

# Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County  
Pender County

Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee  
August 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

## Voting Members Present

Kyle Breuer, Pender County  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Karen Dunn, Burgaw  
Harry Foley, Lake Waccamaw  
Yvonne Hatcher, Brunswick Transit  
Joy Jacobs, Columbus Co. Transportation  
Robert Lewis, Whiteville  
Alan Pytcher, NCDOT Division 3

Todd Rademacher, Surf City  
Jeff Repp, Boiling Spring Lakes  
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPB  
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear RPO  
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6  
Valeria Sutton, PAS-TRAN  
Jake Vares, Oak Island

## Others Present

Monterai Adams, Burgaw  
Gary Brown, St. James  
Trey Burke, Chadbourn  
Mark Eatman, NCDOT TPB  
Phil Geary, NCDOT TPB

Liamcy Hogan, NCDOT TPB  
Thomas Lloyd, Southport  
Jason Schronce, NCDOT Prioritization  
Gideon Smith, Cape Fear COG

1. **Introduction and quorum** – Having reached a quorum, Mr. Serkin called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Changes or additions to the agenda** – There were no changes or additions to the agenda.
3. **Approval of the minutes** – There were no changes to the minutes. *Mr. Repp made a motion to accept the minutes, Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
4. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.
5. **Prioritization 5.0** – Mr. Pytcher and Mr. Sturdivant made a presentation on the Strategic Transportation Investment (STI) law, the Prioritization 5.0 process, and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
6. **Election of Vacant Municipal Seats** - Mr. Serkin explained that there is a vacant Columbus County municipal seat and vacant alternate municipal seats for Columbus and Pender counties. *Mr. Repp made a motion to have Mr. Lewis fill the vacancy for the Columbus*

*municipal regular seat, Mr. Burke fill the Columbus municipal alternate seat, and Mr. Rose fill the Pender municipal alternate seat. Mr. Foley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

7. **P5.0 Alternate Criteria** – Mr. Serkin explained the default criteria and scoring procedures and the proposed alternate criteria for Region C and Division 6. The RTCC discussed the relative benefits of the Freight and Accessibility/ Connectivity criteria at the Regional Impact and Division Needs tiers and decided the Accessibility/Connectivity criterion may help Cape Fear RPO projects more relative to Raleigh and Durham projects than the Freight criterion. Mr. Serkin recommended that the resolution be amended to eliminate the references to Pender and Brunswick Counties. *Mr. Foley made a motion to recommend rejecting the alternate criteria in favor of the default criteria in Region C and accepting the alternate criteria in Division 6, Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
8. **P5.0 Project Modifications and Deletions** – Mr. Serkin mentioned that the deadline for project modifications and deletion was extended to August 25. Mr. Serkin discussed the proposed modifications to the project limits of several US 74 projects and the additional two project submittals that would result from the elimination of H090287-AB and H090287-AC. *Mr. Repp made a motion to recommend approval of the proposed modifications and deletions, Mr. Foley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
9. **P5.0 New Project Submittals** – Mr. Serkin noted that the deadline for entering new projects for funding consideration in P5.0 is September 29, 2017. The Cape Fear RPO receives 19 project submittals per mode, plus two additional highway submittals due to the deletions recommended previously. Mr. Serkin presented the 6 proposed aviation projects and the 5 proposed bike/ped projects. Mr. Mr. Foley requested to add a 2.3-mile multi-use path from the bridge to the State Park parking lot in Lake Waccamaw. Mr. Lloyd requested to add the construction of sidewalks on N. Howe Street from 9<sup>th</sup> Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Mr. Serkin presented the 2 proposed ferry projects and the 21 Highway projects. Mr. Serkin explained that two much needed Pender County projects were submitted as part of another project but needed to be separated. The RTCC agreed that H150508 be removed in favor of the NC 210/Watts Landing Road roundabout and that the US 17 Bus at NC 906 realignment and US 17 Bus at NC 906 upgrade to roundabout projects be combined as a single realignment with a roundabout, making room for the NC 210/NC 50/Belt Rd roundabout. Mr. Serkin presented the 4 proposed rail projects and recommended adding a project to extend the CSX rail line from Malmo to the International Logistics Park at the Brunswick/Columbus line. Ms. Sutton asked to split T130079 be modified to include 2 expansion vehicles. *Mr. Breuer made a motion to recommend approval of the new project submittals as amended, Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
10. **Ferry Toll Rate Increase** – Mr. Serkin stated that the RTAC has supported the toll rate increase at the Southport-Ft. Fisher ferry twice in the recent past. Mr. Serkin discussed Resolution 17-05, which was requested by NCDOT to accompany an upcoming request to the Board of Transportation. Mr. Serkin explained how increasing the ferry toll rate would expedite the ability to purchase a needed expansion or replacement vessel in coming years. *Mr. Foley made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution, Mr. Breuer seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

11. **Reports/Updates** – Mr. Serkin gave an update on Prioritization 5.0, the Cape Fear Regional Bicycle Plan, the Columbus County CTP, and the upcoming Brunswick County CTP. Mr. Pytcher gave the Division 3 update and Mr. Sturdivant gave the Division 6 update. Ms. Sarder gave the NCDOT TPB update. There were no updates from the WMPO or Grand Strand MPO.

12. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. *Mr. Repp made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Minutes prepared by Gideon Smith on August 8, 2017 and approved by the RTCC on November 1, 2017.*