

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 Advisory Committee (RTAC)

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2022 • 9:00 AM

Cape Fear Council of Governments • Wilmington, NC

Voting Members Present

Frank Williams, Brunswick County
Mike Forte, Brunswick County
Dave DeLong, St. James
Glenn Marshall, Sandy Creek
Terry Mann, Whiteville

Jackie Williams-Rowland, Brunswick
Fred McCoy, Pender County
Don Helms, Surf City
Vernon Harrell, Burgaw
Grady Hunt, NCDOT BoT

Others Present

Mark Martin, Oak Island
Anna Cameron, NCDOT Strategic
Initiatives
Chad Kimes, NCDOT Division 3
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3
Drew Cox NCDOT Division 6
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division
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Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD
G. M. Carter, NCDOT TPD
Tony Sumter, NCDOT IMD
Steve Stone, Brunswick County
Eddie Madden, Columbus County
Patrick Flanagan, Cape Fear RPO

I. START-UP

- 1. Call to Order** – RTAC Chair, Frank Williams, called the meeting to order at 9:01 A.M.
- 2. Roll Call** – Patrick Flanagan took a roll call of all attendees.
- 3. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance** – Don Helms led the group in an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. Ethics awareness & conflict of interest statement** – Frank Williams read the ethics awareness statement.

5. **Additions or corrections to the agenda** – There were no changes to the agenda. *Mr. Don Helms made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Terry Mann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes
Glenn Marshall, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes*

*Jackie Williams-Rowland, Yes
Fred McCoy, Yes
Don Helms, Yes
Vernon Harrell, Yes
Grady Hunt, Yes*

The motion passed.

6. **Approval of Minutes** – The April 14, 2022 minutes were considered. *Mr. Mike Forte made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Don Helms seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes
Glenn Marshall, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes*

*Jackie Williams-Rowland, Yes
Fred McCoy, Yes
Don Helms, Yes
Vernon Harrell, Yes
Grady Hunt, Yes*

The motion passed.

7. **Public comment** – There were no comments from the public.

II. PRESENTATIONS

8. **Mileage-Based User Fee Pilot Program** – Anna Cameron, Deputy Director, Office of Strategic Initiatives & Program Support at NCDOT gave a presentation about a pilot program from the Eastern Transportation Coalition and NCDOT. The program is testing out a mileage-based user fee, or vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee. She noted elected officials around the state are being given to opportunity to participate in the study.

III. NEW BUSINESS

9. **DRAFT 2024-2033 STIP** – Staff went through the STIP development presentation given by NCDOT to fill everyone in on the process. The Division Engineers provided background comments as well. The group then reviewed

Cape Fear RPO project schedule changes, projects eligible for swaps, and discussed potential courses of action. *There was no action taken at this time.*

- 10. Wallace Bike and Pedestrian Planning Grant Resolution** – Staff presented a resolution of support from the Cape Fear RPO for the Town of Wallace to include in their application for a grant from NCDOT Bike/Ped. to do a bicycle and pedestrian plan for their area. *Mr. Fred McCoy made a motion to approve the resolution. Mr. Terry Mann seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Frank Williams, Yes
Mike Forte, Yes
Dave DeLong, Yes
Glenn Marshall, Yes
Terry Mann, Yes*

*Jackie Williams-Rowland, Yes
Fred McCoy, Yes
Don Helms, Yes
Vernon Harrell, Yes
Grady Hunt, Yes*

The motion passed.

IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

- Cape Fear RPO
 - NC 210 ECG Feasibility Study - Staff gave an update on the upcoming steering committee meeting.
 - STIP amendments and revisions - There were no major changes in the STIP.
 - Columbus County CTP – Staff gave an update on the planning for upcoming public meetings for the plan.
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington) – There was no update from the Port.
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender) - Adrienne Cox gave an update on Division 3 projects.
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus) - Darius Sturdivant gave an update on Division 6 projects.
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD) - Nazia Sarder gave an update on the status of the Brunswick County CTP.
- NC Board of Transportation – There was no update from the Board.

VI. OTHER

- 11. Open discussion:** The group agreed to moving the September RTAC meeting to the 23rd.

12. Adjourn – *The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM*