

# Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County  
Pender County

## Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee June 27th, 2018 Meeting Minutes

### Voting Members Present

Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Karen Dunn, Burgaw  
Yvonne Hatcher, Brunswick Transit  
Travis Henley, Pender County  
Joy Jacobs, Columbus Co. Transportation  
Robert Lewis, Whiteville

Thomas Lloyd, Southport  
Jeff Repp, Boiling Spring Lakes  
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3  
Mike Rose, Topsail Beach  
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD  
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear RPO  
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6

### Others Present

Justin Brantley, Cape Fear COG  
Natasha Earle-Young, NCDOT TPD  
Johanna Ferebee, Port City Daily  
Ben Hughes, NCDOT Division 3  
Paula Kempton, Sandy Creek

Glenn Marshall, Sandy Creek  
Christopher Palsgrove, NCDOT TPD  
Dan Thomas, Atkins  
Richard Virgo, NCDOT TPD

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** – No changes were made to the agenda.
3. **Approval of the minutes** – There were no changes to the minutes. *Mr. Repp made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Ayers seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
4. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.
5. **Presentation on US 74 Corridor Masterplan** – Ms. Earle Young and Mr. Thomas made a presentation about the US 74 Corridor Master Plan. US 74 was identified as being important for connecting western North Carolina to the NC Port. It was mentioned that the NCDOT will be relying on the MPOs and RPOs for public involvement in this process. Some of the Plan's deliverables were identified such as a corridor map, corridor profile, problem statement for sub-corridors as well as corridor access management. The recommendations should be available by Spring/Summer 2019. Mr. Rose asked if Hurricane Evacuation was taken into consideration for this process. Mr. Thomas noted that it had been identified as a concern.
6. **Prioritization 5.0 Final Regional Tier Point Assignment** – Mr. Serkin summarized the few changes from the previously approved preliminary Prioritization 5.0 Regional Tier point assignments. Mr. Serkin highlighted that 11 points is proposed be redistributed from the

modernization project of NC 53 in Burgaw to the upgrade of future I-74 to interstate standards from Mt. Misery to Maco Rd to match the points assigned by the WMPO. It was also indicated that GSATS will possibly donate 65 points to the construction of I-74 from the South Carolina state line to US 17 at NC 130, and that the WMPO may donate 74 points toward the Wallace-Castle Hayne rail restoration project. Mr. Serkin noted that the CFRPO methodology indicates that the RPO will endeavor to accept shared points. *Mr. Repp made a motion to approve the Prioritization 5.0 Final Regional Tier Point Assignment, including the acceptance of shared points. Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

7. **NC Ports BUILD Resolution** – Ms. Ayers briefly explained the NC Ports BUILD Resolution. This resolution supports the modernization of the container gate complex at the Port of Wilmington. *Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the resolution of support. Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
8. **East Coast Greenway BUILD Resolution** – Mr. Serkin explained the East Coast Greenway BUILD Resolution. The East Coast Greenway Alliance is partnering with the Cape Fear RPO and other NC RPOs to prepare a BUILD grant application to fund rural ECG corridor studies. This study would extend from the Virginia state line to NC 211 near the GSATS boundary. *Mr. Riddle made a motion to accept the resolution of support. Ms. Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
9. **Reports/Updates** – Mr. Serkin gave an update on Prioritization 5.0. Mr. Serkin stated he would send out the revised point spreadsheet and post online. Mr. Serkin discussed the status of the Columbus and Brunswick county CTPs. Mr. Serkin discussed the upcoming NCBOT meeting in Wilmington which will discuss toll rate changes for the Southport-Fort Fisher ferry route which is scheduled to take place on 6/28. Division 3 representatives Mr. Riddle and Mr. Hughes provided contact information for inquiries. Mr. Sturdivant presented the Division 6 update. Ms. Sarder presented the Transportation Planning Division update. It was indicated that the Columbus County CTP will wrap up in spring of 2019 and the Brunswick CTP will begin. There were no updates from the WMPO or Grand Strand MPO.
10. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 AM.

*Minutes prepared by Justin Brantley on June 27, 2018, and approved by the RTCC on September 5, 2018.*