

PIEDMONT TRIAD RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

MINUTES

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

June 15, 2016

TAC Members Attending

Jimmy Blake	Town of Biscoe
Alvin Foster	Town of Yanceyville
Jackie Morris	Montgomery County
Mark Richardson	Rockingham County
Walker Moffitt	City of Asheboro

RPO Staff

Kelly Larkins	Piedmont Triad Regional Council
Jesse Day	Piedmont Triad Regional Council

TCC Members Attending

George T. Murphy	Town of Wentworth
Ed Lewis	NCDOT, Division 7
Jennifer Britt	NCDOT, Division 8
Greg Patton	City of Randleman
Jeff York	Randolph County
Brandon Holland	Town of Biscoe
Trevor Nuttall	City of Asheboro
Donna Setliff	City of Reidsville
Perry Conner	Town of Franklinville
Michael Abuya	NCDOT, TPB
Tonya Caddle	Rockingham County
Matthew Woodard	Montgomery County

The meeting began at 1:35 pm.

Welcome

- I. **Conflict of Interest.** Mr. Jimmy Blake read the conflict of interest statement. No one indicated any conflict(s) of interest.
- II. **Welcome and Introductions.** Mr. Blake welcomed those in attendance, reviewed the agenda and opened the meeting.
- III. **Public Comment.** Mr. Blake asked for public comment, but no comments were offered.

Action Items

- IV. **April 20, 2016 Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Blake shared the meeting minutes with the group. Mr. Trevor Nuttall made a motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Alvin Foster seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. **Approval of SPOT 4.0 Regional Impact Points.** Mr. Larkins presented the draft RPO scoring for projects being considered for funding in the Regional Impact category of SPOT. He mentioned the results of the scoring came from the methodology outlined in the Prioritization Policy adopted by the PTRPO's TAC in February 2016.

Mr. Larkins mentioned that in addition to receiving input from the TIP Committees in each county during the month of May, the project point assignments were also released to the public for review. He noted that the review period started on June 8 and will last 30 days. At the end of 30 days, the results of the public review will be forwarded to the TAC and TCC for their consideration.

Mr. Jesse Day added that due to staff oversight, not all of the Prioritization Policy was followed which resulted in more projects being left in for consideration. He mentioned that the

Policy called for the bottom 30% of projects to be removed before scoring which did not take place. Mr. Day continued by saying that it was possible to keep the projects in the list if the TAC gave final approval to the deviation to the Prioritization Policy and the reason for the deviation be documented and placed on the PTRPO's website.

Mr. Day reviewed the Prioritization Policy noting that the RPO can submit 14 points for scoring with each project receiving up to 100 points each.

Mr. Day asked Ms. Tonya Caddle from Rockingham County and Mr. Nuttall from Randolph County to explain the decisions that were made at their respective TIP Committee meetings. An overview of the meetings in Caswell County and Montgomery County was provided by Mr. Larkins.

Mr. Day followed-up this conversation by asking the representatives from each county to indicate if there were any projects that they would like to see added or removed based on presented information. There were a few changes that were provided, and Mr. Day updated the spreadsheet to reflect them.

Mr. Mark Richardson noted that the NCDOT's Regional Impact score was not in line with the PTRPO score on some of the projects.

Mr. Day noted that a portion of the PTRPO score includes local priority which may affect how it is eventually ranked. He further noted that there are several other components to the PTRPO including safety and congestion as two examples. Mr. Day acknowledged that the PTRPO score will vary a bit from the NCDOT score. He explained that a discussion came up a few years ago regarding the level of input that should be provided by local elected officials.

Mr. Nuttall responded by noting there is point of concern by which the RPO has to decide between giving points to projects with a competitive NCDOT score and choosing projects that local officials want. He also noted that this a process which will be refined over time.

Mr. Ed Lewis described how Division 7 works in cooperation with the RPOs and MPOs in determining point assignments.

Mr. Day concluded the discussion with a review to the group of the changes to the ranking and point assignments.

Mr. Trevor Nuttall made a motion to approve the SPOT 4.0 Regional Impact point assignments and Prioritization Policy deviation and Mr. Greg Patton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- VI. Updates from the Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation.** Mr. Larkins reviewed several updates from NCDOT's Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation.

Other Business

VII. Division Updates

- **Division 7** – Ed Lewis provided a written and verbal report.
- **Division 8** – Jennifer Britt provided a written and verbal report.

- VIII. TPB Update.** Mr. Michael Abuya noted that Jamal Alavi is the new Transportation Planning Branch, Branch Manager, taking the place of Patrick Norman.

- IX. Local Updates.** No update was provided.

- X. **RPO Update.** Mr. Larkins mentioned that a legislative update handout was available to TAC and TCC members if they are interested in the current status of transportation related legislation being considered in the North Carolina General Assembly.
- XI. **New Business.** Mr. Nuttall mentioned the upcoming Talmage Baker naming dedication for a portion of NC 49 in Randolph County. Mr. Nuttall noted that the event will be marked with a ceremony in late August or early September at the Asheboro Regional Airport.
- XII. **Adjourn.** Mr. Blake adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

James (Jimmy) Blake, TAC Chair

Date

Kelly Larkins, Secretary

Date

