

# PIEDMONT TRIAD RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## MINUTES

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

October 19, 2016

#### TAC Members Attending

Jimmy Blake (Chair)	Town of Biscoe
Alvin Foster (Vice Chair)	Town of Yanceyville
Mark Richardson	Rockingham County
Walker Moffitt	City of Asheboro
Kent Williamson	Caswell County
David Owen	Caswell County
Stan Haywood	Randolph County

#### RPO Staff

Kelly Larkins	PTRC
Jesse Day	PTRC

#### Guests

David Fernandez	Town of Seagrove
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#### TCC Members Attending

Ed Lewis	NCDOT, Division 7
Brandon Jones	NCDOT, Division 8
Jennifer Britt	NCDOT, Division 8
Darius Sturdivant	NCDOT, Division 8
Marty Tillman	NCDOT, Division 8
Michael Abuya	NCDOT, TPB
Brian Collie	Town of Yanceyville
Ryan Strader	Town of Yanceyville
George T. Murphy, Sr.	Town of Wentworth
Greg Patton	City of Randleman
Jeff York	Randolph County
Brandon Holland	Town of Biscoe
Trevor Nuttall	City of Asheboro
Tonya Caddle	Rockingham County
Jeffrey Bullins	Town of Mayodan
Michael Brandt	Town of Mayodan
Roy Lynch	Town of Liberty
Kyle Laird	PART

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The meeting began at 2:00 pm.

#### **Welcome**

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

#### **Action Items**

- III. **June 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes.** Mr. Blake shared the meeting minutes with the group. Mr. Alvin Foster made a motion to adopt the minutes and Mr. Stan Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Resolution Supporting Town of Seagrove Grant Application.** Mr. Blake read the resolution to support the Town of Seagrove Grant Application. Mr. Kelly Larkins then gave a brief overview of the NCDOT's Planning Grant Initiative. Afterwards, Mr. David Fernandez, Mayor for the Town of Seagrove, noted the need for the planning grant and described improvements that the Town would like to see accomplished in the future. Mr. Mark Richardson made a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the Town of Seagrove's grant application and Mr. Haywood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of SPOT 4.0 Division Needs Points.** Mr. Larkins began by reviewing the projects that received funding under SPOT 4.0's Regional Impact scoring and summarizing the TIP

Committee meetings held during September and October in all four counties. It was noted that the purpose of these meetings was to identify those projects that would receive local input points and consequently have a better chance of receiving final SPOT points allocated for Division Needs projects. Mr. Larkins also noted that a total of six highway projects were removed from scoring due to receiving a low initial score from NCDOT. The removal of these projects, he reminded everyone, follows a new policy stated in the Prioritization Policy.

Mr. Larkins also noted that the Prioritization Policy states that 400 points out of the original 1500 should be set aside as Flex Points. According to the Prioritization Policy, Flex Points recognize projects that demonstrate significant need, yet did not receive local input points in other categories. In addition, the RPO also has 100 extra points available to convert into Flex Points. Mr. Larkins said that these points were originally designated for an airport project in Montgomery County, but no projects were selected for scoring under SPOT 4.0. Mr. Blake asked members present to consider a motion to convert 100 of the remaining aviation points to Flex Points. Mr. Richardson made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Greg Patton. The motions passed unanimously.

Mr. Larkins then reviewed with the group the projects that scored high enough to receive SPOT points and opened the floor to a discussion about which projects should receive part of the available 500 Flex Points, with each project receiving up to 100 points. Ms. Tonya Caddle from Rockingham County asked that 100 points be moved from H151065 and applied to H150728. The reason for this request was that H151065 received a low score from NCDOT and therefore it would be more beneficial to the county to place the points on a project that may have a greater chance of receiving funding. The final point assignments for projects listed in the Division Needs category can be found in the attached table. Mr. Blake requested that members approve the final point assignments for projects in the Division Needs category. Mr. Richardson made the motion and Mr. Alvin Foster seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Discussion Items***

- V. **State Ethics - Conflict of Interest Evaluation.** Mr. Larkins noted that TAC member and Randolph County Commissioner Arnold Lanier has been identified by the State Ethics Commission as having a potential conflict of interest since he owns property in Randolph County. Mr. Larkins noted that the Ethics Commission required that this information be presented before Mr. Blake and recorded in the meeting minutes. No other action was needed.

### ***Other Business***

- VI. **Division Updates**
- **Division 7** – Ed Lewis provided a written and verbal report.
  - **Division 8** – Jennifer Britt provided a written and verbal report.
- VII. **TPB Update.** Mr. Michael Abuya gave an update on the restructuring at the Transportation Planning Branch and the progress of Caswell County's Comprehensive Transportation Plan.
- VIII. **Local Updates.** No update was provided.
- IX. **RPO Update.** No update was provided.
- X. **New Business.** No update was provided.
- XI. **Adjourn.** Mr. Blake adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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James (Jimmy) Blake, TAC Chair

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Kelly Larkins, Secretary

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