

# Cape Fear RPO

Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County  
Pender County

## Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee May 1st, 2019 Meeting Minutes

### Voting Members Present

Samantha Alsup, Columbus County  
Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Mike Dickson, Surf City  
Gordon Hargrove, Lake Waccamaw  
Travis Henley, Pender County  
Robert Lewis, Whiteville  
Caitlin Marks, NCDOT Division 3

Katie Moore, WMPO  
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD  
Allen Serkin, Cape Fear RPO  
Chad Staradumsky, Burgaw  
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6  
Jake Vares, Oak Island

### Others Present

Billy Christ, Congressman Rouzer  
Fred Fontana, AARP

Pat Garrell, Chadbourn  
Sam Shore, Cape Fear COG

1. **Introduction and quorum** – Having reached a quorum, Mr. Serkin called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The attendees introduced themselves.
2. **Changes or additions to the agenda** – Mr. Serkin requested an additional item regarding an amendment to the FY 2019-2020 PW be added between the agenda items for recommending approval of the FY 2019-2020 PWP and Reports/Updates. *Mr. Henley made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Bunch seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
3. **Municipal appointments** –Mr. Dixon nominated Mr. Staradumsky to the vacant Pender Municipal 2 seat. With no other nominations, Mr. Staradumsky was elected to the Pender Municipal 2 seat.
4. **Approval of the minutes** – There were no changes to the minutes. *Mr. Vares made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Staradumsky seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
5. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.
6. **Presentation: NC Statewide Plan** – Ms. Sarder provided a presentation discussing NC Moves 2050, the upcoming update to NCDOT's long-range transportation plan, and the process by which NCDOT is gathering input.
7. **Prioritization Prioritization 6.0** – Ms. Marks provided a presentation explaining the Prioritization 6.0 process. In the course of discussing prioritization, Mr. Sturdivant offered information that as the Durham Light Rail project is no longer moving forward, Durham is being allowed to reallocate those funds to other projects. *Ms. Alsup made a motion directing*

*Mr. Serkin to draft a resolution to be brought to the RTAC expressing concern regarding the funds for the Durham Light Rail Project and that the prioritization process should be followed in determining how funds from cancelled projects are spent. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

8. **FY 2018-2019 PWP Amendment** – Mr. Serkin presented a PWP amendment for the current fiscal year based on expenditures to date. *Ms. Bunch made a motion to recommend approval of the PWP amendment. Mr. Henley seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
9. **FY 2019-2020 PWP** – Mr. Serkin presented the PWP for the next fiscal year. *Ms. Bunch made a motion to recommend approval of the PWP. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
10. **FY 2019-2020 PWP Amendment** – Mr. Serkin explained that the RPO applied for funds from the Transportation Planning Division for an East Coast Greenway/NC 211 corridor study. If the RPO gets these funds and is responsible for administering them, they must be accounted for in the PWP. Therefore, Mr. Serkin requested that an alternative PWP be recommended with an additional \$100,000 under the Special Studies line item for the RTAC to adopt if it becomes appropriate. *Mr. Staradumsky made a motion to recommend approval of the PWP amendment. Mr. Vares seconded the motion. The motion carried.*
11. **Reports/Updates** – Mr. Serkin provided an update on Prioritization 6.0, highlighting the carryover projects and noting that in this prioritization round points may be moved from the Region to Division tier. Mr. Serkin also relayed that NCDOT is working on updating PADT numbers for significant segments across the state through 2022. Mr. Serkin stated that NCDOT is continuing to work on the Columbus County CTP. Mr. Serkin stated that the US 74 Corridor Master Plan was sent back to the drawing board due to the scope being too broad but is coming back around. Mr. Serkin stated the newly completed Topsail Island Bridge did not win an NCDOT Mobi Award. Ms. Marks provided an update for Division 3. Mr. Sturdivant provided an update for Division 6. Ms. Sarder gave an update for the Transportation Planning Division, noting that her unit has been experiencing high turnover and that the Brunswick County CTP is still the next priority. There was consensus among Pender County representatives that this was fine and that their biggest concern regarding their own CTP is ensuring that it covers the whole county. Ms. Moore gave an update for the WMPO. There were no updates from the Grand Strand MPO.
12. **Adjournment** – There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:36 AM.

*Minutes prepared by Sam Shore on May 3rd, 2019, and approved by the RTCC on July 3, 2019.*