

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

November 2, 2022 • 10:00 AM

Held virtually via Zoom

Voting Members Present

Helen Bunch, Brunswick County

Travis Henley, Southport

Jeff Repp, St. James

Gary Lanier, Columbus County

Robert Lewis, Whiteville

Pat Garrell, Chadbourn

Justin Brantley, Pender County

Doug Shipley, Topsail Beach

Gilbert Combs, Burgaw

Amy Kimes, Surf City

Adrienne Cox, NCDOT Division 3

Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT

Division 6

Nazia Sarder, NCDOT TPD

Steve Kerr, MOTSU

Rachel McIntyre, WMPO

Mark Hoeweler, GSATS

Joy Jacobs, Columbus County

Transit

Stephanie Ayers, NC Ports

Patrick Flanagan, Cape Fear RPO

Others Present

Mark Bloomer, Boiling Spring

Lakes

Dylan Bowen, Columbus County

Amy Kimes, Surf City

Laurence Bergman, Wallace

Bill Hammond, NCDOT Division

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Cat Peele, NCDOT Ferry

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 September 7, 2022 RTCC meeting were presented.

Gary Lanier made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction to the WMPO update. Helen Bunch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

*Helen Bunch, Yes
Travis Henley, Yes
Jeff Repp, Yes
Gary Lanier, Yes
Justin Brantley, Yes
Gilbert Combs, Yes
Darius Sturdivant, Yes*

*Nazia Sarder, Yes
Steve Kerr, Yes
Rachel McIntyre, Yes
Mark Hoeweler, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes*

The motion passed.

- 5. Public Comment** – There were no comments from the public.
- 6. Vacancies and Appointments** – Staff presented the current vacancies and reappointments at this time. The procedure for filling seats and making appointments was reviewed. No action was necessary at this time.

II. PRESENTATIONS

- 7. Carbon Reduction Program** – Staff introduced the new Carbon Reduction Program funding opportunity. The number and types of eligible projects were covered. Staff answered questions from the group.

III. REGULAR BUSINESS

- 8. 2023 CFRPO Meeting Schedule** – Staff introduced the proposed dates for the 2023 CFRPO RTCC meetings.

Gary Lanier made a motion to recommend the 2023 Schedule to the RTAC for approval. Helen Bunch seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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Travis Henley, Yes*

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Gary Lanier, Yes*

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Pat Garrell, Yes
Justin Brantley, Yes
Doug Shipley, Yes
Gilbert Combs, Yes
Adrienne Cox, Yes
Darius Sturdivant, Yes*

*Nazia Sarder, Yes
Steve Kerr, Yes
Rachel McIntyre, Yes
Mark Hoeweler, Yes
Joy Jacobs, Yes
Stephanie Ayers, Yes
Patrick Flanagan, Yes*

The motion passed.

- 9. Draft FY 2023-2024 PWP** – The draft Planning Work Program (PWP) for the upcoming fiscal year was presented. Staff opened the floor for suggested changes or special projects.

Robert Lewis made a motion to recommend approval of the draft FY 2023-2024 PWP to the RTAC for submittal to NCDOT for their approval. Travis Henley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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Doug Shipley, Yes
Gilbert Combs, Yes*

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Darius Sturdivant, Yes
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Steve Kerr, Yes
Rachel McIntyre, Yes
Mark Hoeweler, 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 informed everyone about the upcoming public meeting.
 - CTP updates: Staff gave an update about the changes to the Columbus County CTP.
 - STIP amendments and revisions: Staff discussed the removal of R-5952 from the STIP.
- NC Ports (Port of Wilmington): There was no update from the Ports.

- NC Ferry (Fort Fisher to Southport): Cat Peele gave an update on the dredging schedule.
- 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 Brunswick County CTP. There were questions about the modeling process that Nazia answered.
- NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division (IMD): There was no update from IMD.
- Wilmington Area MPO (WMPO): Work continues on the 2022 CMP update. A draft of the Walk Wilmington pedestrian plan will be released soon with public comment in December and January. Work has begun on the Pender County Bike and Ped plan.
- Grand Strand MPO (GSATS): The contract process is underway for the MTP update. Mark responded to questions from the group.

IV. OTHER

11. Open discussion: Staff reminded everyone to submit Carbon Reduction Program potential projects.

12. Adjourn – *The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.*