

**Lumber River Rural Transportation Planning Organization
Transportation Coordinating Committee
Lumber River Council of Governments
30 CJ Walker Rd, Pembroke, NC
Wednesday, May 10 2023
10:30 a.m.**

TCC MEMBERS PRESENT

Hoke County	None
Richmond County:	John Massey, Tracy Parris
Robeson County:	Brandon Love, Jody Bullard, Tyler Thomas, Patrick Strickland, Jay Britt
Scotland County:	Kevin Patterson, Mark Ward
NCDOT:	Marty Sung

TCC MEMBERS ABSENT

Hoke County:	Letitia Edens, 3 vacancies
Richmond County:	Gail Strickland; 1 Vacancy
Robeson County:	Charles Townsend, Edward Henderson, Channing Jones, Mayor Robert McDougald, 1 Vacancy
Scotland County:	Charles Nichols, Robert Sampson
NCDOT:	1 Vacancy

STAFF PRESENT

Janet Robertson, LRCOG Rural Transportation Planner; Noor Shehata, Lead for NC Fellow

OTHERS PRESENT

Bill Hammond, NCDOT Div. 6 Corridor Development Engineer; Kathy Vollert, NCDOT Div. 8 Corridor Development Engineer; Brice Bell, NCDOT Div. 6, District 1 Engineer; Kim Nguyen, Coastal Plains Multimodal Regional Planner; Katie Smith, Representative for Congressman David Rouzer.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Chairman Brandon Love called the meeting to order and roll call was read. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM Mach 15, 2023.

Mr. John Massey made a motion seconded by Mr. Kevin Patterson to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NCDOT AND STAFF REPORTS

Hoke County

No Report

Richmond County

John Massey reported that a final route has been selected for STIP project U-5706 (aka "Long Drive Alternate" or "the Eastern Rockingham Corridor"). This project originated in the 1996 Rockingham Thoroughfare Plan. It is funded for Right-of-Way acquisition in 2024 and Construction in 2027.

Robeson County

Brandon Love said the Lumberton City Council had endorsed the design for the decorative medallions that will be used on the new bridges on I-95. He also noted that planning activity for the Robeson County CTP is ongoing.

Scotland County

Kevin Patterson noted that several paving projects were underway in the County.

NCDOT Division 6

Bill Hammond discussed the status of current projects in Division 6, highlighting the progress of the I-295 and I-95 widening projects. He stressed the need to be cautious in the work zones. Brandon Love remarked that the night construction on I-95 seems to be progressing well. Brice Bell noted that construction is slightly ahead of schedule.

NCDOT Division 8

Kathy Vollert gave an update on current projects in Division 8.

NCDOT Transportation Planning

Marty Sung highlighted the TPD newsletter and discussed progress on the Robeson County CTP.

Presentation: NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division

Kim Nguyen, IMD Multi-modal Regional Planner gave a presentation about the Integrated Mobility Division, which was formed when the Transit Division and the Bicycle/Pedestrian Division merged. The Lumber River RPO is located in the Coastal Plains Region, which Ms. Nguyen covers. She highlighted several projects underway in the region. She also listed various special projects that could be implemented and encouraged members to contact her with requests.

Project Submittals for Prioritization 7.0

The 2024-2033 Draft STIP will be presented to the Board of Transportation for approval in June. The period for the RPO to submit projects to be considered for the next STIP (2026-35) opens in July 2023 and closes at the end of September 2023. The Lumber River RPO will be allotted 23 project submittals in each transportation mode. Because the P6 process was not completed, projects that were submitted in P6 (shown in Attachment 4) must be resubmitted to be considered in P7. In addition, now is the time to determine if any "brand new" projects should be submitted. A public meeting is scheduled in each County in May to solicit new projects as well as consider if any P6 projects should be resubmitted (Attachment 5 showed the meeting dates and locations). TCC members can attend those meetings, or submit projects directly to Janet Robertson by June 14, 2023. A list of proposed projects will be presented for preliminary review at the July TCC and TAC meetings. If more than 23 projects are proposed in a transportation mode (Highway, Aviation, Bike/Ped, Transit, or Rail) then the TCC will need to recommend to the TAC which projects should be submitted to the NCDOT. The deadline for submitting projects to the NCDOT is September 29, 2023.

Information only. No action was taken.

Consideration of 4th Quarter Amendment to the 2022-23 Planning Work Program

Attachment 6 contained a description of the proposal to move funds out of five line items and into four other line items. The total amount of the budget was not changed.

John Massey made a motion seconded by Tracy Parris to recommend the FY 23 4th Quarter Amendment to the TAC as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Consideration of the FY 2023-24 Planning Work Program

Attachment 7 contained the Draft FY 24 PWP. This Draft was different than the draft PWP that was presented in March because after doing the Amendment for the FY 23 PWP, it was recognized that more funds needed to be placed in Item **IV Programmatic Direct Costs** (\$5,000). To balance the budget, \$1,000 was taken out of each of the following line items: **I-1 Data Collection; II-2 Prioritization; II-4 General Transportation Planning; and III-1 Administrative Activities.**

The amount shown in line item **V. Indirect Costs** is an estimate because LRCOG's Cost Allocation Plan for FY 2023-24 has not been finalized. When the Cost Allocation Plan is approved, the Indirect Cost may vary slightly, which will affect all line items.

The proposed FY 24 PWP has the same amount of funding as the current PWP.

John Massey made a motion seconded by Jay Britt to recommend approval of the FY 2023-24 PWP to the TAC as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

According to the TCC By-laws, officers may serve two consecutive one-year terms. Brandon Love has served two terms as Chairman and Tracy Parris has served two terms as Vice-Chair.

John Massey nominated Tracy Parris to serve as the next Chair. There were no further nominations. Kevin Patterson moved to close the nominations, seconded by Jay Britt. Tracy Parris was elected Chair by unanimous vote.

Mark Ward nominated Kevin Patterson to serve as the next Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations. John Massey moved to close the nominations, seconded by Jay Britt. Kevin Patterson was elected Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

John Massey thanked Brandon Love for serving as chair, noting he moved the meetings along quickly. Other members thanked him as well.

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Kevin Patterson made a motion seconded by John Massey to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes Approved by the TCC on 7/11/23