

## Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County  
Pender County

**Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee**  
**March 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes**  
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### **Voting Members Present**

Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports  
Joe Bailey, NCDOT Division 6  
Kyle Breuer, Pender County  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Trey Burke, Cape Fear COG  
Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPB  
Harry Foley, Lake Waccamaw  
Yvonne Hatcher, Brunswick Transit  
Gary Lanier, Columbus County

Hiram Marziano, Whiteville  
Suraiya Motsinger, Wilmington MPO  
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  
Jerry Bradley, NCDOT Division 6  
Al Leonard, Tabor City

Josh Lopez, Wilmington MPO  
Scott Walston, NCDOT TPB

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** – *Ms. Ayers made a motion to accept the agenda, Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
3. **Approval of the minutes** – *Mr. Marziano 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. **Appoint vacant municipal RTCC seats** – Staff informed the RTCC that the Brunswick 1 Municipal regular and alternate members needed to be appointed. Jake Vares of Oak Island was nominated to serve as regular, and John Allen of Southport was nominated as alternate member. *Mr. Repp made a motion to approve the appointments, Mr. Riddle seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
6. **Prioritization 4.0 Local Input Methodology** – Mr. Serkin informed the RTCC that the local input methodology is due on April 1, 2016, and the Local Input Methodology Subcommittee had met and submitted a draft for approval. Mr. Foley asked if projects submitted by Board of Transportation members were being considered in Prioritization 4.0. Mr. Riddle replied

*Mr. Marziano made a motion to recommend approval of the motion. The motion carried.*

7. **RTAC Bylaws** – Mr. Serkin explained proposed changes to the RTAC Bylaws, which were requested by RTAC Chair Williams. Mr. Lanier asked whether the appointments to the RTAC were by name or by title, Mr. Serkin replied that they were by name. *Ms. Bunch made a motion to recommend approval of the submitted bylaw amendments, Mr. Marziano seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
8. **RTCC Bylaws** – Mr. Serkin explained proposed changes to the RTCC Bylaws, which were to reflect necessary and desired changes. *Mr. Repp made a motion to approve the submitted bylaw amendments, Mr. Marziano seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
9. **2016-2017 Planning Work Program and 5-Year Planning Calendar** – The deadline to approve the PWP for the upcoming fiscal year and the 5-year planning calendar is May 31, 2016. NCDOT TPB has approved the documents. *Mr. Lanier made a motion to recommend approval of the PWP and 5-year Calendar, Mr. Repp seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
10. **P4.0 Preliminary Regional Impact Point Assignments** – The deadline for assigning local input points for Regional Impact-tier projects is May 31<sup>st</sup>. The attached preliminary county point assignment worksheets provide a list of projects, descriptions, total available points (prior to any point-sharing agreements) and staff-assigned project development points. Final county point assignments should be returned to staff by April 1<sup>st</sup> to allow compiling the results and publishing for a 30-day public comment period. Quantitative points assigned by NCDOT will be provided when released (scheduled for early March). Ms. Roth asked if the rail line proposed along US 421 would limit access to Pender and northern New Hanover counties. Discussion followed. *No action was taken*
11. **NC Ports TIGER Grant Application** – The NC State Ports Authority is submitting a TIGER grant application to improve the container facility at the Port of Wilmington and has requested a resolution of support. Ms. Ayers gave an overview of the project and the grant. Ms. Motsinger asked if the scope would impact the proposed rail realignment in the MPO. Ms. Ayers explained that some changes would be necessary in order to allow Panamex vessels into the Port of Wilmington. *Mr. Repp made a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution of Support, Mr. Marziano seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

## 12. General Discussion

13. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

*Minutes prepared by James Burke on April 22, 2016.*