

Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County
Pender County

Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee February 1, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present

Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Gary Brown, St. James
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Joy Jacobs, Columbus Co. Transportation
Hiram Marziano, Whiteville
Suraiya Motsinger, Wilmington MPO
Pat O'Mahony, Pender County

Alan Pytcher, NCDOT Division 3
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPB
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear RPO
Gideon Smith, Cape Fear COG
Valeria Sutton, PAS-TRAN
Jake Vares, Oak Island

Others Present

Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPB
Behshad Norowzi, NCDOT TPB

Thomas Lloyd, Southport

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** – There were no changes or additions to the agenda.
3. **Election of Municipal Members for 2017-2019 Term** - Mr. Serkin explained that expiring RTCC seats and staff changes necessitated several new municipal representatives. *Mr. Brown made a motion to elect Jeff Repp for Brunswick Municipal 2 representative, Mr. Marziano seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Brown made a motion to remain Brunswick Municipal 2 alternate, Mr. Marizano seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Marziano made a motion to elect Harry Foley as the Columbus Municipal 2 representative and Ms. Pat Garrell as the Columbus municipal alternate, Mr. Serkin seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
4. **Approval of the minutes** – Mr. Serkin noted two corrections to the minutes: that Mr. Gary Brown was not in attendance and that Mr. Franklin represents SUT airport, not Lake Waccamaw, and is not a voting member. *Ms. Ayers made a motion to accept the minutes with the corrections noted, Mr. Marziano seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
5. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.

6. **P4.0 Results** – Mr. Serkin reviewed the list of projects funded through Prioritization 4.0. *No action was taken.*
7. **Draft FY 17/18 PWP** – Mr. Serkin reviewed the RPO’s FY 2017-2018 Planning Work Program and explained the budget. *Mr. Brown made a motion to recommend approval of the Draft PWP, Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
8. **RPO Funding Request** – Mr. Serkin explained that the NC Assoc. of RPOs is considering requesting a 15% funding increase from NCDOT for all RPOs. *No action required.*
9. **P5.0 Pre-submittal Projects** - Mr. Serkin explained the pre-submittal process. *Ms. Ayers made a motion to recommend submittal of the following projects for pre-submittal: H150507, H150512, H090287-AG, H090803-F, and H150508; Mr. Marziano seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
10. **Proposed Changes to Transportation Funding** – Mr. Serkin explained the draft report to the Legislature proposing modifications and additions to STI. *No action was taken.*
11. **Reports/Updates** – Mr. Serkin explained Prioritization 5.0. Alternate criteria and project modifications/deletions must be submitted by 6/6/2017, new projects must be entered by 9/15/2017, and local methodology must be approved by 4/1/2018.

Mr. Serkin spoke about the Cape Fear Regional Bike Plan and stated that the first complete draft plan is online. It was asked if there was strong participation in the survey. Mr. Serkin explained that rural areas had lower participation and encourages increased input.

The Columbus County CTP was discussed and approximately 3,000 paper surveys were returned. The summer traffic counts were discussed, in particular the extremely high counts on NC 410 between Chadbourn and Tabor City. The methodology for computing seasonal traffic counts was discussed and it was noted that NCDOT was surprised that many local governments had their own traffic count equipment.

Ms. Bunch noted that the Brunswick County Trail Plan and will be presented to the county’s municipalities.

Mr. Pytcher spoke about NCDOT Division 3 and the status of the I-140 Wilmington Bypass project, Hampstead Bypass project, and the Surf City Bridge.

Mr. Norowzi explained the restructuring of the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch.

There were no updates for the Wilmington Area MPO or the Grand Strand MPO.

12. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned. *Mr. Marziano made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion carried.*