

The Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization exists to serve 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

February 2, 2022 • 10:00 AM

Held virtually via Zoom

#### Voting Members Present

Helen Bunch, Brunswick County  
Thomas Lloyd, Southport  
Nicole Morgan, Boiling Spring Lakes  
Dylan Bowen, Columbus County  
Jerome Chestnut, Chadbourn  
Vanessa Lacer, Pender County  
Andrea Correll, Burgaw  
Caitlin Marks, NCDOT Division 3

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

#### Others Present

Mark Bloomer, Oak Island  
Gage King, Wallace  
Lora Sharkey, Southport  
Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6  
Tony Sumter, NCDOT IMD

Fred Fontana, AARP  
Chance Lambeth, Congressman  
Rouzer's Office  
Alrik Lunsford, NC Clean Energy Technology Center

## I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was held via video conference on Zoom. 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** – There were no changes to the agenda.
- 4. Approval of minutes** – The minutes were presented.  
*Jerome Chestnut made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Stephanie Ayers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Thomas Lloyd, Yes  
Nicole Morgan, Yes  
Dylan Bowen, Yes  
Jerome Chestnut, Yes*

*Vanessa Lacer, Yes  
Andrea Correll, 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 were no comments from the public.

## II. PRESENTATIONS

6. **Brunswick County CTP** – Patrick Flanagan gave an update on the Brunswick County CTP. He talked about the upcoming public involvement phase and asked the RTCC to review the materials and return any comments by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The documents can be found at [https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/CTP-Details.aspx?study\\_id=Brunswick%20County](https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/planning/Pages/CTP-Details.aspx?study_id=Brunswick%20County).
7. **Eastern North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition** – Alrik Lunsford from the North Carolina Clean Energy Technology Center gave a presentation on the Clean Fuels Coalitions in North Carolina. He reported on an effort by the Clean Energy Technology Center to form additional coalitions in other parts of the state. He talked about the purpose of the coalition and the benefits it has for its members.

## III. REGULAR BUSINESS

8. **NC Ports Grant Resolution** – Patrick Flanagan presented a requested from the NC Ports for a resolution of support for their various grant applications to the USDOT for a new Port of Wilmington intermodal facility. The resolution presented covers any USDOT grants they might apply for in the coming grant windows. Stephanie Ayers went over the three grant funding streams they plan on going after.  
*Jerome Chestnut made a motion to recommend approval of this resolution to the RTAC.  
Helen Bunch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes  
Thomas Lloyd, Yes  
Nicole Morgan, Yes  
Dylan Bowen, Yes  
Jerome Chestnut, Yes  
Vanessa Lacer, Yes  
Andrea Correll, Yes  
Amy Kimes, Yes*

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

*The motion passed.*

- 9. Eastern North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition Letter of Support** – Patrick Flanagan reviewed the letter of support for the Cape Fear RPO to join the Eastern and Central North Carolina Clean Fuels Coalition as a stakeholder. He also talked about the “sign on” stakeholder level of the coalition. Alrik answered questions about charging stations, what areas of the state are involved, and educational opportunities for Local Governments.

*Stephanie Ayers made a motion to recommend approval of the Letter of Support and to become a “Sign On” stakeholder to the RTAC. Jerome Chestnut seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes  
Thomas Lloyd, Yes  
Nicole Morgan, Yes  
Dylan Bowen, Yes  
Jerome Chestnut, Yes  
Vanessa Lacer, Yes  
Andrea Correll, Yes  
Amy Kimes, Yes*

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

*The motion passed.*

## **10. Reports/Updates**

- Cape Fear RPO
  - NC 210 ECG Feasibility Study: Staff gave an update on the contract proceedings.
  - Ferry Update: There was no ferry update.
  - STIP amendments and revisions: Staff reviewed changes to interstate maintenance in the STIP.
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington): Stephanie Ayers gave an update on rail improvements at the Morehead City Port, refrigeration container storage at the Wilmington Port and the south gate project in Wilmington.
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender): Caitlin Marks gave an update on the NC 211 project.
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus): Darius Sturdivant gave an update on the US 701 Bypass project, the US 74 interchange at Old Boardman and the STIP projects that are subject to change.
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD): Nazia Sarder gave an update on the Columbus County CTP and the Brunswick County model.
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD): Tony Sumter, the new Coastal Plains Region Planner, gave an update on a number of items going on at IMD:  
Bike Helmet Applications - <https://www.ncdot.gov/initiatives-policies/safety/bicycle-helmets/Pages/default.aspx>  
MOBI Awards - <https://connect.ncdot.gov/events/Pages/mobi-awards.aspx>  
Complete Streets Resources - <https://connect.ncdot.gov/projects/BikePed/Pages/Complete-Streets.aspx>
- Wilmington Area MPO (WMPO): An update was given on the Navassa Collector Street Plan and the Kure Beach Bike and Ped plan. Registration for the NCAMPO conference that is being held in Wilmington in April was discussed.

- Grand Strand MPO (GSATS): Dan Newquist gave an update on GSATS' involvement in the Brunswick County CTP and the MTP land use collection that is going on in GSATS right now. The next RTAC will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **IV. OTHER**

**11. Open discussion** – There were no comments from the group.

**12. Adjourn** – *The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.*