
1 Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO)
2 Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
3 **June 8, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

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

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9 **RTAC Members Present:**

10 Donald Andrews, Broadway (RTAC chair)
11 Curtis Brown, Siler City
12 Kirk Smith, Lee County
13 Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation
14 Mike Dasher, Chatham County

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16 **RTAC Members Absent:**

17 Frank Quis, Moore County
18 Pat Pizzella, Pinehurst

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20 **RTCC Members Present:**

21 Matt Day, Triangle J COG
22 Karyl Fuller, Triangle J COG (RTCC alternate member)
23 Morgan Dewit, Pittsboro
24 Brandon Dawson, Chatham County
25 Kathy Vollert, NCDOT Division 8
26 Nishith Triveldi, Orange County
27 Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
28 Stephen Robinson, NCDOT Division 7
29 David Montgomery, Sanford/Lee County/Broadway
30 Chad Reimakoski, Division 7
31 Nishant Shah (alternate)
32 Debra Ensminger, Moore County

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34 **Others Present:**

35 Phyllis Portie-Ascott, Orange County (non-voting)
36 Wilma Laney, Aberdeen
37 Nick Morrison, IMD
38 Jeron Monroe, Division 8
39 Molly Goodman, Pittsboro
40 Madeline Galliano

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

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45 Item 1 – Welcome, Introductions and Ethics Reminder

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

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50 Item 2 – Purpose & Agenda for Today's Meeting

51 Ms. Fuller reviewed the day's agenda, including the 7 discussion/information items and 2 decision items: April 13, 2023,
52 Minutes, and Election of Officers for RTAC, all in the consent agenda.

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54 Item 3 – Presentation: SPOT or Prioritization 7.0 Overview

55 Ms. Fuller presented on the Prioritization 7.0 process. She provided an overview of the process, noting the points where

56 TARPO can influence the outcome.
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58 Item 4 – NC Board of Transportation Update
59 Ms. Mathis provided a brief update from the Board of Transportation
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61 Item 5 – NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update
62 Ms. Bogle reviewed TPD’s newsletter. She briefly reviewed the CTPs’ status and noted that we are moving forward on
63 model updates for Chatham, and Lee Counties.
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65 Item 6 – NCDOT Division 7 Update
66 Mr. Robinson provided information about projects in Orange County. A handout was provided in the agenda materials.
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68 Item 7 – NCDOT Division 8 Update
69 Mr. Kluchar provided information about projects in Chatham, Lee, and Moore Counties. A handout was provided in the
70 agenda materials.
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72 Item 8 – TARPO Staff Update
73 Ms. Fuller noted that she planned to send a newsletter out sometime after the meeting. She highlighted some Census data
74 that she thought might be of interest to the members. See data in the Board packet.
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76 Item 9 – RTCC Adjournment and Report to RTAC
77 Mr. Meadows made a motion to adjourn the RTCC meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Montgomery. The vote passed
78 unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.
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80 Mr. Meadows provided an overview of the morning’s RTCC meeting.
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82 Item 11a – Election of Officers
83 Ms. Fuller noted that TARPO elects a Chair and Vice Chair every year at the June meeting. Mayor Andrews wanted to step
84 down. The Board thanked him for his wonderful service to TARPO. Commissioner Smith offered to take over as Chair.
85 Commissioner Dasher was asked to be Vice-Chair. He agreed. Commissioner Smith made the motion and Commissioner
86 Brown seconded. A roll call vote was taken and Commissioner Smith was elected chair with Commissioner Dasher as Vice-
87 Chair.
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89 Item 11b – Possible MOU Update- Ms. Fuller noted that because TJCOG will be changing its name to Central Pines Regional
90 Council, our MOU will need to be amended. She asked if there were any other changes that the membership would want.
91 There was little conversation about changes.
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93 Item 11c – Possible RPO Name Change—Given the MOU amendment, staff asked about a RPO name change, given that
94 TJCOG is changing their name. The RPO does not have to have the same name but if a change is wanted, this would be the
95 time to do it. Commissioner Smith made the suggestion of Three Rivers RPO. There was discussion of leaving the names as
96 TARPO. Staff suggested that possible new names be sent in and they would put out a poll to see which name or names
97 received the most votes, and the TAC could make a final decision at the August meeting. Everyone was in agreement.
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99 Item 11d- Census 2020 Urban Areas Update and a New MPO in Southern Moore County
100 Ms. Fuller and Mr. Day reported that discussions around the MPA for new Southern Moore County MPO were on-going.
101 They have decided on Sandhills Area MPO as the name, and have a MPA, or a boundary. Now, they are establishing a TAC.
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103 DCHC will be changing its boundary slightly with TARPO, and CAMPO will now extend into Chatham County, to a line that
104 approximately runs along the eastern side of Jordan Lake.
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106 Item 11e –FY23 Q3 Financial Update
107 Ms. Fuller briefly reviewed the Q3 finances and plans to include the full memo in the newsletter.
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109 Item 11f –STIP Updates
110 Ms. Fuller discussed briefly that there were changes to the Adopted 2020-2029 STIP. She also noted that work has begun

111 on the development of the 2026-2035 STIP, or Prioritization 7.0. She then said that the 2024-2033 STIP was presented to
112 NCBOT in June and was adopted.

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114 Item 11g –Prioritization 7.0 Update

115 Staff reminded the members that there is a sub-committee that is developing a slate of highway and bike/ped projects to
116 be submitted. TARPO has 23 slots per mode and does not anticipate needing all 23 slots except for highway and bike/ped.
117 Other modes will be accepted until mid-September on a first come-first serve basis.

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119 The TCC and TAC will vote on the draft slate at the August meeting, so that staff has several weeks to enter all of the
120 projects into SPOT Online.

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122 Item 11 – Consent Agenda (Amended)

123 Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the April board minutes, as the Board had already voted on the election. Mr. Smith
124 seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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126 Item 14 – Adjournment

127 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:16 pm.