

Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County
Pender County

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee
July 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present

Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Giles Byrd, Columbus County
Craig Caster, Boiling Spring Lakes
Don Helms, Topsail Beach

Bruce Maxwell, St. James
Fred McCoy, Pender County
Edwin Russ, Columbus County
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Brunswick

Others Present

Sterling Baker, NCDOT Ferry
Joe Bailey, NCDOT Division 6
Trey Burke, Cape Fear RPO
JV Dove, Southport (Alternate)
Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPB

Suzette Morales, NCDOT TPB
Brian Slattery, Brunswick Beacon
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear RPO

1. **Introduction and quorum** – Having reached a quorum, late due to traffic, Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Ethics awareness and conflict of interest reminder** – Mr. Serkin read the ethics reminder to the RTAC. No conflicts were raised and no members recused themselves from any votes.
3. **Changes or additions to the agenda** – *Mr. McCoy made a motion to accept the agenda, Mr. Helms seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
4. **Approval of the minutes** – *Mr. Helms made a motion to accept the minutes, Ms. Caster seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
5. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.
6. **Prioritization 4.0 Final Regional Impact Point Assignments** – Mr. Serkin informed the RTAC that the Regional Impact Points are due on July 29, 2016, and the proposed points were formulated using the adopted local input methodology.

Mr. Williams made a point of listing the breakdown of where points were assigned, as four were in Brunswick County, eight were in Columbus County, and three were in Pender. Mr. Williams also noted that some of the projects not funded at the Regional tier may do well at the Division tier. Mr. Serkin explained that the breakdown of proposed points was a result of there being many more MPOs in Division 3 (GSATS, Wilmington MPO and JUMPO), which made it difficult for Brunswick and Pender County to compete for Division 3 points,

while Columbus County only had to compete with the Fayetteville MPO for Division 6 points. Mr. Riddle noted that when the interchange project on NC 211 at US 17 was funded at the Statewide tier and that the Hampstead and Kinston bypasses are expensive projects being funded at the Regional tier, which improves outcomes in the RPO, but are not in the RPO.

Mr. Maxwell asked when the State approves the final list of projects for the Regional tier, Mr. Serkin responded that happened in September.

Mr. McCoy made a motion to recommend approval of the Regional Impact Points, Mr. Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. **Prioritization 4.0 Ferry Projects** – Mr. Baker presented on various ferry projects and answered various questions. The discussion was informal and mostly for the information of the decision makers. The topics were the new pedestrian ferry on Hatteras, expansion of maintenance facility at Manns Harbour, and the new ferry maintenance support vessel that might receive points. *No action was taken.*
8. **P4.0 Preliminary Division Needs County Priorities** – Mr. Serkin explained that the deadline for Division tier projects is October 31, 2016 and requested that the counties submit their Division tier priorities by August 30, 2016. *No action was taken.*
9. **General Discussion**
10. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

*Minutes prepared by James Burke on October 9, 2016.
Minutes approved by RTAC on October 21, 2016.*