



July 23, 2018

10:00 AM

Eastern Carolina Council
233 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560

Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes

TAC Members in Attendance:

Robin Comer
Eddie Barber

Candy Bohmert
Violet Ollison

NCDOT in Attendance:

Chad Kimes
Caitlin Marks
Patrick Riddle

Preston Hunter
Thomas Taft
Catherine Bryant

ECC Staff in Attendance:

Patrick Flanagan
Leighann Morgan

Guests in Attendance:

Merrie Jo Alcoke

1. **Call to Order** – Eddie Barber called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.; quorum was met
2. **Ethics Awareness & Conflict of Interest Statement** - no conflict found
3. **Public Hearing on Regional Impact Local Point Assignments** – Candy Bohmert opened the public hearing. Patrick Flanagan stated there was 20 public comments and will be talked about during Agenda Item 9. Candy Bohmert motioned to close public comment period.
4. **ACTION: Approval of Minutes**
Minutes of the April 24, 2018 meetings are attached and presented for approval.
Candy Bohmert motioned to approve minutes as presented, motion carried.
5. **Staff Report**
 - a. **Build NC** – the NC General Assembly approved a new financing tool that will allow the department to build more critical road projects in communities across the state without delays. This tool provides funding stability for road construction over the next decade by allowing the

department to request up to \$300 million in bonds be sold if NCDOT maintains strong project delivery.

- b. Strategic Transportation Corridor Plans – In the agenda packet is an email stating “NCDOT will be canceling our presentations on the Strategic Transportation Corridor Master Plans... we are temporarily pausing work on the Strategic Transportation Corridor master Plans.”
- c. INFRA Grant – North Carolina was selected to receive a \$147 million grant through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America program. Twenty-five miles of interstate 95 will be widened to eight lanes & accelerate work to convert US 70 into Interstate 42. Three Hundred miles of fiber optic cables will be installed along both corridors to help provide high-speed broadband and telecommunications access in rural areas.
- d. Eastern NC Regional Freight Mobility Plan - \$300,000 project requires a \$15,000 match, which will be divided among the RPOs to equal a 5% match. Since the funding source can not be the same as the RPOs, ECC will pick up the \$833.33 match for the RPO.
- e. Coastal NC Transportation Forum – Hosted in Greenville on July 24th at 8:30. The objective of this forum is to educate and communicate the state of the current coastal NC multi-modal transportation network.
- f. NCDOT Board of Transportation Appointments – new members have been assigned to the DERPO NCDOT Board of Transportation seats; Division 2 – Thomas Taft Jr; Division 3 – Michael K Alford; State Ports & Aviation – Landon Zimmer; Rural Transportation – General Hugh Overholt. There was a short bio in the agenda packet about each member.
- g. SPOT Schedule – Patrick Flanagan stated that July 27th the Regional Impact Scores are due; September 1st opens a 2 month window for the Division Needs Local Input Point which are due November 2nd for the Draft STIP to be released January 2019.
- h. 2018 Meeting Schedule 10:00–11:30 a.m.
 - i. August 28, 2018
 - ii. October 30, 2018

6. Standing Committee, Commission, and Association Reports

- a. Division 2: Preston Hunter gave an update on Division 2 projects. For more information please contact Diane Hampton at dhampton@ncdot.gov
- b. Division 3: Patrick Riddle gave an update on Division 3 projects. For more information please contact Patrick Riddle at priddle@ncdot.gov Patrick introduced Caitlin Marks as Division 3 Project Manager.
- c. Transportation Planning Division: Catherine Bryant gave a handout with updated from the TPD
 - Craven County CTP Update – Catherine stated the most recent meeting was July 11th and the Vision, Goals & objectives have almost been finalized.
 - Onslow County CTP Update – Catherine stated the CTP is ongoing the Bike/Ped Maps are 95% complete. They will be meeting over the next few months to go over changes that need to be made with the MPO & RPO.

7. ACTION: Resolution to Eliminate or Reduce Local Match Requirements for Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

RPOs around the state have noticed many of our members are unable to support bicycle or pedestrian projects in their town because of their lack of funding for the match requirement. This resolution is requesting the General Assembly to amend legislation that prohibits the state from making or participating in the funding match.

Candy Bohmert motioned to support resolution, motion carried.

8. ACTION: Regional Impact Local Input Point Assignments

The DERPO SPOT Subcommittee, RPO staff and Division staff have reviewed the projects in our RPO and the Region and recommend the following point donation, acceptance and assignment. These draft assignments need to be reviewed and discussed by the TCC before considering the following actions:

Candy Bohmert motioned to approve the donating Regional Impact Local Input Points, motion carried

Violet motioned to approve the accepting donated Regional Impact Local Input Points, motion carried

Candy Bohmert motioned to approve the Regional Impact Local Input Point Assignments, motion carried

9. Other Business

Patrick Flanagan stated in response to a letter to the editor he has drafted a letter to NCDOT to request a Feasibility Study on US 70/NC12 Corridor from SR 1300 to Cedar Island Ferry terminal to determine lane widths, should expansion and installation of guard rails.

Robin Comer motioned to approve letter, seconded by Candy Bohmert, motion carried.

Eddie Barber thanked Merrie Jo Alcock for attending today's meeting.

10. Adjournment

Candy Bohmert motioned to adjourn the meeting, meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.