

**Lumber River Rural Transportation Planning Organization  
Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Minutes  
Monday, May 22, 2023  
12:00 noon**

**TAC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Hoke County:	Commissioner Harry Southerland
Richmond County:	Commissioner Jeff Smart; Mayor Bill Bayless
Robeson County:	Commissioner Faline Dial; Commissioner John Cummings; Mayor Elbert Gibson; Mayor Greg Cummings
Scotland County:	Commissioner Tim Ivey; Councilperson Mary Jo Adams
NCDOT Board Member	None

**TAC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Robeson County	Commissioner Tom Taylor; Councilman Leroy Rising
NCDOT Board Member	Grady Hunt

**COG STAFF PRESENT**

Janet Robertson, LRCOG RPO Coordinator; Noor Shehata, Lead for NC Fellow

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Caroline Sumpter, Red Springs Commissioner; Darius Sturdivant, NCDOT Div. 6 Planning Engineer; Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Div. 8 Planning Engineer; Bill Hammond, NCDOT Div. 6 Corridor Development Engineer; Brice Bell, Div. 6, District 1 Engineer; Sangwoo 'Marty' Sung, NCDOT-TPD; Seth Hatchell, Laurinburg-Maxton Airport Executive Director

**WELCOME, ROLL CALL, AND READING OF ETHICS AWARENESS REMINDER/ PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The roll was called; a quorum was present. Chairperson Faline Dial called the meeting to order and read the Ethics Awareness and Conflict of Interest Reminder; no one identified a conflict. She asked for Public Comments; there was no one present to speak.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 27, 2023**

*Mr. Elbert Gibson made a motion, seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Adams to approve the March 27, 2023 TAC minutes as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

**PROJECT SUBMITTALS FOR PRIORITIZATION 7.0**

The period for the RPO to submit projects to be considered for the next STIP (2026-35) opens July 10, 2023 and closes September 29, 2023. The Lumber River RPO will be allotted 23 project submittals in each transportation mode.

None of the projects submitted in P6 will be funded in the Final 2024-2033 STIP. In order to be considered in P7, projects that were submitted in P6 must be resubmitted (except for the two projects selected in March as Carryovers). *Attachment 1* is the list of projects submitted in P6 (both new and resubmitted projects). Now is the time to consider whether any of these projects should be resubmitted in P7.

In addition, this is the time to determine if there are any "brand new" projects that members, jurisdictions, and citizens want to propose for consideration. The Public Meetings to solicit new projects and consider if any P6 projects should be resubmitted have taken place in Richmond, Robeson, and Scotland Counties. The Hoke County meeting is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Robertson requested that all project proposals be submitted to her by June 14, 2023; there is a lot of data that must be collected to include in the submittal process. She also noted that she would reach out to jurisdictions that did not attend the Public Meetings if they have projects on the P6 list to determine if they want to resubmit the project.

**CONSIDERATION OF 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER AMENDMENT TO THE 2022-23 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Attachment 3 contained a spreadsheet 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. The TCC recommended approval of this amendment at its May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

*Mr. Tim Ivey made a motion seconded by Ms. Mary Jo Adams to approve the FY 23 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Amendment as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

## **CONSIDERATION OF THE FY 2023-2024 PLANNING WORK PROGRAM**

Attachment 4 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.

This proposed FY 24 PWP has the same amount of funding as the current PWP. NCDOT has mentioned that the RPOs may be receiving a small increase for FY 23-24, however that has not been confirmed. If an increase is received, then an amendment will be required.

At its May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, the TCC recommended approval of the PWP as presented.

Mr. Elbert Gibson made a motion seconded by Mr. Greg Cummings to recommend approval of the FY 2023-24 PWP as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

According to the TAC By-laws, officers may serve two consecutive one-year terms. Faline Dial has served two terms as Chair and Tim Ivey has served two terms as Vice-Chair.

Ms. Mary Jo Adams nominated Mr. Tim Ivey to be Chair. There were no further nominations. Caroline Sumpter seconded the nomination. Tim Ivey was elected Chair by unanimous vote.

Mr. Tim Ivey nominated Mary Jo Adams to be Vice-Chair, seconded by Caroline Sumpter. Mary Jo Adams was elected Vice-Chair by unanimous vote.

## **NCDOT AND STAFF REPORTS**

### NC Board of Transportation

Ms. Robertson noted that the Board of Transportation would be voting on the 2024-2033 STIP at its June Board meeting.

### NCDOT Division 6

Mr. Darius Sturdivant discussed the status of current projects in Division 6, highlighting the I-295 loop project, the I-95 widening projects, and the construction of the NC Welcome Center in Robeson County. He requested that everyone be careful in the Work Zones.

### NCDOT Division 8

Mr. Bryan Kluchar gave an update on current projects in Division 8. The Rockingham Freeway project is approximately 63% complete.

### NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Mr. Marty Sung discussed the newsletter from the Transportation Planning Division, highlighting the work that is being done on the Robeson County CTP.

### RPO Coordinator

Ms. Robertson said that her items had been covered earlier in the meeting.

### New Business

None

## **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Dial said she had enjoyed being Chair and looked forward to continuing to work with everyone. Members thanked her for her service.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.