

# PIEDMONT TRIAD RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## MINUTES

### Joint Meeting of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)

June 20, 2012

#### TAC Members Attending

Talmadge Baker	City of Asheboro, Chair
Stan Haywood	Randolph County
Alvin Foster	Town of Yanceyville
Billy Joe Kepley	Davidson County
Kent Williamson	Caswell County
Scott Morris	Town of Denton
Robert Aswell	Town of Wentworth

#### Staff

Jesse Day	PTRC
Hanna Cockburn	PTRC
Paul Kron	PTRC
Desmond Corley	PTRC
Joshua Hedgepath	PTRC

#### TCC Members Attending

Greg Patton	City of Randleman
Hal Johnson	Randolph County
Donna Setliff	City of Reidsville
George Hodges	Davidson County
Rick Comer	City of Lexington
Roger Jones	City of Lexington
Guy Cornman	Davidson County
Victor Pizurro	Town of Denton
Phillip Vereen	City of W-S/MPO
Brad Wall	NCDOT, Division 7
Jeff Loflin	NCDOT, Division 8
Richard Hancock	NCDOT, Division 8
David Spainhour	NCDOT, Division 9

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#### The meeting began at 10am

- I. **Public Comment.** No public comments
- II. **Environmental Justice Report.** Joshua Hedgepath presented an update to the Environmental Justice Scan. New census data and changing demographics provided an opportunity for the PTRPO to update the scan from 2007. Mr. Hedgepath presented a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the report which looked at several features such as age, race, language, unemployment, education, vehicle availability and income. These features were analyzed in GIS to give a graphical image of where parts of the RPO region where these features are below the average. The report was handed out and digital copies are available on the RPO website. There was a question about the unemployment, which seems lower than the actual. Mr. Hedgepath mentioned that the data for unemployment is averaged over several years through the American Community Survey. This will explain the below normal unemployment rate.

#### *Action Items*

- III. **Adoption of the April TAC/TCC Minutes.** Talmadge Baker presented the April, 2012 meeting minutes. David Spainhour made a motion to adopt the minutes and Stan Haywood 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Resolution for Davidson County CMAQ Project Amendments.** Talmadge Baker presented the resolution for the CMAQ amendments. One project is converting a sidewalk project into an electric vehicle and charging station purchase in Denton. The other project is converting a hybrid mini-van purchase to operating support for two new routes by Davidson County Transportation. Guy Cornman made a motion to adopt the resolution and Scott Morris 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. **Resolution Supporting Novice Bicyclist Accommodation on NC 24-27 Widening in Montgomery County (R-2527).** *Agenda Item Resolution Supporting Senate Bill S889v2 was removed since the bill had passed the Senate, replaced with the following item in the form of a resolution:* Talmadge Baker presented a resolution asking NCDOT for novice bicyclist accommodation between the Yadkin Pee-Dee River and the Woodrun Trailhead of the

Uwharrie National Forest during construction of R-2527. The preservation of the Swift Island Bridge will be a critical connection for bicyclists of all skill levels across the Yadkin Pee-Dee River. Greg Patton made a motion to adopt the resolution and Scott Morris 2<sup>nd</sup>. The motion carried unanimously.

*Discussion Items*

- VI. NCDOT 2040 Plan Discussion.** Jesse Day presented the Action Plan from the NCDOT 2040 Plan (p. 38 and 39 of 39). He mentioned that the High Point MPO has provided feedback on the 2040 Plan and summarized some concern about recommendation 1, which 'conflicts with Department's goal of reducing fatality rates' and recommendation 7 discussing funding options with very little detail on how funds would be collected and redistributed. In addition recommendation 2 and 10 imply that the relationship between NCDOT and the MPO/RPO and local partners will change substantially. The HPMPO letter calls for removing Recommendation 10 (which is supposed to have been removed, but is still on the 2040 Plan website as of July 3, 2012) and 'clarifying the meaning of restructuring in recommendation 2'.
- VII. Division 7** – Brad Wall, Division Maintenance Engineer provided an update on the US 220 widening in Northern Guilford/Southern Rockingham County, which should be completed in 2016. The NC 68 Connector should begin construction in 2014.  
**Division 8** – Jeff Loflin, District Engineer provided a printed report and indicated that US 311/I-74 will be completed by spring 2013.  
**Division 9** – David Spainhour, Division Maintenance Engineer handed out a report of projects in the division. A question was asked about the number of bridge projects and whether the orders for new bridges were coming in faster than they are able to be installed. Mr. Spainhour mentioned that estimates from contractors are coming in near estimated amounts and that schedules are not slipping currently.
- VIII. TPB Update.** Jesse Day mentioned that the Asheboro CTP 1<sup>st</sup> Steering Committee meeting will be held Monday June 25<sup>th</sup> 10am at Asheboro City Hall. The Madison/Mayodan CTP is moving forward with future land use this summer. The 1<sup>st</sup> steering committee meeting will be held sometime during the summer.
- IX. Local Updates.** No updates
- X. RPO Update.** Jesse Day mentioned that he will be in touch with local TCC members to discuss needs around Parking Studies/Inventories, Sign Inventories and updates to the Sidewalk Inventory. He also mentioned that the budget was being released this morning, so details were not immediately available. The Statewide Bike and Ped Plan is also proceeding, it will look at funding strategies, existing bicycle routes and incorporate a rigorous public involvement component. Stay tuned for details on that process.
- XI. New Business.** None

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**Talmadge Baker, TAC Chair**

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**Jesse Day, Secretary**

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