



**Kerr-Tar Regional Transportation Planning
TCC-TAC Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2017 (3:00PM - 5:00PM)
Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments
1724 Graham Avenue / Henderson, NC**

TAC Members

Jimmy Clayton-Person Co. Commissioner, TAC Chair
Sidney Dunston-Franklin Co. Commissioner, TAC Vice Chair
Tony Cozart-Granville County Commissioner
Walter Powell-Warren County Commissioner
Walter Gardner-Town of Warrenton
Dan Brummitt-Vance County Commissioner

Board Member Emeritus (Non-voting)

Jim Crawford, Kerr-Tar TAC Board Member Emeritus

Guests

Eric Naisbitt-Legislative Assistant to Senator Barefoot
Alrik Lunsford-Kerr-Tar Regional Planner
Bernard Clark-Kerr-Tar Mobility Manager

TCC Members

Barry Baker-Granville Co. Planning Dir., TCC Chair
Ken Krulik-Warren County Planning Dir., TCC Vice Chair
Kathy Adcock-PATS
Harry Mills-Granville County EDC
Justin Jorgensen-Granville County
Melissa Hodges-Town of Butner
Carroll Harris-Town of Macon
Leigh Woodall-Person County
Lori Oakley-Person County
Angela Blount-Vance County
G. Paylor Spruill-City of Henderson
Joey Hopkins-NCDOT Division 5
David Keilson-NCDOT Division 5
Rupal Desai-NCDOT TBP
Diane Cox-Kerr-Tar COG Executive Director
Michael Kelly-Kerr-Tar COG Planning Director
Ann Stroobant-Kerr-Tar RPO Regional Planner & RPO Secretary

Welcome and the Review of Agenda— 3:00pm *TAC Chair, Commissioner Jimmy Clayton; TCC Chair, Barry Baker*
Barry Baker, TCC Chair and Commissioner Jimmy Clayton, TAC Chair opened the meeting, welcomed everyone and reviewed the agenda. Eric Naisbitt, Legislative Assistant to Senator Barefoot, was welcomed to the meeting as a guest. Michael Kelly, KTCOG Planning Director, introduced Alrik Lunsford, our new Kerr-Tar Regional Planner, with a summary of his experience and education.

TAC/TCC ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes from the last meeting on August 24, 2017:

Barry Baker, TCC Chair, introduced the approval of the August 24, 2017 minutes for the TCC. Ken Krulik made a motion to approve the minutes and Leigh Woodall seconded the motion for the TCC. The TCC unanimously approved the minutes and referred the item to the TAC. Commissioner Jimmy Clayton, TAC Chair, introduced the item for the TAC and Commissioner Dan Brummitt made the motion to approve the August 24, 2017 minutes as presented to the TAC members. Commissioner Tony Cozart seconded the motion. The TAC members unanimously approved the August 24, 2017 minutes as presented.

TAC/TCC ACTION ITEM- Approve Prioritization 5.0 Division Needs Alternative Criteria by NCDOT Deadline of September 29, 2017:

Ann Stroobant explained the Division Needs Default and Division Needs Alternate Criteria found on pages 9-13 of the meeting packet. In the Default Criteria on page 10 of the packet, Congestion =15%, Benefit-Cost=15%, Safety=10%, Accessibility/Connectivity=5% and Freight=5%. This is the quantitative input representing 50% of the total score. The Alternate Criteria for Division Needs, which must be approved by all of Division 5, is found on page 11 of the packet. In this version of the criteria, Congestion =15%, Benefit-Cost=20%, Safety=15%, Accessibility/Connectivity=0% and Freight=0%. This is the quantitative input representing 50% of the total score. Ann Stroobant has assessed the data using P5 Highway scoring with P4 scaling (which is all that is currently available) to see if the Alternate Criteria would help our projects. She said that of the 42 proposed highway projects, 17 had a lower score and 25 had a higher score using the Alternate Criteria for Division needs. Most of the projects were plus or minus one or two points. The projects that dropped the most in score were the projects that were fairly low scoring under the Default Criteria. Some projects got a boost of four or five points over the Default Criteria.

Of the 21 highway projects selected for the KTRPO P5 Highway Project submission to SPOT Online, 7 projects had a lower score (most were lowered by around one point) and 14 had a higher score (some projects were improved by 3 to 5 points). Projects located in all of the KTRPO counties were included in the 14 projects that received the point increase by using the Alternate Criteria rather than the Default Criteria.

Dan Brummitt brought up the point that freight and accessibility matter more at the State and Regional level.

David Keilson said that in Prioritization P4, the cut-off for funded projects was in the upper 20's at the Division Level and the upper 30's at the Regional Level. Our preliminary scores right now do not provide enough information as to which projects will likely receive funding.

Justin Jorgensen looked at the wording of the letter to David Wasserman stating that KTRPO concurs with the Division Alternative Needs Criteria. He wanted to make sure that the letter stated that KTRPO will use the Division 5 Alternative Criteria for Division Needs in Prioritization P5 only.

Barry Baker, TCC Chair, asked for a motion to approve the P5.0 Division Needs Alternative Criteria with the above clarification added to the letter for the TAC Chair to sign. Justin Jorgensen made the motion for the TCC and Ken Krulik seconded the motion. The item was unanimously approved by the TCC and the item was referred to the TAC. Jimmy Clayton, TAC Chair, introduced the item and Commissioner Sidney Dunston made the motion to approve the P5.0 Division Needs Alternative Criteria with the added clarification. Commissioner Dan Brummitt seconded the motion. The TAC members unanimously approved the Division Needs Alternative Criteria with the clarification that the Division 5 Alternative Criteria will be used for Prioritization P5 only and the TAC Chair will sign.

TAC/TCC ACTION ITEM- Approve KTRPO Prioritization P5.0 Project Submissions:

Ann Stroobant referred members to the KTRPO P5.0 projects in all modes (Aviation, Transit, Bike and Ped, Rail and Highway) on pages 14-36 of the packet. KTRPO has 6 aviation, 7 transit, 3 bike/ped and 21 selected highway projects out of a possible 42 highway projects. KTRPO is allowed 21 projects in each mode. We have had three subcommittee meetings in order to select the 21 highway projects, as the projects for the other

modes do not exceed the required project number. The KTRPO P5.0 Subcommittee meetings were held on 7/25/17, 8/15/17 with a third KTRPO P5.0 Subcommittee meeting on 9/12/17. This third KTRPO Subcommittee meeting narrowed the KTRPO P5.0 highway projects down to our 21 allowed slots. We do not have to do this with our other modes, as they do not approach the 21 project limit. Project information was circulated to TAC/TCC members prior to the August 24 and September 21 TAC/TCC meetings. The KTRPO Subcommittee is composed of the Planner from each Kerr-Tar RPO county, the KARTS and PATS Directors, the Division 5 Planning Engineer, the Kerr-Tar RPO Coordinator and the Kerr-Tar Planning Director.

Ann Stroobant referred members to pages 19-34 of the packet, where projects were first ranked according to the Default Criteria and then according to the Alternate Criteria. In each instance, a line was drawn on the table to show the top 21 highway projects using each criteria as well as indicating the P5 Subcommittee preferred and selected projects. The table showing the details of the 21 KTRPO P5 Highway Projects selected for submission by the P5 Subcommittee to NCDOT is found on pages 35-36 of the packet.

Leigh Woodall asked if NCDOT knows how much funding is available in this round for Kerr-Tar RPO. Joey Hopkins said that the total STI funding statewide is 1.5 Billion/year. In addition, Joey said that there is not a funding allocation per county and that all of the counties must compete for STI funding.

Discussion ensued concerning several of the highway projects. Ann Stroobant said that she had spoken to David Keilson who thought that **H170618**, NC 56 from Peach Orchard Road to Gayline Road in Franklin County would score better if it was widened from the proposed 3 lanes to 4 lanes and extended down to US 401 instead of stopping at Gayline Road. David Keilson was also present at the meeting. Commissioner Dunston from Franklin County said he had no objection to the modification if the project would score better and would not have a detrimental impact.

Discussion also took place concerning the interchange improvements on I-85 and US 1 in Vance County. Derrik Lewis from the NCDOT Feasibility Studies Unit has had a chance to do preliminary costings on the ramps. Ann Stroobant reported that he said that **H170494** would cost about \$13.2 million with **H170496** costing about \$5.4 million. It was suggested that **H170496**, I-85 from US 1 be the selected ramp, as it would score higher with the lower cost. This movement is North Bound I-85 to South Bound US 1. Joey Hopkins said that the ultimate goal is the larger project and this would work towards completing part of the project.

Barry Baker, TCC Chair, asked for a motion to approve the KTRPO Prioritization P5 Project Submissions in all modes with **H170618** modified from 3 lanes to 4 lanes and extended down to US 401 instead of stopping at Gayline Road and **H170496** substituted for H170494, as input from the Feasibility Studies Unit indicates that North Bound I-85 to South Bound US 1 would score better due to the lower cost. Harry Mills made the motion for the TCC and Joey Hopkins seconded the motion. The item was unanimously approved by the TCC and the item was referred to the TAC. Jimmy Clayton, TAC Chair, introduced the item and Dan Brummitt made the motion to approve the modified action item and Commissioner Tony Cozart seconded the motion. The TAC members unanimously approved the KTRPO Prioritization P5 Project Submissions in all modes (Aviation, Transit, Bike and Ped, Rail and Highway) with **H170618** modified from 3 lanes to 4 lanes and extended down to US 401 instead of stopping at Gayline Road and **H170496** substituted for H170494.

TAC/TCC Updates-

-STIP/SPOT 4.0/5.0 Update-

SPOT 5.0-Ann Stroobant referred members to the copies of the previous P4 KTRPO Methodology used for the KTRPO Local Point Assignments. She also referred members to the copy of the P4 KTRPO projects indicating the KTRPO Local Point Assignments and score breakdown for each project, so that members could be reminded of what occurred using the P4 KTRPO Methodology. Both of these items are attached to the back of the meeting packet. We will need to decide if any aspect of the KTRPO Local Input Methodology should be revised based on past experience and any recommendations from the NCDOT SPOT Office.

-CMAQ Update-

Ann Stroobant said that for CMAQ projects that have been awarded, local governments will need to request a local project agreement using the online NCDOT Local Project Agreement Tool no later than January 15, 2018 for projects to begin in FFY18 and by January 15, 2019 for projects to begin in FFY19. KTRPO has been allocated \$557,658 for FFY19. You will need to submit FFY19 CMAQ project applications to the RPO in February for prioritization and evaluation (date will be determined-last year it was February 23, 2017) so that projects can be evaluated by the March 15, 2018 NCDOT CMAQ submission deadline. The non-attainment counties of Granville, Franklin and Person should start thinking now about their next CMAQ applications.

-NC Lakes District Regional Bike Plan Update-Ann Stroobant informed members that staff are continuing to promote the NCLD Regional Bike Plan through outreach and marketing efforts. The NCLD Regional Bike Plan has gone through a second printing and copies of the bike map and informational cards have been circulated and distributed at events.

-Bike, Pedestrian and Rail Policy-Ann Stroobant drew members' attention to the handout located on the side table of the TAC/TCC meeting room which includes links to the existing NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Policy and Rail Corridor Preservation Policy. The handout also includes the Draft Sidewalk and Pedestrian Policy and the Draft Rail Corridor Preservation Policy which were presented to the Board of Transportation (BOT) at their July meeting, but no action was taken.

The deadline for the 2018 NCDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative is November 9, 2017. Information on applying for this grant is on page 37 of the packet.

The deadline to submit an application for the FY17 TIGER grant program is October 16, 2017. Information on this grant is on page 38 of the packet.

-Granville County CTP Update-

Ann Stroobant said work has been continuing on the Granville County CTP. The Granville County CTP Committee, KTRPO, and CAMPO have been working with NCDOT to update the 2008 Granville County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Granville County draft maps of highway, transit, bike/ped and rail have been completed by Rupal Desai. Rupal Desai said that public meetings have been scheduled for October 5, 2017 from 4-7pm at the Granville Senior Center and for October 10, 2017 from 4-7pm at the South Branch library. Copies of the public meeting flyers and draft maps are available to members on the side table of the TAC/TCC meeting room. After the public meetings are completed, the plan will proceed towards adoption, with meetings for adoption scheduled for October and November with an approximate plan completion date of December 2017.

NCDOT Reports – NCDOT Division 5 & NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch

- **NCDOT Division 5**-Joey Hopkins, Division 5 Engineer, said that Jim Trogden, Secretary of Transportation visited the City of Henderson and Vance County on September 20, 2017. Joey said that it was good for the Secretary to see and meet the Henderson and Vance County representatives and to look at the local issues. The visit was organized by the Henderson-Vance County Chamber of Commerce. Dan Brummitt said that he appreciated the attendance of Joey Hopkins, Scott Capps (the Division Maintenance Engineer), and the Kerr-Tar COG/RPO representatives.

Joey also said that NCDOT will increase spending on mowing and vegetation maintenance. Moving into next year, he said that we would notice a difference in the mowing cycle. There will be more focus on weed eating around the guard rail and litter.

Joey also mentioned the NC 98 Corridor Study which comprises a 27 mile section of the route located in Durham and Wake Counties, with a short section in Franklin County. Both CAMPO and DCHC have included the study in their 2045 long range plan and will consider submitting the corridor into the Prioritization process. Ann Stroobant mentioned that there is a public meeting tonight (9/21/17) on the NC 98 Study in Durham if any members would like the details and are interested in attending.

Joey Hopkins said that each division receives money for a mobility grant. One of the criteria is that the project needs to be ready to go in under 12 months. Joey said that the Division has \$1.7 million available this year.

- **NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch**-Rupal Desai commented on the Granville County CTP earlier under the Granville county CTP Update.

Other Business-none

Public Comment-none

Adjournment-

Barry Baker, TCC Chair, asked for a motion to adjourn for the TCC. Joey Hopkins made the motion to adjourn for the TCC which was seconded by Michael Kelly. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Jimmy Clayton, TAC Chair, asked for a motion to adjourn for the TAC. Commissioner Sidney Dunston made the motion to adjourn for the TAC, which was seconded by Commissioner Walter Powell. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

**The next Kerr-Tar RPO meeting is scheduled for Thursday,
November 30, 2017 from 3-5pm.**