  
Joe Bailey, NCDOT Division 6  
Jerry Bradley, NCDOT Division 6  
Beth Doliboa, Wilmington MPO

Howie Franklin, Cape Fear Jetport  
Suzette Morales, NCDOT TPB  
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3  
Brian Slattery, Brunswick Beacon

1. **Introduction and quorum** – Having reached a quorum, Mr. Serkin called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Changes or additions to the agenda** – Mr. Serkin requested a new item “Membership” be added. *Ms. Roth made a motion to accept the agenda with the requested change, Mr. Foley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
3. **Approval of the minutes** – *Ms. Ayers made a motion to accept the minutes, Mr. Lanier seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
4. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.
5. **Membership** – Mr. Serkin explained that staff changes in Southport and Chadbourne necessitated new municipal representatives. *Mr. Vares made a motion to nominate Mr. Thomas Lloyd as a Brunswick municipal alternate, Mr. Lanier seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Foley recommended Ms. Pat Garrell as the Columbus municipal alternate, Mr. Lanier seconded the motion, the motion carried.*
6. **Prioritization 4.0 Final Division Needs Point Assignments** – Mr. Serkin reviewed the proposed points for the division needs tier, which was informed by 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. Ms. Bunch was concerned about these deviations, noting that NC-211 improvements were a high priority for the County, but that after those deviations from the methodology, this was obscured. Mr. Riddle explained that the division and RPO priorities reflected are largely a reaction to scores as released from the SPOT office, and are not necessarily reflective of the Division's personal or informal priorities.

Ms. Motsinger suggested that Mr. Riddle explain how the division methodology works, and how it includes local priorities. Mr. Riddle explained the methodology, but noted that the data for the NC-211 project meant that it was not competitive and to put points on it would be a waste, but again asserted that did not reflect their personal or informal opinions on the project.

In reference to a ferry support vessel project and the opportunity to share points with the Wilmington MPO, there was discussion that if the WMPO did not support the project, that the project would probably not receive funding. Ms. Ayers asked why the WMPO may not put donated points on the project, and Ms. Motsinger replied that it might result in higher priority projects in the region not being funded.

*Mr. Foley made a motion to recommend approval of the Division Needs Point Assignments, Mr. Vares seconded the motion. The motion carried with Ms. Bunch voting against.*

7. **RTCC 2017 Meeting Schedule** – Mr. Serkin reviewed the proposed dates for 2017 RTCC meetings, which are February 1, May 3, August 2 and November 1. All meetings are proposed for the Brunswick Community College Leland Annex. *Mr. Lanier made a motion to adopt the meeting schedule as presented, Ms. Fiester seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
8. **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. Foley made a motion to recommend adoption of the CTP Needs List as presented, Ms. Roth seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
9. **General Discussion**
10. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

*Minutes prepared by James Burke. Approved by the RTCC on February 1, 2017*