



KERR-TAR RPO RTCC MEETING

November 9, 2006

1:30 P.M.

Oxford Public Works Facility

Oxford, NC

MEETING ATTENDEES

RTCC MEMBERS

Alligood, Brian – Granville County Mgr
Ayscue, Jerry – Vance County Mgr (Alternate: Ken Krulik)
Barlow, Jonathan – Roxboro City Mgr
Baynes, Timmy – COG Director (Alternate: Geraldine Dumas)
Becker, Kelly – NCDOT Traffic Engineer
Bowman, Wally – Division 5 Engineer
Brink, Rob -- KARTS
Bruff, Mike – NCDOT TPB (Alternate: Rupal Desai)
***Bullock, Ray – Middleburg Mayor**
Carpenter, Steve – Person County Mgr (Alternate: Julie Kelly)
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 (Alternate: Richie Duncan)
Harris, Carol – Macon Mayor
***Jones, Linda – Warren County Mgr**
***Lunsford, Gerald -- PATS**
Marrow, Tommy – Oxford City Mgr
***Moss, Jerry – Henderson City Mgr**
Newman, Walter – Norlina Mayor
***Newsome, Glen – Person County EDC**
***Parrott, Janet – Stovall Mayor**
Powell, Shelby – RPO Planner
Turner, Leon – Granville County EDC (Alternate: Scottie Kim Wilkins)
***Wynne, Howard – Kittrell Mayor**

** denotes voting members who were absent*

OTHERS PRESENT

Richards, Charlie – Daily Dispatch
Currin, Brenda – Granville Co Citizen

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions – RTCC Chair T. Marrow welcomed attendees to the meeting, announced that a quorum was present, and opened the meeting for business.

Minutes from August 10, 2006 RTCC Meeting – Minutes from the August 10 meeting were mailed out in agenda packets. **Motion made by J. Day, Second by K. Krulik to accept the Minutes as presented.** There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Minutes from September 14, 2006 Meeting – Minutes from the September 14 meeting were mailed out in agenda packets. **Motion made by T. King, Second by K. Krulik to accept the Minutes as presented.** There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Updates to RTCC Bylaws – S. Powell stated that the RTCC had been having a difficult time reaching a quorum at RTCC meetings regardless of good attendance by the committee members because NCDOT insisted that ex officio non-voting members be counted toward a quorum. To remedy this, S. Powell presented a proposed change to the Bylaws that would change the ex officio non-voting members to “representatives.” The change also included adding a section defining a quorum, stating that ex officio non-voting representatives would not be counted toward a quorum. In addition, a provision for not counting members who had missed three consecutive meetings toward quorum was added. **Motion made by C. Harris, Second by J. Day to adopt the Bylaws with the recommended changes.** There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously. S. Powell stated that these Bylaws changes would be forwarded to the RTAC for their approval as well.

CTP Priority Needs List – S. Powell stated that each year the RPO must turn in a list of priorities for comprehensive transportation plans to the NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch. Currently there are three CTP’s underway– Louisburg, Granville County and Warren County. The 2005 CTP list identified Person County, then Vance, then Roxboro as the top 3 next priorities. Franklin County was listed as #4. However, CAMPO is about to devote resources to Franklin County’s plan, and it would be beneficial staff-wise and resource-wise to participate in this effort as it moves forward. CAMPO has worked diligently with RPO and NCDOT staff on Granville County’s plan. The effect of moving Franklin Co up on the list would be to bump Person County to #2, Vance County to #3, and Roxboro to #4. The Roxboro/Person County plan would most likely be a coordinated effort, with those plans beginning at the same time, and Vance County’s plan would get moved back to later in FY 07-08 or to the beginning of FY 08-09. Since a current land use or zoning plan must be in place for NCDOT to devote resources to a transportation plan in a region, it makes sense to delay Vance’s plan with the current land use issues going on in the county. S. Powell proposed moving Franklin County’s plan to #1 on the priority list, with Person County being #2, Vance County being #3, Roxboro being #4, Oxford remaining at #5, and Henderson remaining at #6. **Motion made by T. King , Second by L. Carver to recommend this CTP priority list to the RTAC for adoption.** T. King stated that it would be beneficial to update Franklin County’s plan since Louisburg’s plan was currently being updated. There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Statewide GIS for North Carolina – S. Powell stated that is a proposal from the NC Interagency Leadership team, which is comprised of 10 state and federal agencies involved with transportation planning, economic development, environmental issues, and cultural resources. While working on a project to integrate CTP’s with the NEPA process to make transportation projects go from planning to construction more quickly, a need for a comprehensive state-wide GIS system was identified. The interagency team has developed a plan to implement this state-wide GIS system, and will work with local, regional and state agencies all across the state to develop 171 layers covering everything from schools to evacuation routes to orthophotography to brownfields to fish habitats and so on. This data is proposed to be housed at CGIA, and will be available to all state and local agencies over the internet. This will give us a state-maintained system of updated GIS information to use. The interagency leadership team will be asking the General Assembly this session to fund this effort, at a cost of \$38.2 million for initial program development, and \$4.7 million for annual maintenance of the layers. The projected savings from this investment are outlined in the business case included in the agenda packet, and they include cost avoidances in the millions of dollars for developing projects faster, easier and more accurate pre-screening of project sites, and more accurate pictures of alternatives being studied in the Merger 01 process. Additionally, estimates over \$2 million in savings for NPDES Compliance programs is projected. Since the Interagency Leadership Team plans to go to the General Assembly to request funding for this project, and since it will be a benefit to transportation planning across the state, they have asked RPO’s and MPO’s across the state to endorse this request. S. Powell also stated that County Managers would be receiving data sharing agreements that would enable the COG to share county-level data with the state to further this effort. **Motion made by K. Krulik, Second by J. Day to forward the Resolution in Support of Development and Maintenance of a Comprehensive Geographic Information System for North Carolina to the RTAC for adoption.** There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Roxboro Pedestrian Planning Grant Application – J. Barlow stated that the City of Roxboro was committed to providing a functional pedestrian transportation network, and that they are submitting a Pedestrian Planning Grant Application to help achieve a comprehensive plan to assist that effort. An RPO endorsement of the application is necessary for it to move forward. **Motion made by T. King, Second by J. Day to recommend to the RTAC the endorsement of the Roxboro Pedestrian Planning Grant application.** There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – S. Powell presented an overview of some issues related to the TIP:

- TIP Priority Policy Update/Subcommittee Recommendations

After county-level meetings to look at the subcommittee's recommendations for the rating system, the subcommittee met again to incorporate everyone's comments. The subcommittee's recommendations for a final list of criteria and maximum points for each criterion were included in the agenda packet. The subcommittee is still working on some definitional issues and looking at how some of the criteria will be applied, the RTCC should consider an approval in theory of the rating system so the RPO can move forward with a new prioritization list. This is especially important since the NCDOT has opened the input period for the Draft 09-15 TIP. **Motion made by J. Day, Second by K. Krulik to accept the list of criteria and maximum point values for further work by the subcommittee.** There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

- 2007-2013 TIP Draft Public Comment Session

S. Powell presented a proposed written statement to be presented to the NCDOT Board of Transportation at the Public Hearing scheduled for December 1 in Roxboro from 2:00 – 4:00. It incorporates comments made at the last RTCC meeting, as well as other comments received via email since then. It also includes a statement that the RPO will not be presenting a list of priorities for the 09-15 TIP until we have adequate time to complete our prioritization process, and that we need the 07-13 TIP to be finalized before we can fully respond to it with a list of priorities for the next TIP. NCDOT still has not released a due date for ending the 09-15 comment period, but they've heard from a number of MPO's and RPO's across the state about the downside of the quick turnaround time they're imposing on us. L. Carver suggested adding some stronger wording to the written statement to fully address the economic development needs associated with R-2587 (US 158) in Warren County, and identify the growth happening in Halifax County as a primary reason for the need for this project. **Motion made by T. King, Second by S. Wilkins to approve the written statement with L. Carver's suggestions, and to forward the statement to the RTAC for approval.** There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch Update – R. Desai updated the RTCC on the progress of the three CTP's underway in the region. Granville County's plan has had future year traffic growth presented to the County and City Boards, and work on the bicycle map and the capacity deficiency portion of the road map is underway. NCDOT will be presenting capacity deficiencies to the Louisburg Town Council at their December meeting. Warren County's planning committee met this month and heard an update on the US 158 project.

NCDOT Division 5 Update – W. Bowman announced that he was currently serving as Interim Division Engineer since Jon Nance left to take another position within NCDOT. W. Bowman presented a status report on the NC Moving Ahead Projects, stating that several projects had been completed and only a few more had work remaining on them. L. Carver asked if it would be possible to see dollar figures associated with the Moving Ahead projects. W. Bowman stated he would bring this information to the next meeting. **Motion made by S. Wilkins, Second by K. Krulik to send a letter from the RPO to the Division 5 office congratulating them on the work achieved with the NC Moving Ahead program, and stating our support for further funding sources such as this to move these essential safety projects forward in the region.** There being no further discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

Planners Report & Informational Items– S. Powell stated that the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro MPO has been considering an expansion. They met with people from Roxboro, Person County, Stem, Butner and Granville County to gauge interest in becoming members. If any of these areas do become members, the RPO will once again have to revisit our MOU. Granville County staff have attended some DCHC MPO TCC meetings to get a sense of how their meetings go. We still do not know one way or the other about interest from our areas, but want to remind those jurisdictions to let DCHC MPO know if they are interested in further discussions.

There being no further business or discussion items to come before the RTCC, T. Marrow adjourned the meeting, reminding members that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, January 11, 2007.