

**Lumber River Rural Transportation Planning Organization  
Transportation Coordinating Committee  
Lumber River Council of Governments  
30 CJ Walker Rd, Pembroke, NC  
Wednesday, July 12, 2023  
10:30 a.m.**

**TCC MEMBERS PRESENT**

Hoke County	Jeff Dockery, James McQueen, Will Wright
Richmond County:	John Massey, Tracy Parris
Robeson County:	Brandon Love, Jody Bullard, Patrick Strickland
Scotland County:	Charles Nichols
NCDOT:	Marty Sung

**TCC MEMBERS ABSENT**

Hoke County:	Letitia Edens
Richmond County:	2 Vacancies
Robeson County:	Charles Townsend, Edward Henderson, Channing Jones, Mayor Robert McDougald, Tyler Thomas, Jay Britt, 1 Vacancy
Scotland County:	Mark Ward, Robert Sampson, 1 Vacancy
NCDOT:	Bryan Kluchar, 1 Vacancy

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bill Hammond, NCDOT Div. 6 Corridor Development Engineer; Kathy Vollert, NCDOT Div. 8 Corridor Development Engineer; Dago Juarez Pozos, NCDOT District 2 Engineer, Division 8; Kim Nguyen, Coastal Plains Multimodal Regional Planner; Cindy Terry, Hamlet Clerk

**WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Chairman Tracy Parris 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 May 10, 2023.**

*Mr. Brandon Love made a motion seconded by Mr. Charles Nichols to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

**NCDOT AND STAFF REPORTS**

*Hoke County*

New members Jeff Dockery, James McQueen, and Will Wright were in attendance.

*Richmond County*

Tracy Parris thanked NCDOT for the progress they were making with the paving of Fayetteville Road in downtown Rockingham.

*Robeson County*

Brandon Love said that NCDOT has received a RAISE grant for multi-modal improvements on Second Street in Lumberton.

*Scotland County*

Charles Nichols noted that the Chamber of Commerce is working with NCDOT about signage on US 74 for restaurants in the area.

**NCDOT Division 6**

Bill Hammond discussed the status of current projects in Division 6.

## NCDOT Division 8

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

## NCDOT Transportation Planning

Marty Sung discussed information from the TPD newsletter.

## **Discussion: Project Submittals for Prioritization 7.0**

Attachment 4 contained the projects that have been proposed so far for consideration for submittal for the next STIP (2026-35). The list includes projects from P6.0 that are being re-submitted plus any new projects that have been proposed. We have not gone over our allotment of 23 projects in each mode. Ms. Robertson requested that additional project proposals be submitted to her by 7/20/23 so that she can collect the required data that will be needed for entering them in the NCDOT database. At the September TCC meeting, the TCC will need to recommend to the TAC a project list to submit to NCDOT. If more than 23 projects have been proposed for a mode, the TCC must recommend which projects should be cut. The deadline for project entry in the NCDOT database is September 29, 2023.

*Information only. No action was taken.*

## **Consideration of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Amendment to the FY 2023-24 Planning Work Program**

Ms. Robertson noted that NCDOT has increased the funding for the current PWP by 15% and the local match has been reduced from 20% to 5%. Attachment 6 contained a proposed amendment to distribute the increased funding (\$21,100) across separate line items.

*Mr. John Massey made a motion seconded by Mr. Brandon Love to recommend approval of the FY 23-24 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Amendment as presented to the TAC. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

## **Election of a New Vice-Chair**

Mr. Kevin Patterson is no longer a member of the TCC, therefore a new Vice-Chair will need to be elected at some point.

*Mr. Jody Bullard made a motion seconded by Mr. John Massey to table this item until the September meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Brandon Love noted that most of Robeson County's membership does not attend TCC meetings and asked if there is an attendance policy. Ms. Robertson said she would consult the attendance policy in the Bylaws. John Massey mentioned that Gail Strickland was no longer with the City of Hamlet; Ms. Robertson will send a notice to the Richmond County manager about replacing Ms. Strickland, as well as filling the second vacancy.

Kim Nguyen with NCDOT IMD said that the kickoff meeting for the Lumberton Paved Trails Feasibility Study is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup>. She also discussed details of the \$8.6 million RAISE grant that NCDOT has received for multi-modal Complete Street improvements to Second Street in Lumberton.

Dago Juarez-Pozos said he has replaced Matthew Kitchen as District 2 Engineer, Division 8.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT**

*Will Wright made a motion seconded by Brandon Love to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.*

*Minutes approved by the TCC on 9/12/23*