

# Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County  
Pender County

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee  
July 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes

## Voting Members Present

Teresa Batts, Surf City  
Craig Caster, Boiling Spring Lakes  
JV Dove, Southport  
Don Helms, Surf City

Mike Forte, Brunswick County  
Frank Williams, Brunswick County  
Jackie Williams-Rowland, Brunswick  
Landon Zimmer, NCBOT

## Others Present

Justin Brantley, Cape Fear COG  
Karen Collette, NCDOT Division 3  
David DeLong, Town of St. James  
Chad Kimes, NCDOT Division 3  
Caitlyn Marks, NCDOT Division 3

Glenn Marshall, Sandy Creek  
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD  
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear COG  
Brian Slattery, Brunswick Beacon  
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6

1. **Introduction and quorum** – Having reached a quorum, Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** – Mr. Dove led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Ethics awareness and conflict of interest statement** – Mr. Williams read the statement to the RTAC. No conflicts of interest were raised and no members recused themselves from any votes.
4. **Additions or corrections to the agenda** – Mr. Serkin recommended that a resolution of support be added to the agenda at the request of Brunswick County for a greenway project grant application. *Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition, Ms. Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
5. **Approval of Minutes** – *Mr. Forte made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Mr. Caster seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
6. **Public Comment** – There was no public comment.
7. **US 74 Corridor Master Plan Presentation**– Mr. Serkin explained that NCDOT has put the project on hold to reevaluate the scope of the project to ensure a valuable product. The length of the delay is unclear but NCDOT will communicate the timeframe when it is determined. Mr. Williams suggested writing a letter to NCDOT to communicate the group's appreciation

that NCDOT is reevaluating the project to improve the final product but to request minimizing the delay. The Board was in unanimous agreement.

8. **Public Hearing: Prioritization 5.0 Final Regional Tier Point Assignments** – Mr. Serkin announced that the Final Regional Impact tier local input point assignments are due by July 27. Mr. Williams and Mr. Serkin summarized the prioritization process for the group. Mr. Serkin mentioned that NCDOT mischaracterized a rail project as being entirely located in the Fayetteville MPO but that 7% of the project is located in the Cape Fear RPO. The Fayetteville RPO offered to share 7 points with the CFRPO for the project. Mr. Serkin added that the GSATS MPO offered 65 points for the Carolina Bays Parkway project. Mr. Serkin recommended that the Cape Fear RPO accept points that are offered by FAMPO and GSATS. Mr. Zimmer requested that Mr. Serkin explained the overall point allocations for RPOs and MPOs. Ms. Marks went over Division 3's proposed point assignments at the regional tier. Mr. Serkin requested 6 points from Division 3 for the Delco Bypass which will be considered. Mr. Forte asked inquired the roundabout at Midway Road and Gilbert Rd. Mr. Forte identified a recent fatality at a curve near Antioch Church. Ms. Collette stated that all fatalities are investigated by NCDOT. Mr. Williams requested information regarding the investigation. Mr. Helms acknowledged a previously dangerous intersection that was improved by the installation of blinking lights that indicate the changing signal. Mr. Helms complimented NCDOT on this remedy. Mr. Williams opened the public hearing. There was no public comment at this time. *Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the Regional Tier point assignments as proposed and to accept 7 points from the Fayetteville MPO for R171628, Mr. Dove seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
9. **NC Ports BUILD Resolution** – Mr. Serkin identified a minor language change to the resolution of support. Mr. Williams read the revised language. The resolution indicates the Cape Fear RPO supports the BUILD application. *Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the resolution, Ms. Williams-Rowland seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
10. **East Coast Greenway BUILD Resolution** – Mr. Serkin explained that the East Coast Greenway Alliance is seeking support from RPOs to prepare a BUILD grant application to fund rural ECG corridor studies. *Mr. Helms made a motion to approve the resolution of support, Mr. Dove seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
11. **Brunswick County Greenway BUILD Resolution** – Mr. Serkin explained that there is a resolution to support the grant application to study the construction of a greenway from NC 906 near NC 211 in Oak Island to NC 87 in Boiling Spring Lakes. The Pine Forest developer is providing a local match by constructing the portion within his project. Mr. Forte indicated environmental concerns with the Nature Conservancy. These concerns were reflected by other members. Marshall added that tree removal is a concern in the area as well. *Mr. Forte made a motion to support the grant application, Mr. Zimmer seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
12. **Reports/Updates** – Mr. Serkin provided an update for the Prioritization 5.0, Columbus County CTP, and Brunswick County CTP. Mr. Serkin also noted the recent NCBOT approval of the toll rate increase for the Southport-FT. Fisher Ferry, the Build NC act and the

CSX Intermodal Facility. Mr. Zimmer asked Mr. Serkin to clarify the CSX facility change. Mr. Serkin said that the facility is changing to a standard intermodal terminal. Mr. Kimes provided a Division 3 update and highlighted a large project to mitigate flooding on NC 133 as well as the Surf City bridge project. Mr. Sturdivant provided an update for Division 6 and highlighted that the US 74 Hallsboro Rd project is underway. Mr. Sturdivant indicated that Division 6 will assign 91 points to the Delco Bypass project. Ms. Sarder gave the Transportation Planning Division update as well as timeline for the Columbus County CTP and the Brunswick County CTP. Ms. Sarder also indicated that there has been a request for a CTP for Pender County. Mr. Zimmer did not provide a NCBOT update.

13. **Open Discussion:** There was no further discussion at this time.

14. **Adjournment** – *There being no further discussion, Mr. Caster made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Helms seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.*

*Minutes prepared by Justin Brantley on July 13, 2018 and approved by the RTAC on October 19, 2018.*