
Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO)

Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee (RTCC)

June 8, 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.

RTCC Members Present:

Jack Meadows, Siler City (Chair)

David Montgomery, Sanford/Lee County/Broadway

Matt Day, Central Pines Regional Council

Morgan Dewit, Pittsboro

Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Brandon Dawson, Chatham County

Debra Ensminger, Moore County

Stephen Robinson, Division 7

Nishith Triveldi, Orange County

Kathryn Vollert, Division 8

Bryan Kluchar, Division 8

Others Present:

Chad Reimakoski, Division 7

Jeron Monroe, Division 8

Dago Pozos, Division 8

Karyl Fuller, TJCOG (RTCC Alternate)

Nishant Shah, Division 7

Item 1 – Welcome and Introductions

At approximately 10:30 am, Mr. Meadows, Chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Fuller then conducted a roll call of participants in the webinar/phone call. Quorum was established.

Item 2 – Purpose & Agenda for Today's Meeting

Ms. Fuller reviewed the day's agenda, including the 8 discussion/information items and 6 decision items: June 8, 2023, Minutes, FY 2024 PWP Amendment #1 Approval, FY 2024 Local Dues Options Approval, New RPO Name Change Approval (if changing), MOU Update Approval and Prioritization 7.0 Draft Slate of Projects Approval, all in the consent agenda.

Item 3 – Public Comment

Mr. Meadows called for any public comments. There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Item 4a FY 2024 PWP Amendment #1

NCDOT increased the allocation for FY2024 PWP from \$138,108 to \$158,900, a ~15% increase. TARPO now needs to amend the FY 2024 PWP to incorporate the new money, \$20,792. Staff recommends increasing Prioritization funding by \$5,000 to accommodate additional work; adding \$7,000 to General Transportation Planning to reflect work that now can be accomplished by staff, that would have used other COG funds; \$2,200 to Administrative Activities to be used to update administrative documents to reflect the LPA name change and RPO boundary change; \$1,989 in increased direct expenses resulting from the LPA's renovation and adding \$4,603 to indirect expenses to account for the increased staff time.

Item 4b – FY 2024 Local Dues Options

In addition to the 15% increase in TARPO's budget, NCDOT has determined that they can decrease the match that TARPO pays from 20% to 10%. There was a discussion among the membership and it was stated that the TCC should recommend that dues remain at \$9,000 per county, to account for meeting expenses and other costs that are not reimbursable under the current contract.

Item 4c – Possible RPO Name Change

Given the MOU amendment, staff asked about a RPO name change, given that TJCOG is changing their name. The RPO

56 does not have to have the same name but if a change is wanted, this would be the time to do it. There was little interest in
57 changing the name. Someone mentioned that they liked how easy it was to say. Staff suggested that possible new names
58 be sent in and they would put out a poll to see which name or names received the most votes, and the TAC could make a
59 final decision at the August meeting. Everyone was in agreement.

60
61 Item 4d – Census 2020 Urban Areas Update and a New MPO in Southern Moore County

62 Ms. Fuller and Mr. Day reported that discussions around the MPA for new Southern Moore County MPO were on-going.
63 They have decided on Sandhills Area MPO as the name, and have a MPA, or a boundary. Now, they are establishing a TAC.

64
65 DCHC will be changing its boundary slightly with TARPO, and CAMPO will now extend into Chatham County, to a line that
66 approximately runs along the eastern side of Jordan Lake.

67
68 Item 4e – FY23 Q3 Financial Update

69 Ms. Fuller briefly reviewed the Q3 finances and plans to include the full memo in the newsletter.

70
71 Item 4f –STIP Update

72 Ms. Fuller discussed briefly that there were changes to the Adopted 2020-2029 STIP. She also noted that work has begun
73 on the development of the 2026-2035 STIP, or Prioritization 7.0. She then said that the 2024-2033 STIP was presented to
74 NCBOT in June and was adopted.

75
76 Item 4g –Prioritization 7.0 Update

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

80
81 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
82 projects into SPOT Online.

83
84 Item 5 –Consent Agenda (Amended)

85 Mr. Dawson made a motion to approve the April board minutes, as the Board had already voted on the election. Mr. Day
86 seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

87
88 Item 6 – Member Updates from Around the Region

89 There was a brief discussion.

90
91 Mr. Meadows called for a recess around 11:24 am until the start of the RTAC meeting at 12:00. The remainder of the RTCC
92 meeting was conducted jointly with the RTAC meeting and is documented in the RTAC minutes.