

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 September 6, 2023 • 10:00 AM Held virtually via Zoom

Voting Members Present

Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Jeff Repp, St. James
Gary Lanier, Columbus County
Robert Lewis, Whiteville
Pat Garrell, Chadbourn
Adam Moran, Pender County
Amy Kimes, Surf City
Doug Shipley, Topsail Beach
Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3

Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD
Jim Rupkalvis, MOTSU
Vanessa Lacer, WMPO
Yvonne Hatcher, Brunswick County Transit
Joy Jacobs, Columbus County Transit
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Sam Boswell, Cape Fear RPO

Others Present

Nicole Morgan, Boiling Spring Lakes
Dylan Bowen, Columbus County
Gilbert Combs, Burgaw

Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6
Kim Nguyen, NCDOT IMD

I. INTRODUCTORY BUSINESS

- 1. Call to Order** – The meeting was held via video conference on Zoom. Having reached a quorum, Sam Boswell called the meeting to order at 10:00 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. *Stephanie Ayers made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Helen Bunch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Jeff Repp, Yes
Gary Lanier, Yes
Robert Lewis, Yes
Pat Garrell, Yes
Adam Moran, Yes*

*Amy Kimes, Yes
Doug Shipley, Yes
Adrienne Cox, Yes
Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Jim Rupkalvis, Yes*

*Vanessa Lacer, Yes
Yvonne Hatcher, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Sam Boswell, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

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4. **Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the August 2, 2023, RTCC meeting were presented. *Jeff Repp made a motion to approve the minutes. Vanessa Lacer seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Jeff Repp, Yes
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Adam Moran, Yes*

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Doug Shipley, Yes
Adrienne Cox, Yes
Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Jim Rupkalvis, Yes*

*Vanessa Lacer, Yes
Yvonne Hatcher, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Sam Boswell, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Public Comment** – There were no comments from the public.

II. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations for this meeting.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

6. **P7.0 Draft Project List & Discussion** – The new project submittal window is open from July 10th to September 29th. RPO staff provided a draft list of project submittals for each mode and discussed proposed changes to previous versions of the project lists. RPO Staff requested a motion to recommend RTAC approval of the project lists with the following conditions: Cape Fear Regional Jetport is permitted to add any projects they need within the available submittal slots, RPO Staff will further consider whether H090236-B or H170246 is more competitive for intersection improvements near Bolivia, RPO Staff will confirm with Topsail Beach which 2 segments of their multi-use path project are the priority submittals, and RPO Staff will confirm draft project submittals with each transit agency. *Adrienne Cox made a motion to approve that recommendation, and Robert Lewis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

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Adam Moran, Yes*

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Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
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Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Sam Boswell, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

IV. REPORTS/UPDATES

7. Reports/Updates

- Cape Fear RPO: Staff provided updates on additions and modifications to the STIP.
- NC Ports: There were no updates from the Ports.
- Ferry Division: There were no updates from the Ferry Division.
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender): Adrienne Cox gave Division 3 updates.
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus): Darius Sturdivant gave Division 6 updates.
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD): Nazia Sarder gave updates on the Brunswick and Columbus County CTPs.
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD): Kim Nguyen provided IMD updates.
- Wilmington Area MPO (WMPO): Vanessa Lacer provided WMPO updates.
- Grand Strand MPO (GSATS): There were no updates from GSATS.

IV. OTHER

8. **Open discussion:** Darius Sturdivant provided updates on roads that are still flooded due to Tropical Storm Idalia.
9. **Adjourn** – *The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.*