



Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting
Wednesday, December 17th, 2014
10:30 a.m.
MINUTES

Attendance

Buck Golding, Surry County
Steve Yokeley, Mount Airy
Wayne Moore, Jonesville
Ernest Lankford, Stokes County
Sharon Conaway, Walnut Cove

John Rhyne, Division 9
Mike Pettyjohn, Division 11
Vernia Wilson, NCDOT TPB
Elizabeth Jernigan, PTRC
Jesse Day, PTRC

Welcome and Ethics Statement

Sharon Conaway read the ethics statement; no one indicated any conflict of interest.

Jesse Day introduced Commissioner Buck Golding who will be representing Surry County. Commissioner Golding will be observing TAC meetings until he completes the required forms at which time he will become a voting member.

Action Items

I. TAC Minutes – October 15, 2014

Sharon Conaway asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Wayne Moore made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve Yokeley seconded the motion. The minutes were adopted.

II. Resolutions

a. Piedmont Together Resolution of Support

Prior to the meeting, Elizabeth Jernigan presented on Piedmont Together. The 1.6 million dollar project was administered by PART and PTRC served as the lead planning agency. Ultimately the plan resulted in was a strategic plan documenting 16 goals, 172 objectives and 259 strategic actions across five categories, jobs, housing, transportation, healthy communities and places and spaces . The project is documented through a powerful website which hosts an interactive map that can be used by administrators and others to show how transportation, poverty, environmental conditions, etc.,

intersect. The strategic plan does not identify specific actions a community is required to take but lays the groundwork for a community to customize individual plans. Steve Yokeley made a motion to recommend adoption and Wayne Moore seconded the motion.

b. Yadkin County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) Resolution of Adoption

Vernia Wilson presented the Yadkin County CTP for recommendation of approval by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). She indicated there had been no changes from previous version with the exception of replacing the “draft” text to “recommended.” The current Plan has been adopted by municipalities in the County and Yadkin County adopted the Plan on November 17th. The TCC made a recommendation to approve. Wayne Moore made a motion to approve the resolution and Steve Yokeley seconded the motion.

III. *2015 TAC Meeting Dates*

The TAC has no conflict with continuing to meet every third Wednesday of every other month following the NWPTCC meeting.

IV. *Stokes County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)*

Elizabeth Jernigan indicated the NWPRPO would be recommending Stokes County for a CTP in January. Commissioner Lankford asked if the TCC made a recommendation. Jesse Day indicated David Sudderth was not at the TCC meeting but the Stokes County CTP was a priority last year. The CTP is a state requirement if there are new projects that want to go into the Transportation Improvement Program. Jesse also indicated the process would not begin until after July at the earliest giving the County plenty of time to withdraw their application if so desired. Wayne Moore made a motion to recommend submittal. Steve Yokeley seconded the motion.

Discussion Items

V. *State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)*

The draft STIP was released and approved by the Board of Transportation in December. Jesse Day presented an overview of the STIP and how the NWPRPO scored compared to other regions in the state. Commissioner Lankford indicated the need to widen 311 to a 4 lane highway has gone off the radar as well as the need to widen the shoulders on Highway 8 which is a major safety concern. Commissioner Moore

Informational Items

VI. *Division 9 Updates*

John Rhyne provided a project update

VII. *Division 11 Updates*

Mike Pettyjohn provided a project update

VIII. TPB Update

Vernia Wilson identified the Yadkin County CTP as the only update for TPB.

IX. NWPRPO Update

a. Downtown Streetscape Assessment

Elizabeth Jernigan discussed the NWPRPO Streetscape Assessment program including how we are addressing the specific needs of each community. One of the main components of the final document will be a strong appendix.

b. SEI & RED Update

Elizabeth Jernigan reminded TAC members to fill out their Statement of Economic Interest and Real Estate Disclosure forms through the NC Ethics Commission website. The Commission will be enforcing civil and criminal penalties this year.

c. Northern Long Eared Bat

Elizabeth Jernigan presented a slideshow from Amy Euliss, NCDOT Division 9 Environmental Officer on the Northern Long Eared Bat which is proposed to be federally endangered on April 2nd, 2015. The bat is being attacked by a fungus (white-nose syndrome) which blocks their airways. The species has a very large range and can be found in culverts and under bridges. All work activities that could impact the NLEB not completed by the time of listing would be subject to the Endangered Species Act and Section 7 consultation with no grandfathering.

New Business

There was no new business

Adjournment

Sharon Conaway asked for a motion to adjourn. Ernest Lankford made the motion and Wayne Moore seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Sharon Conaway, TAC Chair

Date

Elizabeth Jernigan, Secretary

Date