



July 21, 2015

10:00 AM

Human Services Building
828 Main Street Alliance, NC 28509

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Minutes

TCC Members in Attendance:

Gene Foxworth
Shirley Powell
Scott Sherrill
Josh Edmonson
Linda Staab
Jessica Fiester

Jack Veit
Don Baumgardner
Maurizia Chapman
Kim Maxey
Timothy Richards
Tim Buck

John Rouse
Jeff Cabaniss
Patrick Riddle
Lee Cowhig
Behshad Norowzi
Angela Christian

Staff in Attendance:

Patrick Flanagan
Leighann Morgan

Guest:

Larry Summers

13. Call to Order – Don Baumgardner, Chairman TCC called the meeting to order.

14. Public Comment Period – No Public Comment

15. ACTION: May 26, 2015 Minutes

Scott Sherrill motioned to approve minutes of the May 26th, 2015 meeting as presented, 2nd by Patrick Riddle, motion unanimously approved.

16. Staff Report

2. Patrick Flanagan reminded everyone of the next meeting on September 22, 2015 to be held Human Services Building 828 Main St. Alliance, NC 28509 10:00–11:30 a.m. He also reminded everyone that the November scheduled meeting is will be held October 20th.

17. Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports

- a. **Highway 17 Association Update** – Patrick Flanagan reported there was no update.
- b. **Highway 70 Commission Update** – Patrick Flanagan reported there was a meeting last week in Morehead City and gave a presentation of the changes from SPOT 3 to SPOT 4. There was a discussion of the Governor's Bond and consensus of the Highway 70 group was to support the bond.

- c. **Eastern NC MPO/RPO Coalition Update** – Patrick Flanagan reported the full Coalition has not meet and there are no plans to schedule such meeting.
- d. **Transit Update** – Patrick Flanagan reported there was no update reported.

18. NCDOT Division Reports

- d. Division 2: Jeff *Cabaniss* presented a handout with the progress of Carteret, Pamlico, Jones and Craven counties and highlighted the progress of the various projects in those counties.

There was a brief discussion of the James City fly-overs between Linda Staab and Jeff Cabaniss on the projects outreach to the community.

- e. Division 3: Patrick Riddle presented a handout with the progress of the TIP & Division projects and highlighted some of the issues and progress of those projects.

There was a discussion of the safety money to be used for medians between Linda Staab and Jeff Cabaniss and John Rouse, where the money will be used to improve 70/24 with signals and turn lanes.

- f. Planning Branch: Lee Cowhig stated: Pamlico and Carteret County CTP are finished out; Jones County CTP – is in the internal review process, draft should be turning around soon; Onslow County CTP – the Jacksonville model is complete the next update will be in August. Behshad Norowzi stated Craven County CTP – model has room for improvement and wants to expand the model from 2010 to 2014 versions.

Patrick Riddle asked if there will be a subcommittee for Onslow County CTP and volunteered

- 19. **SPOT 4.0 Update** – Patrick Flanagan gave a presentation on the major changes from the SPOT 3.0 prioritization process to the SOPT 4.0 process, highlighting Scaling, Peak ADT, local contribution, NCSTM, and Safety benefits. He also discussed individual criteria and the percentage changes of criteria weight in the areas of Highway Congestion, Benefit Cost, Economic Competitiveness, Accessibility/Connectivity, Freight and Multimodal. In Non-highway, Bicycle; the criteria will start using counts of unoccupied housing units, 2nd homes and hotels. There was other minor tweaks in the Non-Highway areas.

20. DRAFT: Alternative Criteria

Patrick Flanagan presented that the staff from neighboring MPOs and RPOs have met to draft potential alternatives to the weights of the criteria used to measure the projects in the Region and Divisions. In Region B the weights are suggested to be 10% Benefit-Cost; 10% Congestion; 10% Accessibility/Connectivity; 25% Safety; 10% Freight and 5% Multimodal. These do not have to be adopted until October.

Tim Richards asked why the increase in Safety. Patrick responded that the increase is something that everyone scores well in and helps all of our areas.

Patrick Flanagan presented the weights in Division 2 as follows: 10% Congestion; 10% Accessibility/Connectivity; 20% Safety; 5% Freight; 5% Multimodal. Division 3: 10% Congestion; 5% Accessibility/Connectivity; 15% Safety; 10% Freight; 10% Multimodal.

Linda Staab asked where Ferries would fall in these categories, Patrick responded that all ferry routes will fall in Multimodal and only a hand full will fall in Freight (Cedar Island Ferry).

There was a small discussion of how there is no way of running the routes to see how they rank because of the change in scaling

Patrick Flanagan gave the dates of the SPOT 4.0 schedule. September 1st is the project modification are due and October 1st the alternative criteria's are due.

21. Modifying Existing Projects

Patrick Flanagan presented a handout that The Down East RPO SPOT 4.0 Subcommittee has met to review the cut projects and existing projects in our area. He went through and stated which projects they thought should be reworked or segmented to boost scores. Don Baumgardner suggested to have a subcommittee to look at these modified projects to help with the list of recommendations to the TAC and meet in September to discuss their findings. There was discussion of Radio Island and the boat ramp, there are feasibility studies going on for that area.

22. Other Business


Patrick Flanagan stated the Eastern Carolina Council will be having an Event called Network on the Neuse on August 13th, 2015 at the Abilena Plantation in New Bern.

23. Adjournment

Linda Staab motioned to adjourn the meeting; Don Baumgardner adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,


Don Baumgardner, DERPO TCC Chair


Patrick Flanagan, DERPO Secretary

