



## **KERR-TAR RPO RTCC MEETING MINUTES**

**September 14, 2006**

**1:30 P.M.**

**Oxford Public Works Facility  
Oxford, NC**

### **RTCC Members**

**Ayscue, Jerry – Vance County Mgr (Alternate:  
Ken Krulik)**

\*Barlow, Jonathan – Roxboro City Mgr

**Baynes, Timmy – COG Director**

**Becker, Kelly – NCDOT Traffic Engineer**

**Bruff, Mike – NCDOT TPB (Alternate: Rupal  
Desai)**

\*Bullock, Ray – Middleburg Mayor

\*Carpenter, Steve – Person County Mgr

**Carver, Larry – Warrenton Town Mgr**

**Church, John – Warren County EDC**

**Coudriet, Chris – Franklin County Mgr  
(Alternate: Scott Hammerbacher)**

\*Day, Jack – Stem Mayor

\*Finch, Benny – Vance County EDC

**Gobble, CL – Louisburg Town Mgr (Alternate:  
Tony King)**

\*Goswick, Ronnie – Franklin County EDC

**Harris, Carol – Macon Mayor**

Jones, Linda – Warren County Mgr

\*Lunsford, Gerald -- PATS

**Marrow, Tommy – Oxford City Mgr**

**Moss, Jerry – Henderson City Mgr (Alternate:  
Frank Frazier)**

**Nance, Jon – Division 5 Engineer (Alternate:  
Wally Bowman)**

**Newman, Walter – Norlina Mayor**

\*Newsome, Glen – Person County EDC

Parrott, Janet – Stovall Mayor

**Powell, Shelby – RPO Planner**

**Taylor, Betty -- KARTS**

Turner, Leon – Granville County EDC

**Watts, Dudley – Granville County Mgr  
(Alternate: Scottie Kim Cornett)**

\*Wynne, Howard – Kittrell Mayor

*\*Denotes voting members who were absent*

## **Ex Officio Non-Voting RTCC Members Present**

None

## **Others Present**

Currin, Brenda -- Citizen  
Dumas, Geraldine – RPO Staff

Carson, Al – Oxford Public Ledger  
Taylor, Fred – WRAL News

<b>Minutes</b>
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**Welcome and Introductions** – Chairman T. Marrow welcomed those in attendance, announced that we were three members shy of a quorum, and that only discussion items would be covered during the meeting.

**2007-2013 Draft TIP Overview** – S. Powell presented a summary of the Kerr-Tar RPO region's TIP projects. She indicated that most projects had been delayed in the region. T. King pointed out that even though US 401 was delayed in the Draft TIP, some other changes to funding projects in Durham and Raleigh had raised the likelihood of receiving GARVEE funding for that project. W. Bowman indicated that GARVEE projects would be announced in November or December. S. Powell stated that the US 158 project had been delayed again to unfunded status. This would cause delays to occur in the project development process that had begun several months ago. The public meetings that were originally scheduled for Fall 2006 would likely happen in early 2007 instead. Also, although the Draft TIP states that US 501 has been delayed for construction until 2013, officials in Person County had indicated to S. Powell that it was only a typo in the Draft and the project was still on schedule for construction in 2012. The Interstate 85 maintenance projects were scheduled for pavement repair in 2008. The rehabilitation of I-85 was not scheduled for funding. J. Church expressed concern that the condition of I-85 in Warren County would drive away tourists and businesses. W. Bowman stated that there simply was not enough maintenance money to fund major overhauls, but the repairs should make driving easier on that section of road. Many other bridge and road projects were delayed because of funding constraints. S. Powell pointed out that the five Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant projects that Kerr-Tar RPO governments had applied for had been included in the TIP. T. King stated that he would like to show support for considering all funding avenues for US 401 since that was the RPO's number one priority project. W. Bowman asked for clarification on which segments of US 401 were the top priority of the RPO. T. King stated that the entire section from Raleigh to Louisburg was supported by the RPO, and that the support is there for doing the project in a natural progression of what was laid out by NCDOT, with segments A through E. Since no quorum was present, the group could not make a formal comment recommendation to the RTAC, but members agreed to forward any other comments to S. Powell so she could compile them for further review by the RTCC.

**Priority Policy Update** – S. Powell presented a summary of comments that had been received during each of the five county-level meetings held to discuss the Priority Policy or Rating System. She stated that the next Subcommittee meeting would be held October 9, and the comments would be discussed and incorporated into the rating system at that time. T. Marrow stated that he appreciated everyone's work on this issue, and said this is one of the most important functions of the RPO.

**OT Transportation Planning Branch Update** – R. Desai updated the group on three Comprehensive Transportation Plans underway in the region. Warren County and Louisburg's plans were in the capacity deficiency analysis stage; Granville County's capacity deficiency maps and network road maps are in the process of being presented at each local town council meeting to get buy-in and give updates on the planning process.

**NCDOT Division 5 Update** – W. Bowman stated that all lanes of I-85 through Durham were now open. Also, **OT Division 5 Update** – W. Bowman stated that all lanes of I-85 through Durham were now open. Also, four economic development projects had been approved in the Kerr-Tar RPO region: HUB site access improvements

in Warren, Vance and Granville Counties, and road strengthening near the rock quarry in Person County to serve freight truck traffic to some new industries locating there. He stated that the Division office would like to see site plan maps for the HUB sites so planning work on the projects could begin in the next few months. J. Church stated that the HUB Committee would be meeting later in the week and more detailed site plans should be available after that meeting. W. Bowman stated that another \$2 million would be available for economic development projects in the Division this year and encouraged attendees to submit projects. He stated that this money is separate from the Industrial Access money available through the state. T. King asked what an acceptable distance between traffic signals was. W. Bowman stated that they liked to have 600-800 feet at a minimum.

**Planners Report & Informational Items** – S. Powell updated the group on the following items:

- *NC MPO Conference* – The conference will be in Charlotte at the end of October. Registration forms are available on the web and at this meeting if anyone is interested in attending.
- *Air Quality Schedule Update*—The Triangle Non-Attainment Area is scheduled to go into a maintenance period. The big interagency consultation meeting to discuss the next schedule for conformity will happen on October 13 in Raleigh.
- *Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grants* – NCDOT Bike and Pedestrian Division has announced that the next call for Bike and Ped Planning Grants will happen on October 2. Applications will be available on the web and due in December. This programs grants funding to municipalities wishing to complete a comprehensive bicycle or pedestrian plan for their city, usually on an 80/20 match.
- *Safe Routes to Schools* – The latest Safe Routes to Schools program newsletter is now out. This program encourages children to bike or walk to school safely. Funding is available for implementation of infrastructure or educational programs. Workshops must be held at a school to apply for funds, and the funds must benefit kids in kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, T. Marrow closed the meeting.