



Kerr-Tar RPO TAC/TCC Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, June 21, 2018

Meeting Time: 3:00 PM- 5:00 PM

Meeting Location: 1724 Graham Avenue Henderson, NC 27536

Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15 (e): ETHICS AWARENESS & CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every TAC member to avoid conflicts of interest. Does any TAC member have any known conflict of interest with respect to matters coming before the TAC today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

TCC Members Present:

Ms. Jessica Gladwin, Planner - Town of Butner
Mr. Justin Jorgenson, Sr. Transportation Planner - Granville County
Mr. Michael Kelly, Planning Director - Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments
Ms. Angela Blount, Planner - Vance County
Mr. David Keilson, NCDOT Division Planning Engineer (Division 5)
Ms. Lori Oakley, Planning Director - Person County (joined via phone)
Ms. Lauren Johnson, Planning and Development Director, City of Roxboro (joined via phone)
Mr. Mark Eatman, Transportation Engineer & KTRPO Coordinator - NCDOT-TPD (joined via phone)
Ms. Cheryl Hart, City of Oxford (joined via phone)
Mr. Ken Krulik, Warren County Planning and Zoning Administrator and TCC Vice-Chair
Mr. Barry Baker, Granville County Planning Director and TCC Chair
Mr. Leigh Woodall, Person County

TAC Members Present:

Commissioner Sidney Dunston, Franklin County and TAC Vice-Chair
Commissioner Jimmy Clayton, Person County and TAC Chair
Councilmember Reggie Horton, City of Roxboro
Councilmember Tom Lane, Town of Butner
Commissioner Dan Brummitt, Vance County (joined via phone)
Mayor Walter Gardner, Warren County (joined via phone)
Mr. Michael Felts, Granville County Manager (joined via phone)

Kerr-Tar Staff Present:

Mr. Alrik Lunsford
Ms. Stephanie Harmon

I. Welcome and Call to Order

TCC Chair Barry Baker calls the TCC meeting to order and TAC Chair Jimmy Clayton calls the TAC meeting to order.

II. TAC/TCC Action Item- *Receive and approve minutes of May 24, 2018 meeting.*

TCC Chair Baker recognizes the first order of business being to approve the May 24, 2018 minutes. TCC Chair Baker receives a first and second motion, and the TCC votes in the affirmative to approve. TCC Chair Baker carries the recommendation to the TAC. TAC Chair Clayton asks for a motion of approval of the minutes. Councilmember Tom Lane so moves, Councilmember Reggie Horton seconds that motion, and the TAC votes in the affirmative to approve the minutes.

III. TAC/TCC Updates

NCDOT Reports

TCC Chair Barry Baker recognizes Alrik Lunsford to give updates on the public comments from the NCDOT Division 5 transportation projects. Alrik informs TAC/TCC members of the press release in their packets, and summarizes its main points. Alrik describes the NCDOT Division 5 public meeting format, gives the purpose of the meeting, announces that July 9 is the deadline for providing public input, and gives the three ways public input can be submitted.

P5.0 Subcommittee Regional and Division Projects

TCC Chair Baker asks Stephanie Harmon if you can give us any updates on the P5.0 Subcommittee Regional and Division Project meeting. Stephanie tells members that in your packet, you will find a spreadsheet of the condensed projects. Stephanie states that they were the projects selected and recommended for the TAC/TCC by the KTRPO P5.0 Subcommittee, says that the KTRPO and the Subcommittee met at the Council of Governments' offices yesterday and replies that she was pleased with having representation from all counties in the region and KARTS.

Stephanie states the goal of the P5.0 Subcommittee meeting was to allocate the regional points. Stephanie announces that the KTRPO had 1300 total points to allocate, per the methodology, and that the scoring the KTRPO received from NCDOT and the quantitative scores from the methodology were added together. Stephanie states that the top two projects from each county receiving the highest scores were assigned 100 points, along with three other projects the KTRPO decided to assign points to, to create the total 1300 points.

Stephanie says the total score column title was replaced by the regional point's assigned heading, and that they are in alphabetical order by county, and in the order of scoring. Stephanie says that aeriels of the projects are available for going through on the back table, and points out the couple of deviations from the regular 100 point assignment process, being from a couple different counties. Stephanie says project H090154 (extending into Halifax County from Warren County) added 96 points toward the project, leaving four points to be assigned to another project per our methodology. Stephanie adds a new NCDOT project titled H172189 came up, representing a division wide signal upgrade to the signal system, covering Granville, Person, and Franklin Counties.

David Keilson clarifies this being a SPOT scoring technicality that has an effect on all five counties, where only three different counties were able to be input. David adds, the 45 score from NCDOT is just an estimation, but it will be somewhere in the mid-40s, so NCDOT said that we were allowed to assign 48 total points to the project and the Subcommittee decided to allocate the entire 48. Therefore, the 48 points were taken out of that pot of the last 300 points, plus the four points from the Warren County project was 56. The Subcommittee decided to assign the 56 points to

the Person County project H170616, so that came in as part of our last three hundred points. Stephanie says, also in the packet you will see a list of meeting attendees and the top two projects for each county who were assigned point allocation and how they add up to thirteen hundred points. TCC Chair Baker asks Stephanie, were these generally carryover projects from the P4.0? Stephanie replies there were a few, but not all were. The Warren County/Halifax, KARTS projects, and some of the widening projects. David says there were some projects, which were similar projects in P4.0 that needed to be modified to be more competitive. Stephanie gives the examples of four lanes to three lanes, modernization instead of widening, etc.

TCC Chair Baker asks did you try and be more strategic in applying the points? David replies yes and as well as in defining the project. TCC Chair Baker asks if any of the Subcommittee members want to ask anything? TCC Chair Baker asks does anyone have any questions from the TCC? Stephanie announces that the KTRPO also have hard copies of the project maps on the table as well if you want to take a look through them. TCC Chair Baker asks, does anyone want to take time to look through the maps? County Commissioner Brummitt asks, is there an update to the agenda packet sent today? County Commissioner Brummitt voices concern about those on the phone not having access to the project maps.

TCC Chair Baker asks, when is the deadline to get the submission to NCDOT? David replies, July 27 is the deadline for entering points. TCC Chair Baker adds when we make a recommendation, there is a thirty-day period where we make comments, so is there any questions from anyone in the TCC, in person or on the phone? TCC Chair Baker announces, hearing none, does anyone want to make a recommendation from the TCC? TCC Chair Baker receives a motion to accept the rating system submitted by the Subcommittee for P5.0 and the motion is seconded from the P5.0 Subcommittee to approve the recommendations.

County Commissioner Brummitt states it would be nice to get a look at the projects before the TAC votes on any recommendations. In lieu of no visuals, David asks Stephanie if she can read through the list of projects for each county. TCC Chair Baker asks, is there any way we can email this out? The point is raised that some TAC members may not be at a location where it can be emailed out, so Stephanie proceeds to read through the projects off the list.

Stephanie reads the new division project H172189 where final upgrading signalization and software equipment will affect all of the counties. David clarifies that the project was there all along, but that there was previously a scoring error on project H172189 that made it look non-competitive, but thanks to the new scoring system it is looking competitive once again.

County Commissioner Brummitt says last year we worked on interconnectivity projects on I-85 and US Highway 1. County Commissioner Brummitt asks, did those fall off, or are they somewhere else where they don't need to be scored or did not score this year? Stephanie responds, they did not score well with NCDOT or the KTRPO methodology, mostly due to costs. David confirms that those projects or at least one project competed in the last round of prioritization and did not score well. This time, two projects were submitted. One, which would be just to make a connection from northbound I-85 to southbound one.

David continues, that was done so by having to lower cost, where the hope was that it would be more competitive, from the fact that besides having that one direction from the project, NCDOT

was also looking for ways to minimize the costs of that and got it down in the range of \$5m or so. Unfortunately, even with those efforts, it still did not score well. A large or significant part of the scoring process, especially at the statewide tier relates to volume, congestion, and so forth. David says the volumes there were relative to the capacity of freeway facilities, were somewhat modest, and that did not help the scoring. David said NCDOT will continue to work with you on projects in future rounds of prioritization, recognizing that this is a very important connection in seeing if we can find some other way to find a project that will score well. TCC Chair Baker asks did everyone hear that explanation about the Vance County project?

IV. TAC/TCC Action Item- Approval of P5.0 Subcommittee Recommendations

TCC Chair Baker asks does the TCC or the TAC have any other questions or comments? TAC Chair Clayton reiterates by asking if anyone from the TAC has questions or comments? With there being none, TCC Chair Baker asks, do we have a motion and a second to approve the Subcommittees' recommendations? TCC votes in the affirmative to approve the Subcommittee recommendations. TAC Chair Clayton ask for motion to approve, TAC Vice-Chair Dunston makes a motion to approve, that motion is seconded, and TAC votes in the affirmative to approve the Subcommittee recommendations.

V. NCDOT Reports

TCC Chair Baker calls the next item, being NCDOT reports. David reports that the Build NC initiative was just signed into law and the purpose of that is to enable NCDOT to use more of the transportation needs near term, providing bonding that will allow additional projects at the regional tier and division tier to be funded with approximate equal share between those two.

David continues, and as that has just been signed into law, NCDOT does not have details yet as far as how the programming process will work in terms of how much of those funds. NCDOT will see programming in this round of prioritization, but it will result in the increase in funds, allowing more needs to be met sooner, so NCDOT is glad to see that happen.

TCC Chair Baker asks David, what will be the process and how soon will the process be fleshed out? David responds, I anticipate between now and when we release the STIP, if not the Draft STIP. Those details will have to be worked out to see what the near term implications of that is and how much it will affect this current round of Prioritization 5.0 as versus future rounds. Also, there is a provision in there making it contingent upon the balance of NCDOT funds being below a certain level before it kicked in. NCDOT wound up with a rather large cash balance, partly related to the new Strategic Transportation Investments Law.

David continues, due to a major change to the way projects were funded compared to under the equity formula, there were a lot of projects, which some development work had begun on. Then under the new system, different projects scored higher, and so that meant a lot of projects which were brand new had not begun any development work on them; therefore making it a number of years before NCDOT could start construction. During that time, the cash balance has just been increasing, but David thinks everyone is going to be seeing the cash balance decreasing pretty substantially over the next year or two as some major projects are left around the state.

Leigh Woodall asks do you have any idea whether the General Assembly will be looking at that as an oversight item coming forward? David responds, I am sure they will be interested to see what the results are, with the specifics to that I don't know. TCC Chair Baker asks if Mark has any comments? Mark responds no report today and TCC Chair Baker calls other business as the next item on the agenda.

VI. Other Business

TCC Chair Baker hears none and moves on to Stephanie opening up the floor for discussion about the Open House on the Granville County Comprehensive Plan. TCC Chair Baker states, the County's CTP Open House was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at the Granville County Expo Center, where they were looking at the draft recommendations of Granville County's Comprehensive Plan from the Steering Committee. The County has not had an update to its Comprehensive Plan since October 2017. Granville County has had Open Houses in both the Northern and Southern portions of the County.

TCC Chair Baker states that the second survey is presently open asking for the public's comments on the draft recommendation. Back in January or February, Granville had released a survey, getting input from citizens. TCC Chair Baker feels like Granville County has got a good amount of information from citizens in all the surveys from the public meetings, and is hoping to meet by September or October. TCC Chair Baker adds, Granville County will be ready to ask their County Commissioners for adoption, and recommends the process, since this is the first update Granville County has had in some time.

Leigh Woodall asks have you had any updates since the original Comprehensive Transportation Plan was put into place? TCC Chair Baker responds, this is our comprehensive plan that is going to entail land use, transportation, water/sewer, and infrastructure. We have worked in the interim period between our current comp plan and this comp plan on greenway plans, the CTP, or the revision/update to the CTP during this period of time. So, we have had Stuart as our consultant and they have done an excellent job. Granville County has a citizen steering committee and worked to keep the Planning board and County Commissioners informed. We have a head start with the CTP, and our greenway plans and some economic development plans. We have included our municipalities, Butner has a plan along I-85, which has also been incorporated by Creedmoor, Oxford, Stem, Stovall, making the process very inclusive.

TCC Vice-Chair Krulik added the Land Use Plan for Warren County has been in a holding pattern the last couple of years, but now the County is discussing potentially expanding zoning. The County is going to pick back up trying to arrange the informational meetings for the County's Comprehensive Plan update. To date, the last update was done in 2002. Ken estimates by the fall the County will have an updated Comprehensive Plan. Planning Director Michael Kelly added, the KTRPO placed into the organization's Work Plan, the Warren County Comprehensive Transportation Plan, under the new format prescribed by NCCOT.

VII. Public Comment

TCC Chair Baker recognized members of the public to speak. There was no public comment.

VIII. Adjourn

Hearing none, TCC Chair Baker makes a motion to adjourn, the motion is second, and members of the TCC votes in the affirmative. TAC Chair Clayton asks the members for a motion to adjourn.

TAC Vice-Chair Dunston makes the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Tom Lane and the members of TAC vote in the affirmative. There being no further business, the Committee adjourn.