
Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO)
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
February 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting. Members were in-person at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center, 1192 US-64 BUS, Pittsboro, NC 27312 or online. The date, time and room location were made available to the public.

RTAC Members Present:

Amy Fowler, Orange County (RTAC vice chair)
Curtis Brown, Siler City
Kirk Smith, Lee County
Pat Pizzella, Pinehurst
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

RTAC Members Absent:

Donald Andrews, Broadway (RTAC chair)
Frank Quis, Moore County
Mike Dasher, Chatham County

RTCC Members Present:

Matt Day, Triangle J COG
Karyl Fuller, Triangle J COG (RTCC alternate member)
Morgan Dewit, Pittsboro
Brandon Dawson, Chatham County
Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8
Nishith Triveldi, Orange County
Jaimie Walters, Moore County
Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
Stephen Robinson, NCDOT Division 7
David Montgomery, Sanford/Lee County/Broadway
BJ Grieve, Southern Pines

Others Present:

Wilma Laney, Aberdeen
James Vose (RTAC alternate)
Rebecca Salmon (RTAC alternate)
Kathy Vollert, NCDOT Division 8
Nick Morrison, IMD

Note: The RTCC remained in session from its meeting earlier in the morning. These minutes begin at the joint RTCC/RTAC portion of the agenda. The RTCC minutes from their earlier meeting are recorded separately.

Item 1 – Welcome, Introductions and Ethics Reminder

At approximately 12:00 pm, Ms. Fowler called the RTAC meeting to order. He read the ethics reminder, and no RTAC members noted any conflicts of interest with today's agenda items. Ms. Fuller conducted a roll call of all participants in the room and on the webinar/phone call. Quorum was established.

Item 2 – Purpose & Agenda for Today's Meeting

Ms. Fuller reviewed the day's agenda, including the 6 discussion/information items and 4 decision items: the December 8, 2022 Minutes; Slate of Projects and Letters of Support for CRP and CMAQ Programs; Letters of Support for Pittsboro Feasibility Study and TJCOG's SRTS Application; and new Sub-Committee to Select New Submissions for Prioritization 7, all in the consent agenda.

Item 3 – Public Comment

Mr. Andrews called for any public comments. None were noted.

Item 4 – NC Board of Transportation Update

Ms. Mathis provided a brief update on the Board of Transportation's meeting in Division 8.

Item 5 – NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update

Ms. Bogle noted that she would provide a newsletter to be sent out after the meeting. She briefly reviewed the CTPs' status and noted that we are moving forward on model updates for Chatham, and Lee Counties.

Item 6 – NCDOT Division 7 Update

Mr. Robinson provided information about projects in Orange County. A handout was provided in the agenda materials.

Item 7 – NCDOT Division 8 Update

Mr. Kluchar provided information about projects in Chatham, Lee, and Moore Counties. A handout was provided in the agenda materials.

Item 8 – TARPO Staff Update

Ms. Fuller noted that she planned to send a newsletter out sometime after the meeting. Finally, she highlighted some GIS data that she thought might be of interest to the members. See link in Board packet. She also reminded all of the RTAC members that they needed to complete their Ethics paperwork.

Item 9 – RTCC Adjournment and Report to RTAC

Mr. Meadows made a motion to adjourn the RTCC meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Montgomery. The vote passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 PM.

Mr. Meadows provided an overview of the morning's RTCC meeting.

Item 10a – Preparation for FY24 Planning Work Program

Ms. Fuller presented the draft FY 2024 PWP. It would be submitted to NCDOT for their review. She asked for the membership to provide any input on additional items that should be included. It will also be posted on the TARPO's website for public review and comment. The Board will vote on it at their April meeting.

Item 10b – Draft CRP / CMAQ Slate of Projects

Ms. Fuller reviewed the two programs briefly. She stated that the project that was selected for CMAQ consideration was from Orange County. There were seven potential CRP projects. Ms. Fuller noted there were 5 projects were being presented for CRP funding-2 from Siler City, 1 each from Pittsboro, Chatham County and 1 from Sanford/Lee County, see spreadsheet for more information. Ms. Fuller asked the Board to approve the slate of projects, as part of the Consent Agenda.

Item 10c – Census 2020 Urban Areas Update and a New MPO in Southern Moore County

Ms. Fuller briefly described the developments to date: a new MPO will need to be formed in Southern Moore County and will include all or parts of 6 municipalities and the County. NCDOT will be having discussions with those jurisdictions, and the RPO and TJCOG have been involved. Matt Day provided some information on upcoming meetings where this will be discussed further.

It is anticipated TARPO may lose all or part of Moore County. This will affect the MOU but the RPO will continue, as long as it has 3 counties or 50,000 in population.

Item 10d--Appoint Prioritization 7.0 RTCC Subcommittee and its Purpose & Role

Ms. Fuller discussed TARPO needed to start preparations for Prioritization 7.0. Historically, TARPO has developed its slate of new submittals using an RTCC sub-committee process. She reviewed the 2019 process and staff as well as the RTCC recommended to the RTAC that we continue to follow the 2019 process.

- 111 Item 11 – Consent Agenda
- 112 Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. Mr. Brown seconded. The motion passed (6-0).
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- 114 Item 14 – Adjournment
- 115 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:13 pm.