

The Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization serves as the intergovernmental organization for local elected officials, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, and residents of Brunswick, Columbus and Pender Counties to work cooperatively to address transportation issues.

Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC) Meeting Minutes

September 2, 2020 • 10:00 AM

Held via WebEx

Cape Fear Council of Governments • Large Conference Room • Wilmington, NC

Voting Members Present

Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Jeff Repp, Boiling Spring Lakes
Thomas Lloyd, Southport
Samantha Alsup, Columbus County
Robert Lewis, Whiteville
Sean Martin, Whiteville
Sam Shore, Pender County (joined at 10:14)
Mike Rose, Topsail Beach
Amy Kimes, Surf City

Caitlin Marks, NCDOT Division 3
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD
Rachel McIntyre, WMPO
Dan Newquist, GSATS
Yvonne Hatcher, Brunswick Transit Service
Joy Jacobs, Columbus County Transit
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Patrick Flanagan, Cape Fear RPO

Others Present

Andrea Correll, Burgaw
James Gantt, Burgaw
Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6

Fred Fontana, AARP
Brayton Willis, NAACP

I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was held via video conference on WebEx. Having reached a quorum, Patrick Flanagan called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM
- 2. Roll Call** – A roll call was taken of attendees.
- 3. Additions or corrections to the agenda** – No changes were made to the agenda.
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – *Helen Bunch made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mike Rose seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Thomas Lloyd, Yes
Samantha Alsup, Yes
Robert Lewis, Yes*

*Sean Martin, Yes
Mike Rose, Yes
Amy Kimes, Yes
Caitlin Marks, Yes*

Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Rachel McIntyre, Yes
Dan Newquist, Yes

Yvonne Hatcher, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes

The motion passed.

5. **Public Comment** – There was no comment from the public.

II. PRESENTATIONS

6. **Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Multi-Use Greenway/Blueway Trail** – Brayton Willis with the Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP gave a presentation on the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Multi-Use Greenway/Blueway Trail. The presentation covered historical context, existing features, current efforts, and future plans. They are requesting support from the RPO in their planning efforts for the trail.
7. **Title VI Training Update** – Patrick Flanagan gave a Title VI training to the Cape Fear RPO RTCC. The training covers responsibilities of the RPO to ensure Title VI compliance with everything we do. Members were asked to fill out and return their Demographic Request Form.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

8. **Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Multi-Use Greenway/Blueway Trail Resolution** – RPO staff presented the resolution and discussed its purpose with the group. NC Ports requested to include language in the resolution about addressing safety concerns with bicycle and pedestrian traffic interacting with freight traffic along portions of the planned trail. *Jeff Repp made a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution with the inclusion of additional language stressing the importance of safely separating the various modes of travel to the RTAC. Robert Lewis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

Helen Bunch, Yes
Jeff Repp, Yes
Thomas Lloyd, Yes
Samantha Alsup, Yes
Robert Lewis, Yes
Sean Martin, Yes
Sam Shore, Yes
Mike Rose, Yes
Amy Kimes, Yes

Caitlin Marks, Yes
Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Rachel McIntyre, Yes
Dan Newquist, Yes
Yvonne Hatcher, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes

The motion passed.

9. **US 74 Strategic Transportation Corridor, Corridor U Vision Resolution** – RPO staff presented the resolution and discussed its purpose with the group. Staff made clear this STC

vision aligns with the RPOs vision for the corridor. *Robert Lewis made a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution to the RTAC. Helen Bunch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Jeff Repp, Yes
Thomas Lloyd, Yes
Samantha Alsup, Yes
Robert Lewis, Yes
Sean Martin, Yes
Sam Shore, Yes
Mike Rose, Yes
Amy Kimes, Yes*

*Caitlin Marks, Yes
Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Rachel McIntyre, Yes
Dan Newquist, Yes
Yvonne Hatcher, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes*

The motion passed.

10. FY 2020-2021 PWP Amendment – RPO staff went through the recommended change to the line item budgets and gave an explanation for it. *Sam Shore made a motion to recommend approval of the Amendment to the RTAC. Thomas Lloyd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Jeff Repp, Yes
Thomas Lloyd, Yes
Samantha Alsup, Yes
Robert Lewis, Yes
Sean Martin, Yes
Sam Shore, Yes
Mike Rose, Yes
Amy Kimes, Yes*

*Caitlin Marks, Yes
Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Rachel McIntyre, Yes
Dan Newquist, Yes
Yvonne Hatcher, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes*

The motion passed.

IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

- Cape Fear RPO
 - 2020 Meeting Schedule: staff reviewed the adopted schedule.
 - Columbus Co. CTP: progress on hold until public meetings can be held.
 - Brunswick Co. CTP: should be kicked off in October
 - Pender Co. CTP: we are waiting on TPD staffing to begin this plan.
 - NCDOT Mobi Awards: Surf City Bridge won the 2020 Most-Voted Mobi Award.
 - Cape Fear Region State Trails Plan: new survey is up for the public to give input.
 - Ferry Update: Support Vessels funded through prioritization are being delivered to the Ferry Division.
 - STIP amendments and revisions: staff went over the major revisions and budget shortfalls in the current STIP.

- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington): Stephanie Ayers gave an update.
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender): Caitlin Marks went over project updates and schedules. She clarified remarks made during the STIP amendment and revision update.
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus): Darius Sturdivant went over project updates and schedules. RPO staff talked about a push by NCDOT to install more four-way stop intersections.
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD): Nazia Sarder expanded on the Brunswick County and Columbus County CTP update. She also highlighted the current status of the NC Moves 2050 Plan.
- Wilmington Area MPO (WMPO): Rachel McIntyre gave an update on the adoption of the new MTP.
- Grand Strand MPO (GSATS): Dan Newquist gave an update on the TMA certification review coming up.

IV. OTHER

11. Open discussion - No other items were discussed

12. Adjourn – *There being no further discussion, Robert Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Stephanie Ayers. A roll call vote was taken*

Helen Bunch, Yes

Jeff Repp, Yes

Thomas Lloyd, Yes

Samantha Alsup, Yes

Robert Lewis, Yes

Sean Martin, Yes

Sam Shore, Yes

Mike Rose, Yes

Amy Kimes, Yes

Caitlin Marks, Yes

Darius Sturdivant, Yes

Nazia Sarder, Yes

Rachel McIntyre, Yes

Dan Newquist, Yes

Yvonne Hatcher, Yes

Joy Jacobs, Yes

Stephanie Ayers, Yes

Patrick Flanagan, Yes

The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Minutes prepared by Patrick Flanagan on October 28th, 2020