

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 1, 2023 • 10:00 AM
Held virtually via Zoom**

Voting Members Present

Helen Bunch, Brunswick County
Travis Henley, Southport
Mark Bloomer, Boiling Spring Lakes
Gary Lanier, Columbus County
Robert Lewis, Whiteville
Greg Feldman, Pender County
Amy Kimes, Surf City
Gage King, Henderson Field

Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3
Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Division 6
Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD
Steve Kerr, MOTSU
Abby Lorenzo, WMPO
Joy Jacobs, Columbus County Transit
Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports
Patrick Flanagan, Cape Fear RPO

Others Present

Matt Kirkland, Oak Island
Dylan Bowen, Columbus County
Doug Shipley, Topsail Beach
Gilbert Combs, Burgaw

Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division 6
Jim Rupkalvis, MOTSU
Christine Conry, AARP

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 10:00 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.
- 4. Approval of Minutes** – The minutes of the November 2, 2022, RTCC meeting were presented.

Greg Feldman made a motion to approve the minutes. Gary Lanier seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Travis Henley, Yes
Mark Bloomer, Yes
Gary Lanier, Yes*

*Robert Lewis, Yes
Greg Feldman, Yes
Amy Kimes, Yes
Gage King, Yes*

*Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Steve Kerr, Yes
Abby Lorenzo, Yes*

*Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

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

6. Vacancies and Appointments – Patrick Flanagan highlighted the current vacancies and expiring terms of current members. The group then went county by county to nominate and appoint their representatives.

Helen Bunch made a motion on behalf of the Brunswick County members for Travis Henley to be appointed as a municipal rep, Jeff Repp to be reappointed as a municipal rep, and for Mark Bloomer and Matt Kirkland to be appointed as municipal alternates. Travis Henley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Travis Henley, Yes
Mark Bloomer, Yes
The motion passed.*

Gary Lanier made a motion on behalf of the Columbus County members for Robert Lewis to be reappointed as a municipal rep, Pat Garrell to be appointed as a municipal rep, and Damon Kempfski to be reappointed as a municipal alternate. Robert Lewis seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

*Gary Lanier, Yes
Dylan Bowen, Yes
Robert Lewis, Yes
The motion passed.*

Greg Feldman made a motion on behalf of the Pender County members for Greg Feldman to be appointed as a county representative, Justin Brantley to be appointed as a county alternate, Amy Kimes to be appointed as a municipal rep, Gage King to be appointed as a municipal rep, Doug Shipley to be appointed as a municipal alternate, and Gilbert Combs to be appointed as a municipal alternate. Doug Shipley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

*Greg Feldman, Yes
Amy Kimes, Yes
Gage King, Yes
Doug Shipley, Yes
Gilbert Combs, Yes
The motion passed.*

II. PRESENTATIONS

There was no presentation for this meeting.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

7. **Paved Trails & Sidewalks Feasibility Study Resolution of Support** – Staff explained the new Paved Trails & Sidewalk Feasibility Study grant opportunity from NCDOT. The group reviewed the Resolution of Support for Boiling Spring Lakes’ application. *Stephanie Ayers made a motion to recommend approval of the Resolution of Support to the RTAC. Travis Henley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Travis Henley, Yes
Mark Bloomer, Yes
Gary Lanier, Yes
Robert Lewis, Yes
Greg Feldman, Yes
Amy Kimes, Yes
Gage King, Yes*

*Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Steve Kerr, Yes
Abby Lorenzo, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Carbon Reduction Program Project Submittals** – Patrick Flanagan explained the Carbon Reduction Program to the group. Staff highlighted the four projects that have been submitted in the Cape Fear RPO area. *Adrienne Cox made a motion to recommend approval of the submitted CRP projects to the RTAC. Stephanie Ayers seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.*

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Travis Henley, Yes
Mark Bloomer, Yes
Gary Lanier, Yes
Robert Lewis, Yes
Greg Feldman, Yes
Amy Kimes, Yes
Gage King, Yes*

*Adrienne Cox, Yes
Darius Sturdivant, Yes
Nazia Sarder, Yes
Steve Kerr, Yes
Abby Lorenzo, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes*

The motion passed unanimously.

9. **2024-2033 STIP Project Swaps** – Staff went over the swap options for each county. The group discussed the merits of swapping funded projects in Burgaw for unfunded projects in Surf City. The likely scoring in Prioritization 7 and the costs of the projects was talked about. What would happen to the remaining funds was also discussed. *The RTCC took no action on this item.*

10. Reports/Updates

- Cape Fear RPO
 - NC 210 ECG Feasibility Study: Staff informed the group of the upcoming public meeting and steering committee meeting.
 - CTP updates: Staff gave an update on the Columbus County CTP.
 - STIP amendments and revisions: Staff reviewed the schedule change of R-5850.
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington): There was no update from the Ports.
- NC Ferry (Fort Fisher to Southport): There was no update from the Ferry Division.
- NCDOT Division 3 (Brunswick & Pender): Adrienne Cox gave an update on the Division 3 projects.
- NCDOT Division 6 (Columbus): Darius Sturdivant gave an update on the Division 6 projects.
- NCDOT Transportation Planning Division (TPD): Nazia gave more details on the status of the Brunswick County CTP. There was a question about Columbus County development impacting their CTP and the Brunswick County CTP.
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD): There was no update from IMD.
- Wilmington Area MPO (WMPO): Abby gave an update for WMPO. Development of the bicycle and pedestrian plan for the portion of Pender County in the WMPO planning area is ongoing and a public survey is available for comment. The WMPO Board approved the majority of its swaps in November, however there is an ongoing discussion for one additional swap to be discussed at its February Board meeting.
- Grand Strand MPO (GSATS): There was no update from GSATS.

IV. OTHER

11. Open discussion: Steve Kerr asked that Jim Rupkalvis be made the MOTSU representative on the RTCC and that Meghan Finnegan serve as his alternate to represent MOTSU.

12. Adjourn – *The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM.*