



NORTHWEST PIEDMONT  
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

## Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Meeting

Tuesday, October 17th, 2017 • 12:00 p.m.

Mount Airy City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

300 S. Main Street, Mount Airy, NC 27030

## MINUTES

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### Attendance

Andrew Meadwell, Davie County  
Lisa Hughes, Yadkin County  
Perry Williams, Yadkinville  
George Crater, Elkin  
Andy Goodall, Benchmark Planning  
Marcus Abernathy, Mocksville  
Sarah Harris, Boonville  
James Upchurch, NCDOT TPB (phone)

Elizabeth Jernigan, PTRC  
Ramie Shaw, NCDOT Div 11  
Diane Hampton, NCDOT Div 9  
Dawn Vallieres, Yadkin County  
Ben Barcroft, Benchmark Planning  
Catrina Alexander, City of Mount Airy  
David Rowe, City of Mount Airy

### Welcome and Ethics Statement

Andrew Meadwell welcomed members and thanked the City of Mount Airy for hosting. Mr. Meadwell read the ethics statement. There were no conflicts of interest.

### Action Items

I. *TCC Minutes – August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

Mr. Meadwell asked if committee members had a chance to review minutes from the last meeting and asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Sarah Harris made a motion to approve the minutes. George Crater seconded the motion. All were in favor.

II. *Bike/Ped Planning Grant Resolution of Support (Davie)*

Ms. Jernigan summarized the NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Program and stated a Resolution of Support was required to submit an application. Mr. Meadwell asked for a motion to approve recommendation of a Resolution of Support for Davie County. Lisa Hughes made a motion to approve recommendation. Andy Goodall seconded the motion. All were in favor.

III. *Bike/Ped Planning Grant Resolution of Support (Elkin)*

Mr. Meadwell asked for a motion to approve recommendation of a Resolution of Support for the Town of Elkin. Marcus Abernathy made a motion to approve recommendation. Lisa Hughes seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Discussion Items**

IV. *High Impact/Low Cost Program*

Ms. Hampton provided a brief overview of the High Impact/Low Cost program and stated each Division will receive 3.4 million over two years and at least half has to be spent over the first year. Divisions are required to use at least seven criteria and suggested using criteria that will benefit counties that do not receive much STI funding including county tier designation. Turnaround is fast and Division Engineers must submit a list of projects they can have under construction in 12 months by October 31<sup>st</sup>. Potential projects in Division 9 include:

- Roundabout at Sheppards Mill and NC 8 (Stokes County)
- Intersection improvements at NC 66 and Mountain View (Stokes County)
- Intersection improvements at Dog Town and NC 68 (Stokes County)
- Completing roundabouts on East and West I-40 ramps on Farmington Road (Davie County)
- Roundabout at Junction and Marginal St. (Davie County)

Mr. Shaw discussed criteria identified by Division 11 including AADT, safety data, and lane width to identify projects. He stated the biggest priority was identifying projects in which NCDOT already had right of way and they could get in there and do the work quickly. Lisa Hughes requested consideration of the Falcon Road project and widening the shoulder width on Hwy 21.

TCC members identified the following criteria as the most important to the NWPRPO:

1. County Designation
2. Safety
3. Pavement Conditions Score
4. Lane Width
5. Shoulder Width
6. Stopping Site Distance
7. Intersection turning radius

Mayor Rowe expressed concern regarding the tight turnaround for submitting projects.

V. *Prioritization 5.0 Update*

Ms. Jernigan provided a brief update of the prioritization process, stating the projects identified in the agenda packet had been entered and the SPOT office was in the process of reviewing. Next steps include data review by the RPO and updating the methodology to meet NCDOT requirements.

VI. *Powell Bill Program Allocations*

Ms. Jernigan stated Powell Bill Allocations were included in the agenda packet.

**Informational Items**

VII. *Division 9 Updates*

Diane Hampton provided an update for Division 9.

VIII. *Division 11 Updates*

Ramie Shaw provided an update for Division 11.

IX. *TPB Update*

Mr. Upchurch provided an update on CTP 2.0.

X. *RPO Updates*

Ms. Jernigan promoted the Piedmont Triad Tomorrow Summit at Bridger Field on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> hosted by the Piedmont Triad Regional Council and recommended members attend. She also requested members complete the economic development survey developed by the Piedmont Triad Regional Council to identify regional priorities in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

TCC Members

**Adjournment**

Mr. Meadwell adjourned the meeting.

Andrew Meadwell

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, December 19, 2017, Davie County



Andrew Meadwell, Chair  
*Transportation Coordinating Committee*



Elizabeth Jernigan, Secretary  
*Northwest Piedmont Rural Planning Organization*