

Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

12 October 2023
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Chatham County Agriculture &
Conference Center
192 US-64 BUS, Pittsboro, NC 27312
Hybrid Meeting Using Zoom (see
calendar invite)

Joint RTCC/RTAC Agenda (begins at 12:00 PM)

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| 1. Welcome, Introductions, and Ethics Reminder | <i>Kirk Smith, RTAC Chair</i> |
| 2. Purpose and Agenda for Today's Meeting | <i>Karyl Fuller, TARPO Staff</i> |
| 3. Public Comment | <i>Kirk Smith, RTAC Chair</i> |
| 4. NC Board of Transportation Update | <i>Lisa Mathis, NCBOT</i> |
| 5. NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update | <i>Julie Bogle, NCDOT TPD</i> |
| 6. NCDOT Division 7 Update | <i>Chad Reimakoski, Div. 7</i> |
| 7. NCDOT Division 8 Update | <i>Bryan Kluchar, Div. 8</i> |
| 8. TARPO Staff Update | <i>Karyl Fuller, TARPO Staff</i> |
| 9. RTCC Adjournment & Report to RTAC | <i>Jack Meadows, RTCC Chair</i> |

RTAC Agenda (following joint meeting)

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| 10. Discussion Items | <i>Kirk Smith, RTAC Chair</i> |
| a. Meeting Options & 2024 Meeting Calendar | |
| b. CMAQ/CRP Project Submissions | |
| c. MOU Amendment Update | |
| i. Possible Logos | |
| d. MPO/Boundary Update | |
| e. STIP Update | |
| f. Request to Remove R-5963C from 2024-2033 STIP | |
| g. Prioritization 7.0 Update | |
| h. Local Input Point Methodology Review (SMPO and Points) | |
| i. Request to Adopt NC 54 Plan | |
| 11. Consent Agenda | <i>Kirk Smith, RTAC Chair</i> |
| a. August 10, 2023, Minutes | |
| b. 2024 Meeting Calendar | |
| c. CMAQ/CRP Project Submissions | |
| d. Request to Remove R-5963C from 2024-2033 STIP | |
| e. Request to Adopt NC 54 Plan | |
| 12. Member Updates from Around the Region/Open Discussion | <i>Kirk Smith, RTAC Chair</i> |
| 13. Adjournment | |

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2023, 12:00 PM in Sanford

Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization Core Duties (G.S. 136-212)

To develop, in cooperation with NCDOT, long-range local and regional multimodal transportation plans; provide a forum for public participation in the transportation planning process; develop and prioritize suggestions for transportation projects the organization believes should be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program; and provide transportation-related information to local governments and other interested organizations and persons.

TARPO Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting Agenda Comments – October 12, 2023

Item 4: NC Board of Transportation Update

Background

Board of Transportation member Lisa Mathis will provide an update.

Recommendation

For information/discussion only

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Item 5: NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update

Background

NCDOT staff will provide updates on Comprehensive Transportation Plans and other statewide planning activities at the Joint RTCC/RTAC meeting.

Recommendation

For information/discussion only

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Item 6: NCDOT Division 7 Update

Background

The attached document provides information on projects in Orange County.

Recommendation

For information/discussion only

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Item 7: NCDOT Division 8 Update

Background

The attached document provides information on projects in Chatham, Lee, and Moore Counties.

Recommendation

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Item 8: TARPO Staff Update

Background

I have redone the Current STIP page on the website. You can now see **Recent Changes**.

☐	TIP #	Updated	If d...	Item N	Notes	Cou
	COUNTY					
	Chatham	Count 6				
1	BL-0062	Modified		9/7/2023	9/23: deleted ROW at the Request of the Division	Ch
2	EB-5734	Delayed	1	9/7/2023		Ch
3	HE-0011	Delayed	1	9/7/2023	\$1,000,000 for other activities. Economic ...	Ch
4	RX-2008A	Delayed	1	9/7/2023	Project break added in February 2022 at the reque...	Ch
5	R-5930A	Modified		9/7/2023	Cost increase exceeding \$2 million and 25% thresholds.	Ch
6	BN-0012	New		10/4/2023	10/23: Add Project at the request of Transportation ...	Ch

The purple line means it was changed in the most recent Item N. This view shows only those projects that have been recently added, modified, delayed or deleted.

If you want to see all of the **projects in STIP, organized by County**, it is just below the Recent Changes. The purple line means that the project was modified recently.

For all views, if you click just to the left of the TIP number, you can see the expanded record.

R-3830

STIP ID

2020-2029

County

Chatham

Mode

Highway

Route

NC 42

Description

NC 42 from US 421 (Homer Blvd) in Sanford to SR 1579 (Broadway Rd) and SR 1579 (Broadway Rd/N Main St) from NC 42 (Jewett Ferry Rd) to SR 1530 (Harrington Ave). Widened to multilanes.

Total Cost

\$72,016,000

ROW Year 1

ROW Year 1 (\$)

Utilities Year 1

Utilities Year 1 (\$)

Construction Year 1

2023

Construction Year 1 (\$)

\$14,750,000

Construction Year 2

2024

Construction Year 2 (\$)

\$14,750,000

Recommendation

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Item 10a: Meeting Options & 2024 Meeting Calendar

Background

I have included the 2024 Meeting Calendar. It has six meeting dates, in the even months on the second Thursday. TARPO/TARPO has traditionally met in February, June, and October meetings at a location in Pittsboro and April, August, and December meetings at a location in Sanford. I have continued to host hybrid meetings. However, I would like to propose a change, as I find it difficult to find locations to host hybrid meetings well, outside of the Chatham County Agriculture and Conference Center in Pittsboro. I am happy to continue to meet there and would propose that we could meet in-person (with limited exceptions) in Sanford or I could host from Central Pines Regional Council, which should have by early 2024, the ability to host hybrid meetings easily in one of its conference rooms.

Are there other suggestions?

Recommendation

Approval of the 2024 Meeting Calendar. Included in the Consent Agenda

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Item 10b: CMAQ/CRP Project Submissions

Background

NCDOT has indicated that we can submit CMAQ and CRP projects on a rolling basis. They have also let us know that there is more funding available in the under 5,000 category than any other category. Pittsboro has submitted two projects: one for CMAQ and the other for CRP in the under 5,000 category.

The **CMAQ** project is for a Circulator Bus in Pittsboro. From the description:

Chatham Transit Network is planning a route to operate in the town of Pittsboro, NC to provide pick ups and drop offs at key locations within the town. This route will be a new service that will be offered on Fridays and Saturdays. The route will ease traffic congestion and parking issues within the town during these times. There is currently no service offered during the times planned for this new route. At this time, Chatham Transit Network will utilize buses currently in the fleet.

The expected route will run two buses with one bus running East to West and the second bus running North to South. Friday service will be offered from 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm and Saturday service will be offered from 10:00 am – 10:00 pm. The cost is \$87,700 per year, for a total of \$175,400 with a 20% match. The application is for 2 years of operating funding.

The **CRP** Project is to construct ~1,200 linear feet of sidewalk on Salisbury Street in Pittsboro, constructing two sections to provide continuous sidewalk from Fayetteville Street to J A Farrell Street. The total cost is \$400,800 with a 20% match.

Recommendation

Approval of submitting these two projects to NCDOT for funding consideration. Included in the Consent Agenda

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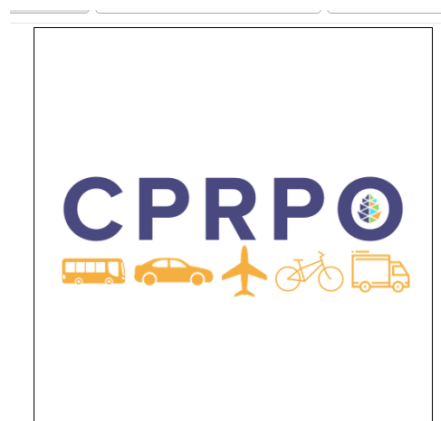
Item 10c: MOU Amendment Update

Background

Staff will give an update on the progress of MOU Amendment Process

i. Possible Logos

CPRC staff has provided a few logo ideas below. Please review, as staff would like to finalize the change, so the website and other branding can be updated.



Recommendation

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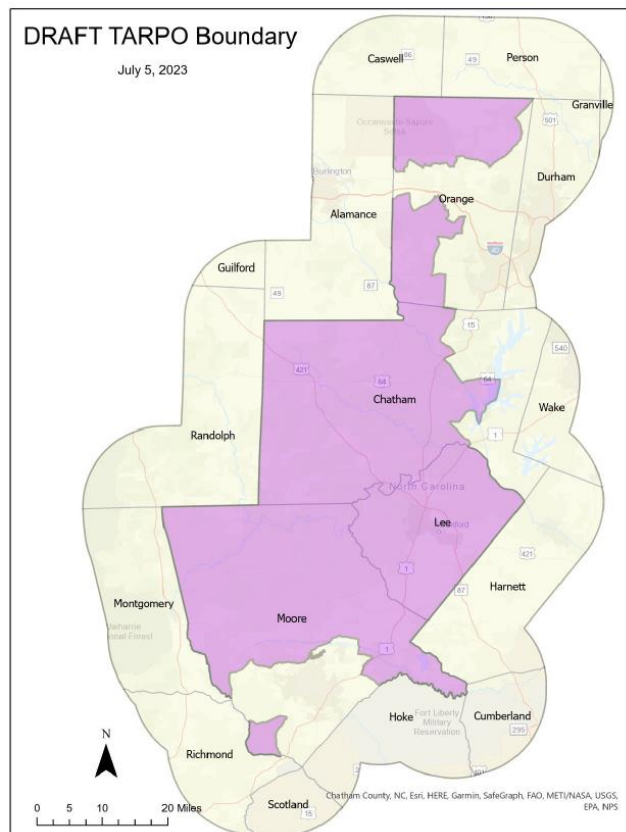
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Item 10d: MPO/Boundary Update

Background

Staff have continued to attend the formation committee for SMPO. They have agreed to a MPA. They have also developed a MOU that will be put on their jurisdictions' agendas in October.

At this point, it looks like our new boundary has largely solidified. I am still waiting to hear from FAMPO/Moore County on whether they plan to include a small section of Moore in the MPA for FAMPO.



Recommendation

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Item 10e: STIP Update

Background

~~2020-2029 STIP Update~~

The attached documents show STIP amendments to 2020-2029 STIP that were presented to the NC Board of Transportation in the last two months.

*September should be the last time that 2020-2029 STIP will be amended.

2024-2033 STIP Update

Hopefully, FHWA has approved the STIP. It will be NCDOT's main STIP for the next two years.

In the staff update, there is some information on how the Current STIP on the website will be maintained in the future. Let me know if you have questions.

2026-2035 STIP Update

- Please see the Prioritization 7.0 Update for more information.

Recommendation

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Item 10f: Request to Remove R-5963C

Background

Staff had a meeting on 8/22 with Division 8 and the Town of Pittsboro to discuss the Division's request to remove R-5963C, (South Chatham Park Way) from the STIP.

Today, the "C" section exists as a two-lane road. The proposal, R-5963C, is to widen it from 2 lanes to 4 lanes. This project is one section of a larger project, R-5963-A-D, which is construct Chatham Park Way. The other sections do not exist as roadways today. Division 8 wants to facilitate the completion of the entire Park Way but construction costs are continuing to rise. If the "C" section was removed, its current funding, \$9.8 million, would be used to cover most of the cost increases, of \$14 million for sections "A", "B", and "D". This will allow Division 8 to maintain the current schedule. Division 8 would also commit to resubmitting the "C" section as P 7.0 new submittal, so the project could re-compete, and perhaps, be picked up again.

The new proposed schedule is:

- R-5963D – Let date will be modified to April of 2024. This project is the relocation of Suttles Rd and construction of an on-ramp from Chatham Park Way to US 64 westbound.
- R-5963A & R-5963B – We will merge these projects back into a single project/STIP ID. Assuming they would be merged into R-5963A, we plan to move the let date up to February of 2025.
- R-5963C – will be removed from the STIP and re-submitted by Division 8 in P7.0.

The Town of Pittsboro has been involved in these discussions and concurs with Division 8.

Division 8 sent an email on 8/28/2023, formally asking that the RPO request the removal of R-5963C from 2024-2033 STIP.

Recommendation

Request the removal of R-5963C from the 2024-2033 STIP, and that Division 8 re-submit R-5963C as a new submittal in Prioritization 7.0.

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Item 10g: Prioritization 7.0 Update

Background

SPOT Online has opened and the carryovers and holding tank projects are loaded. SPOT Office has extended the submittal window to ***October 27, 2023***. Staff is working to submit projects and may be in contact with you if there are questions.

While the highway, bike/ped projects are well-defined at this point, I am still having a few issues getting projects for aviation and transit. I have some but there are few agencies that I have not heard from. I will be reaching out. If you can help me, I would appreciate it.

Recommendation

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Item 10h: Local Input Point Methodology Review (SMPO and Points)

Background

Staff has attached the Local Input Point Methodology that was developed for Prioritization 6.0. Generally, staff would not recommend making substantial updates to this methodology, considering that there have been only a few changes to the Prioritization process this round. However, besides the administrative updates to the schedule, name, and public involvement process, TARPO needs to decide how to conduct the Local Input Point Process, given the new MPO in Moore County.

Currently, TARPO is submitting all of the projects for Moore County into SPOT Online, as it has done in all previous rounds as the MPO does not formally exist yet. However, by the end of 2023, SMPO will exist, **and** all of the SMPO municipalities will no longer be represented on TARPO Board.

The SPOT Office is reluctant to have the MPO receive a full allocation of local input points because it is coming into the middle of the process. In conversations with SPOT office and a SMPO representative, various solutions have been talked about, and nothing has been fully decided but it has been discussed that TARPO could “donate” some of their 1,500 points to SMPO, and they then can decide which projects will receive those points. If we use SMPO’s proportion of TARPO’s population, they would receive ~400 points. We have some time to discuss this further before we need to approve our P 7.0 Methodology in February or April 2024.

Recommendation

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Item 10i: Request to Adopt NC 54 Plan

Background

TARPO has received a request from Orange County for us to adopt the [2018 NC 54 West Corridor Study](#) and its [Phase 2 Memorandum](#). Orange County has recently adopted both of these plans.

Both of these plans are on TARPO's website, under Plans and Planning Documents

Recommendation

Adopt the 2018 NC 54 West Corridor Study and its Phase 2 Memorandum, as part of the Consent Agenda.

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Item 11: Consent Agenda

Background

Given that TARPO is still having hybrid meetings, staff would like to suggest consolidating all of the action items into a single consent agenda. This will minimize the number of roll call votes that need to be conducted. All items will be available in advance, and non-administrative items will be listed for Discussion first. Any item can be pulled out of the Consent Agenda for further discussion and a separate roll call vote.

Consent Agenda for 10/12/2023 includes:

- a. **August 10, 2023, Minutes**
- b. **2024 Meeting Calendar**
- c. **CMAQ/CRP Project Submissions**
- d. **Request to Remove R-5963C from 2024-2033 STIP**
- e. **Request to Adopt NC 54 Plan**

Recommendation

Adopt the Consent Agenda