Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization

Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)

13 October 2022
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Chatham County Agriculture &
Conference Center
1192 US-64 BUS, Pittsboro, NC 27312
Hybrid Meeting Using Zoom
(see calendar invite)

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

1. **Welcome, Introductions, and Ethics Reminder** — *Donald Andrews, RTAC Chair*
2. **Purpose and Agenda for Today's Meeting** — *Karyl Fuller, TARPO Staff*
3. **Public Comment** — *Donald Andrews, RTAC Chair*
4. **NC Board of Transportation Update** — *Lisa Mathis, NCBOT*
5. **NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update** — *Julie Bogle, NCDOT TPD*
6. **NCDOT Division 7 Update** — *Vacant, Div. 7*
7. **NCDOT Division 8 Update** — *Bryan Kluchar, Div. 8*
8. **TARPO Staff Update** — *Karyl Fuller, TARPO Staff*
9. **RTCC Adjournment & Report to RTAC** — *Jack Meadows, RTCC Chair*

RTAC Agenda (following joint meeting)

10. **June 9, 2022, Meeting Summary Approval (No quorum in August)** — *Donald Andrews, RTAC Chair*
11. **Discussion Items** — *Donald Andrews, RTAC Chair*
    a. **By-Laws Update (No quorum in August)**
    b. **2nd Avenue Study**
    c. **SPR Call for Proposals**
    d. **CMAQ Call for Projects Reminder**
    e. **CTP Status Update**
    f. **STIP Updates** — *Donald Andrews, RTAC Chair*
12. **Member Updates from Around the Region/Open Discussion**
13. **Adjournment**

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 8, 2022, 12:00 PM in Sanford (Ag Center)

TARPO Rural Transportation Coordinating Committee Meeting
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Item 4: NC Board of Transportation Update

Background

Board of Transportation member Lisa Mathis will provide an update.

Recommendation

For information/discussion only

TARPO Rural Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
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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

NCDOT DIV 7 PROJECTS LOCATED IN TARPO - UNDER DEVELOPMENT

TIP/WBS #	Description	Let/Start Date	Completion Date	Cost	Status	Project Lead
BP7-R009 BP7.R009.1 BP7.R009.2 BP7.R009.3	Replace Bridge #11 on SR 1336 (Halls Mill Road)	11/6/25	FY2027	$1,100,000	Planning and design activities pending	Tim Powers
I-5958 45910.1.1 45910.3.1	Pavement rehabilitation on I-40 / I-85 from west of SR 1114 (Buckhorn Road) to west of SR 1006 (Orange Grove Road).	11/17/26	FY 2028	$8,690,000	Planning activities pending	Chad Reimakoski
BP7-R017 BP7.R017.1 BP7.R017.2 BP7.R017.3	Replace Bridge #14 on SR 1548 (Schley Road)	9/2/27	FY2029	$800,000	Planning and design activities pending	Tim Powers
I-5959 45911.1.1 45911.3.1	Pavement rehabilitation on I-85 from west of SR 1006 (Orange Grove Road) to Durham County line.	11/16/27	FY2029	$11,156,000	Planning activities pending	Chad Reimakoski
R-5821A 47093.1.2 47093.2.2 47093.3.2	Construct operational improvements including Bicycle/Pedestrian accommodations on NC 54 from SR 1006 (Orange Grove Road) to SR 1107 /SR 1937 (Old Fayetteville Road).	6/20/28	FY2030	$3,194,000	PE funding approved 10/10/17, design activities currently suspended, Coordinating with NC54 West Corridor Study	Rob Weisz

North Carolina Department of Transportation

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Active Projects Under Construction - Orange Co.

Contract Number	TIP Number	Location Description	Contractor Name	Resident Engineer	Contract Bid Amount	Availability Date	Completion Date	Work Start Date	Estimated Completion Date	Progress Schedule Percent	Completion Percent
C202581	EB-4707A	IMPROVEMENTS ON SR-1838/SR-2220 FROM US-15/501 IN ORANGE COUNTY TO SR-1113 IN DURHAM COUNTY. DIVISION 5	S T WOOTEN CORPORATION	Nordan, PE, James M	$4,614,460.00	5/28/2019	2/15/2021	5/28/2019	10/31/2022	100	89.36
C204078	B-4962	REPLACE BRIDGE #46 OVER ENO RIVER ON US-70 BYPASS.	CONTI ENTERPRISES, INC	Howell, Bobby J	$4,863,757.00	5/28/2019	12/28/2021	6/19/2019	10/31/2022	100	95
C204632	I-3306A	WIDENING I-40 FROM I-85 IN ORANGE COUNTY TO THE DURHAM COUNTY LINE AND I-40 WESTBOUND IN DURHAM COUNTY NEAR US-15/501.	THE LANE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION	Cvijetic, PE, Bojan	$236,457,869.00	9/27/2021	9/1/2025	10/28/2021	9/1/2025	11.32	11.32
DG00483		RESURFACE SR 1010 (MAIN STREET/FRANKLIN STREET) FROM SR 1005 (JONES FERRY ROAD) TO NC 86 (COLUMBIA STREET)	CAROLINA SUNROCK LLC	Howell, Bobby J	$845,631.59	5/18/2019	8/7/2020	5/23/2022	10/31/2022	100	92.06
DG00520	R-5787F	INSTALLATION OF ADA COMPLIANT CURB RAMPS AT VARIOUS ROUTES	DOT CONSTRUCTION INC	Howell, Bobby J	$1,271,240.40	5/10/2021	4/14/2023	1/25/2022	4/14/2023	68	39.12
DG00534		REPLACE BRIDGE #99 OVER NEW HOPE CREEK ON SR 1723 (NEW HOPE CHURCH ROAD)	CONTI ENTERPRISES, INC	Howell, Bobby J	$1,108,442.00	1/3/2022	11/30/2022	5/9/2022	11/30/2022	99.92	42.74
DG00547		RESURFACE A SECTION OF NC 49 & 6 SECONDARY ROADS IN ORANGE COUNTY	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	Howell, Bobby J	$4,299,745.38	4/1/2022	10/31/2022	4/1/2022	10/31/2022	86	97.6
DG00550		AST TREATMENT OF 32 SECONDARY ROUTES IN ORANGE COUNTY	WHITEHURST PAVING CO. INC.	Howell, Bobby J	$1,840,813.26	4/1/2022	10/31/2022	8/16/2022	10/31/2022	70	27.5
DG00554		RESURFACE A SECTION OF NC 54 & 14 SECONDARY ROADS IN ORANGE COUNTY	FSC II LLC DBA FRED SMITH COMPANY	Howell, Bobby J	$3,755,101.19	4/1/2022	10/31/2022	4/28/2022	10/31/2022	85	97.45

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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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Chatham County - Triangle Area RPO - Active Projects - Division 8--October 2022								
Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	**Route**	**Description**	**Let Date**	**Completion Date**	**Contractor**	**Project Admin.**	**Project Cost**	**Notes**
R-5788GC, GD	Various	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Curb Ramp Construction	7/12/2022 Advertised	TBD	TBD	Cary Fine (336) 318-4020	TBD	

Chatham County - Triangle Area RPO - Upcoming Projects - Planning & Design, R/W, or not started - Division 8- October 2022 Revised Draft STIP in RED								
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R-5724 B	US 15-501 (Hillsboro St)	Widen to Multilanes from Launis Street to Powell Place in Pittsboro	2/18/2025 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$15,825,000	Right of Way 8/2022 FY 2023 Public Meeting held 6/18/2019
R-5887	US 64 and NC 751	Convert At-Grade Intersection to Interchange	After 2031 FY 2029	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$35,800,000	Right of Way 10/2028 FY 2027
R-5930	New Route - North Chatham Park Way	US 64 Bus. to US 15-501 Construct new 2-lane Road	6/18/2024 FY 2024	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$30,953,000	Right of Way 11/2022 FY 2023 Public Meeting held 11/14/2017 & virtual 1/7/2021
R-5961	NC 87	Modernization from NC 902 in Pittsboro to US 64 Bypass	After 2031 Not Funded	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$17,900,000	Right of Way 9/2026 Not Funded
R-5963	New Route - South Chatham Park Way	US 15-501 / NC 87 to US 64 Bus. Construct new 2-lane Road	10/20/2026 FY 2027	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$56,359,000	Right of Way 10/2023 FY 2024
17BP.8.R.124	SR 1520 (Old NC 87)	Replace Bridge No. 94 over Dry Creek	11/28/2023	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	State Funded Bridge Program
BP8.R009.1 PE	SR 1127 (Wrenn Smith Rd)	Replace Bridge No. 252 over Blood Run Creek	8/22/2023	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	State Funded Bridge Program
BP8.R008.1 PE	SR 1303 (Ben Smith Rd)	Replace bridge No. 306 over N Prong of Rocky River	7/25/2023	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	State Funded Bridge Program
U-5737	US 64 in Siler City	Upgrade US 64 from west of SR 1317 to east of US 421	6/16/2026 FY 2026	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$28,301,000	Right of Way 3/2023 FY 2023 Public Meeting held 11/14/2017
U-6192	US 15-501	Convert to RCI from US 64 to SR 1919 (Smith Level Rd)	After 2031 FY 2030	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	$117,700,000 to be updated	Right of Way FY 2026 FY 2027
15BPR.48	US 1 and SR 1621	Preservation Bridges 7 & 477 on US 1 and Bridge 49 on SR 1621 over Deep R.	2/20/2024	TBD	TBD	Tim Sherrill (919) 707-6423	TBD	
HE-0006A Project Blue	Megasite -VinFast	Various - Resurface and Strengthen Roadways	FY 2023	TBD	TBD	Jeffrey Teague (910) 773-8025	$7,000,000	Economic Development Project
HE-0006B Project Blue	Megasite -VinFast	Various - Construction of Site Design 1A and 1B	FY 2024	TBD	TBD	Jeffrey Teague (910) 773-8025	$193,000,000	Economic Development Project
HE-0006C Project Blue	Megasite -VinFast	Various - Construction of Site Design 2A and 2B	FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Jeffrey Teague (910) 773-8025	$50,000,000	Economic Development Project
HE-0011	Wolfspeed Economic Development	Various Roadway Improvements along US 64 and Industrial Access Rd.	FY 2024	TBD	TBD	Jeffrey Teague (910) 773-8025	$10,000,000	Economic Development Project Right of Way FY 2023
HB-0034	SR 1007 (Plank Road)	Replace Bridge No. 180169 over Deep River	FY 2026	TBD	TBD	TBD	$7,150,000	Right of Way FY 2025
AV-5736	Siler City Municipal Airport	Acquire navigation easements and remove obstructions	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD	$365,000	Right of Way FY 2023
AV-5816	Siler City Municipal Airport	Extend Runway 22 and Parallel Taxiway 500 Ft. Relocate road	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD	$7,758,000	Right of Way FY 2023 Funded for PE only in Revised Draft STIP
W-5808B	US 421 at NC 902	Convert to Reduced Conflict Intersection	FY 2023	TBD	TBD	Michael Ricketts (910) 773-8033	$836,000	Right of Way FY 2021 FY 2022 Public Meeting 8/20/19 -Bear Cr.

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C204369 R-3830	NC 42, SR 1579 Broadway Rd/N Main	Widen to Multilanes 5.4 miles from Sanford to Broadway	8/16/2022	3/30/2027	Boggs Contracting, Inc.	Gary Phillips (919) 776-9623	$61,627,415	Project just starting
R-5788GC, GD	Various	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Curb Ramp Construction	4/26/2022 Advertised	TBD	TBD	Cary Fine (336) 318-4020	TBD	
17BP.8.R.134 DH00330	SR 1146 (St Andrews Church Rd)	Replace Bridge No. 34 over Upper Little River in Lee County	1/25/2022	TBD	Sanford Contractors	Gary Phillips (919) 776-9623	$1,054,800	Project 25% complete

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R-5959	SR 1521 (Kelly Dr.) in Sanford	SR 1519 (Nash St) to NE of Central Carolina Comm. Colleg. Construct 3-lane realignment of Kelly Dr.	7/16/2024 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$9,900,000	Right of Way 5/19/2023 FY 2023
R-5960	New Route Sanford	Construct 2-lane extension of Commerce Dr from SR 1133 (Lee Ave) to existing Commerce Dr	After 2031 FY 2030	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$6,742,000	Right of Way 10/2027 FY 2028
U-5709	SR 1237 (Carthage St.) in Sanford	Widen to Multilanes from SR 1152 to NC 42 Add Roundabouts	6/18/2024 FY 2024	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	$17,899,000	Right of Way in progress Public Meeting held 12/13/18
U-5722	US 421 Bus. / NC 87 in Sanford	US 1 / US 15-501 to N. of SR 1514 (Bragg St.) Complete Street	After 2031 FY 2030	TBD	TBD	Jennifer Evans 919-707-6271	$47,363,000	Right of Way 8/2028 FY 2027
U-5727 & U-5975	US 1 at Tramway	Realign NC 78 and Improve US 1	8/19/2025 FY 2026	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$51,000,000	Right of Way 12/2022 FY 2023 Public Meeting held Oct 2021
B-5976	SR 1400 (Cumnock Rd)	Replace Bridge No. 69 and Bridge No.70 over Norfolk Southern RR	1/21/2025 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Alison Kluttz (910) 773-8026	$4,130,000	Right of Way 1/2024 FY 2024
HB-0034	SR 1007 (Plank Road)	Replace Bridge No. 180169 over Deep River	FY 2026	TBD	TBD	TBD	$7,150,000	Right of Way FY 2025
AV-5899	Ral. Exec. Jetport	Runway 21 and 3 bypass taxiway and construct run up lane	FY 2024	TBD	TBD	TBD	$1,400,000	
TU-0004	CSX S-Line	Sanford to Henderson Transit Oriented Development Planning	Planning Only	TBD	n/a	Int. Mob. Div. (919) 707-4670	$1,505,000	Planning Only

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Contract # or WBS # or TIP #	**Route**	**Description**	**Let Date**	**Completion Date**	**Contractor**	**Project Admin.**	**Project Cost**	**Notes**
BR-0035 67035.3.1	NC 22	Replace Bridge No. 24 on NC 22 over Nicks Creek with culvert	Central Let - 1/18/2022	5/5/2024	Mountain Creek Con.	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	$3,488,269	Project 24% complete
SM-5708A 47714 47420	US 15-501 & SR 1205/SR 1309 (Morganton Road)	Construct dual left turn lanes on US 15-501 NB & SB and extend the thru lane to	4/26/2022 Advertised	TBD	TBD	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	TBD	Project just starting
R-5788HC, HD DH00341	Various	Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Curb Ramp Construction	4/26/2022	TBD	Eastern Earthscapes	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	$217,625	Project just starting
BP8.R011.3 DH00502	SR 1251 (Brinkley Rd)	Replace Bridge No.119 over Wads Creek	7/26/2022 Advertised	TBD	Smith-Rowe, LLC	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	$1,059,232	Project just starting
BP8.R010.3 DH00333	SR 1428 (Dan Rd)	Replace Bridge No.127 over Bear Creek	12/14/2021	5/28/2023	Eastern Structures, LLC	James Dietrich (910) 944-2344	$1,079,838	Project 88% complete

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R-5709	NC 211	Widen to Multilanes from Aberdeen to Raeford	3/19/2024 FY 2024	TBD	TBD	Elmo Vance (919) 707-6048	$188,381,000	Public Meetings held 7/24&26/2019 9/2021 Clear/Grubb R-5709A
R-5726	NC 211	Widen to Multilanes from SR 1241 to NC 73 in West End	9/17/2024 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Jennifer Evans 919-707-6271	$32,500,000	Public Meeting held 8/3/17 Right of Way in progress
R-5824	NC 690 (Lobelia Rd)	Upgrade roadway from US 1 in Vass to Cumberland Co.	6/17/2025 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	$34,000,000	Right of Way 6/2023 FY 2023 Village Council Meeting 5/22/2018
R-5891	US 15-501 & NC 211 Southern Pines	Convert to Interchange at SR 1205/SR 1309 (Morganton Rd)	After 2031 FY 2029	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	$23,680,000	Right of Way 1/2029 FY 2027
R-5892	NC 5 (Beulah Hill Rd)	Modernization from Trotter Drive to NC 211 in Pinehurst.	After 2031 FY 2030	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	$39,497,000	Right of Way 11/2027 FY 2028
R-5927	US 15-501	Widen to Multi-lanes from the Pinehurst Traffic Circle to NC 73 Realign NC 73 with McCaskill Rd	8/15/2028 FY 2029	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	$49,001,000	Right of Way 8/2025 FY 2026
R-5929	NC 24-27 & US 15-501 SR 1006	Improve intersection in Carthage and adjacent intersections	7/16/2024 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$7,400,000	Right of Way 1/2023 FY 2023 Combine with U-3628
R-5932	NC 24-27	Modernize NC 24-27 from I-73/74/US 220 in Montgomery Co. to SR 1644 (Old	After 2031 Not Funded	TBD		Jeff Stroder (910) 773-8034	$70,400,000	Right of Way FY 2027 Not Funded
U-3628	NC 24-27 in Carthage	Widen to three lanes from west of NC 22 (McNeill St) to US 15/501	7/16/2024 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	$3,000,000	Right of Way in progress Combine with R-5929
U-5756	NC 5 in Aberdeen	Improve NC 5 from US 1 in Aberdeen to Pinehurst	6/17/2025 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Greg Davis (910) 773-8022	$45,117,000	Right of Way 11/2022 FY 2023 Public Meeting held 3/7/2019
U-5814 & U-5815B	US 15-501 and US 1	Access Management improve - Reduced Conflict Intersections	12/17/2024 FY 2025	TBD	TBD	Jeffrey Teague (910) 773-8025	$44,130,000	Public Meeting held 9/18/17 Right of Way in progress
U-5815A	US 1 (Sandhills Blvd)	Improve from SR 1112 (Roseland Rd) to Knight St in Aberdeen	1/26/2027 FY 2027	TBD	TBD	Jeffrey Teague (910) 773-8025	$6,701,000	Public Meeting held 9/18/17 Right of Way 6/2025 FY 2025
U-5976	US 15-501 Pinehurst Traffic Circle	Improvements from Voit Gilmore Lane to Page Rd.	8/19/2025 FY 2026	TBD	TBD	Alison Kluttz (910) 773-8026	$57,401,000	Right of Way 8/2023 FY 2024 Village Council Meeting 5/22/2018
47867	SR 1214 (Carolina Rd) SR 1232 (Calloway Rd)	Intersection Improvement	FY 2023	TBD	TBD	Michael Ricketts (910) 773-8033	TBD	

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BP8.R001.1PE	SR 1658 (Wadsworth Rd)	Replace bridge #46 over McIntosh Creek	1/24/2023	TBD	TBD	Tim Welch (910) 773-8032	TBD	State Funded Bridge Program
15BPR.48	NC 22	Bridge preservation work on Bridge 72 over the Deep River	2/20/2024	TBD	TBD	Tim Sherrill (919) 707-6423	TBD	
SM-5708C	US 15-501	Construct a sb rt lane on US 15-501 and exclusive eb rt lane on Memorial	FY 2023	TBD	TBD	Michael Ricketts (910) 773-8033	TBD	
SM-5708D	SR 1208 (Page Road), US 15-501	Realign SR 1208 (Page Rd) at US 15-501. Construct lt and rt turn lanes on Page Rd and a sb rt turn lane and nb lt turn lane on US 15-501.	FY 2023	TBD	TBD	Michael Ricketts (910) 773-8033	$1,234,000	

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Item 8: TARPO Staff Update

Background

Staff will provide updates.

Recommendation

For information/discussion only

Recent News Items

N.C. Law Enforcement Cracking Down on Speeders During “Operation Crash Reduction” October 4, 2022

Train Stopping at N.C. State Fair October 3, 2022

State to Receive $109 Million Over Five Years in Federal Funds for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations September 30, 2022

One-Day Train Stop Offered for Lexington Barbecue Festival September 30, 2022

September 29, 2022

NCDOT Sending $154 Million in Powell Bill Funds to Help Municipalities Improve Transportation September 28, 2022

Division 7 & 8 Newsletters – September 2022 September 16, 2022

I-85 South in Orange County Reopened This Afternoon September 14, 2022

NCDOT Seeks Input on Draft 10-Year Transportation Plan September 14, 2022

Portions of I-85 South and N.C. 86 in Orange County Closed While Crews Assess Crash Damage September 14, 2022

Emissions Inspections to End in Three North Carolina Counties September 8, 2022

NCDOT Seeks Input on Draft 10-Year Transportation Plan September 7, 2022

Select Piedmont Trains Departure Times to Change September 2, 2022

Ride NC By Train to Carolina Panthers Games August 31, 2022

Labor Day Booze It & Lose It Enforcement Campaign Kicks Off Statewide Today August 29, 2022

Upcoming Events

October 14 -- 2022 Triangle Bicycle & Pedestrian Workshop

October 27-29 -- 11th Annual NC BikeWalk Transportation Summit in Greenville, NC. The 2022 NC BikeWalk Transportation Summit will bring together hundreds of stakeholders interested in advancing safe roads and healthier, more equitable communities for all road users in North Carolina. The theme of this year’s Summit is “Safety: The Heart of Active Mobility" and our emerging program reflects the spirit of this theme. There is a virtual option. Find out more and register here.

November 2 -- 2022 TJCOG Regional Summit: Minding our Minds on from 9 AM to 2 PM at Dorothea Dix Park -- A day of skill-building, reflection, and connection focused on mental health, employee well-being, and resilient local government workplaces. Find out more and register here.

November 11 – TARPO/TJCOG closed for Veterans Day
November 24-25 – TARPO/TJCOG closed for Thanksgiving -
December 8 -- TARPO RTCC and RTAC Meetings (New Ag Center, Sanford)

TJCOG Items

Your Feedback is Needed! -- Triangle J has officially kicked off a redesign of our website and we want to hear from you. The feedback you provide will help guide the direction of the TJCOG website's content and structure to help you better access our resources. The survey should take 5 minutes or less to complete.

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Item 10: June 9, 2022, Meeting Summary Approval

Background

There was no quorum in August. The minutes of the June 9, 2022, TARPO RTAC meeting are attached for review and approval.

Recommendation

Approval of June 9, 2022, TARPO RTAC meeting minutes.

Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO)
Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)
June 9, 2022 Meeting Minutes

This meeting was conducted as a hybrid in-person/online meeting, with the in-person component held at the Chatham County Agriculture & Conference Center in Pittsboro, NC.

RTAC Members Present:
Donald Andrews, Broadway (RTAC chair)
Amy Fowler, Orange County (RTAC vice chair)
Curtis Brown, Siler City
Kirk Smith, Lee County
Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation

RTAC Members Absent:
Frank Quis, Moore County
Mike Dasher, Chatham County
Pat Pizzella, Pinehurst

RTCC Members Present:
Matt Day, Triangle J COG
Brandon Dawson, Chatham County
Theresa Thompson, Pittsboro (RTCC chair)
Jack Meadows, Siler City (RTCC vice chair)
Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8
Jaimie Walters, Moore County
Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division
Stephen Robinson, NCDOT Division 7
Tom Ten Eyck, Orange County

Others Present:
James Vose, Pittsboro (RTAC alternate member)
Sam Gaskins, Sanford (RTAC alternate member)
Wilma Laney, Aberdeen
Jane Hogeman, Pinehurst
Kathy Vollert, NCDOT Division 8
Jeron Monroe, NCDOT Division 8
Debra Ensminger, Moore County (RTCC alternate member)
Tamara Njegovan, NCDOT Division 7

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, Mr. Andrews 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.

Mr. Day conducted a roll call of all participants in the room and on the webinar/phone call.

Item 2 – Purpose & Agenda for Today's Meeting

Mr. Day reviewed the day's agenda and noted that staff recommended the addition of a decision Item 11c titled "Support for Proposed Project Acceleration Effort in Pittsboro" based on a request from the Town of Pittsboro. The RTAC members agreed to add Item 11c to the 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 an update from the Board of Transportation. She noted that the draft 2024-33 STIP had been released for public review and was posted online. She highlighted the "100 Deadliest Days" over the summer when crash rates are higher for teen drivers. Additionally she discussed the IIJA/Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the once-in-a-generation opportunity it presented for grant funding of projects, and noted the Brookings Federal Infrastructure Hub as a good resource for information on this.

Mr. Smith asked if there had been a study of the impact of the potential STIP impact if the gas tax were to be lowered. Ms. Mathis replied that this was something that was being looked into.

Item 5 – NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update

Ms. Bogle noted that she would provide a newsletter to be sent out after the meeting. She noted that scenarios were being looked at regarding the proposed Pittsboro CTP amendment, and that the report and maps for the Chatham County CTP had been updated and NCDOT was now looking into how to incorporate changes related to the VinFast site as part of the CTP.

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

Mr. Day noted that he planned to send a newsletter out sometime after the meeting. He highlighted that the new TARPO Senior Planner, Karyl Fuller, would be starting next week; upcoming public meetings related to the Second Avenue Corridor Study on June 15 and the S-Line TOD Study on June 16; and the opportunity to participate in NCDOT's Mileage Based User Fee pilot study.

Item 9 – RTCC Adjournment and Report to RTAC

Mr. Meadows made a motion to adjourn the RTCC meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Dawson. The vote passed unanimously (9-0).

Ms. Thompson provided an overview of the morning's RTCC meeting, noting that the RTCC had recommended approval of Items 11a and 11c, and had elected Mr. Meadows as the new RTCC chair and Mr. Ten Eyck as the new RTCC vice chair.

Item 10 – April 14, 2022 Meeting Summary Approval

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Fowler. The motion passed unanimously (5-0).

Item 11a – Resolution of Support for MEE NC Microtransit Grant Application

Mr. Day provided a brief overview of the NCDOT application to the USDOT "RURAL" grant program for support of microtransit improvements in a number of communities across the state, including the City of Sanford. He noted that NCDOT had reached out to TARPO staff for a letter of support, which staff provided contingent on RTAC approval of a resolution of support today.

Ms. Mathis made a motion to approve the resolution of support for the MEE NC Microtransit Grant Application, and the motion was seconded by Ms. Fowler. In the discussion that followed, Mr. Smith stated that Lee County was not interested in having the microtransit service as part of the county's COLTS service. Mr. Gaskins stated that the City of Sanford was interested in providing the service.

The motion passed 4-1, with Andrews, Fowler, Brown and Mathis voting in favor and Smith opposed.

Item 11b – Election of RTAC Officers for FY23

Mr. Day noted that the RTCC officer terms run from July 1 to June 30 and elections are typically held in June.

Mr. Smith made a motion to renominate and reelect the existing officers—Mr. Andrews as chair and Ms. Fowler as vice chair. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mathis and was approved unanimously (5-0).

Item 11c – Support for Proposed Project Acceleration Effort in Pittsboro

Mr. Day described a proposal from the Town of Pittsboro for the acceleration of STIP Project R-5963. This project is currently scheduled for right-of-way and utility work to begin in 2024 and construction to begin in 2027. The developers of Chatham Park have approached the Town about the possibility of accelerating the project using developer funding that could be reimbursed later on with NCDOT funds. Pursuing this would require participation from the Town, and the Town desired feedback from TARPO on our support for this type of project acceleration.

Mr. Smith made a motion to express the RTAC's support for the Town's efforts to accelerate the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brown, and was passed unanimously (5-0).

Item 12a – Draft 2024-33 STIP Document & Process

Mr. Day provided an update on the status of the 2024-33 STIP development process and shared a slideshow that had been provided by NCDOT. He noted the list of projects that were funded/not funded in the draft 2024-33 STIP that was released in April. He also described the framework for the "swap" process and asked for feedback from the RTCC on next steps. RTCC members expressed agreement with the staff recommendation to request that any jurisdictions interested in requesting project swaps should notify TARPO staff by the end of June and that (if needed) a special RTCC meeting be held on the second Thursday of July to discuss the requested project swaps. He noted that the RTCC had approved scheduling a special meeting for July 14 for this purpose.

Ms. Mathis noted that NCDOT was tracking discussions at the General Assembly related to potential new sources of state transportation funding, and that this could potentially have an impact on the STIP process as well.

Item 12b – Q3 Finance Updates

Mr. Day provided an overview of TARPO finances as of the end of the third quarter.

Item 12c – STIP Updates

Mr. Day provided an overview of projects with STIP amendments presented to the NC Board of Transportation in the previous two months.

Item 13 – Member Updates from Around the Region

Mr. Andrews noted the Plant Pathways facility that had been announced this morning in Lee County.

Item 14 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 pm.

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Item 11a: By-Laws Update

Background

On August 15th, the current State of Emergency is set to expire. Currently, state law explicitly allows us to have virtual or hybrid meetings. Once the State of Emergency ends, Cities and Counties will no longer be able to count virtual participants for quorum or let them vote (according to UNC School of Government). RPOs (Rural Planning Organizations) are not held to that standard as we are an appointed board, but it has been recommended that RPOs (Rural Planning Organizations) explicitly allow virtual/hybrid meetings in their by-laws.

Staff proposes to add the below language below to RTAC by-laws as the last line under Section 1-Regular Meetings.

"Electronic meetings are permitted, given that a physical location is provided where members, alternates, or the general public can participate."

Recommendation

Approval of language to be added to the RTAC by-laws under Section 1-Regular Meetings. (No quorum in August)

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Item 11b: 2nd Avenue Corridor Study

Background

TARPO and Siler City applied for SPR (Statewide Planning & Research) funds back in January 2021 to conduct a corridor study on Second Avenue from Greensboro Avenue to Fayetteville Avenue. This study was funded and a contract was awarded to Stantec to conduct the study. Karyl will present the results.

Recommendation

Adopt the Study. (No quorum in August)

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Item 11c: SPR Call for Proposals

Background

Each year, NCDOT receives Statewide Planning and Research (SPR) funds from the Federal Highway Administration. NCDOT uses these funds primarily to fund the activities of the NCDOT Transportation Planning Division and NCDOT Research & Development Office, as well as the RPO program. However, any remaining funds left over are available for MPOs and RPOs to apply for. These competitive funds must be used for planning activities (not design or construction) and require a local match. The amount of local match varies based on the presence of Tier 1 and Tier 2 counties within each MPO or RPO—since TARPO includes at least one Tier 2 county, any SPR-funded project in our area would require a 10% local match (with the state picking up 10% and the federal funds paying 80%). In 2021, TARPO received SPR funding for the Second Avenue corridor in Siler City.

NCDOT typically opens the window for RPOs and MPOs to submit projects for SPR funding in the December/January timeframe and has told us the deadline will be at the end of February 2023. We do not yet know how much funding will be available.

If successfully awarded funding, any project would be administered by TARPO through an amendment to our annual Planning Work Program. The matching funds would be paid by the applicable local government(s).

TARPO would like to hear from any local governments that would like to apply before **January 15th, 2023.** In addition, there has been a suggestion to partner with CAMPO to do a study on US 1 from Apex to Sanford, given the new Triangle Innovation Point project.

Recommendation

For the study on US 1, a recommendation from the Board to develop a proposal, cost estimate, and a recommended approach for the local match and coordination with other partners.

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Item 11d: CMAQ Call for Projects-REMINDER!

Background

Each year, TARPO is able to submit projects for funding through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program. This program provides funding for projects that will have a positive impact on air quality in areas that are designated as non-attainment for national air quality standards, or areas that were previously in non-attainment. In the TARPO area, the eligibility extends to Orange County and the four northeastern townships of Chatham County (including the Town of Pittsboro).

The call for CMAQ projects typically takes place in the Winter, and we expect the same will happen this year; however, this year NCDOT has announced our target funding amounts further in advance to allow us more time to develop and select projects for submittal. We anticipate that around **$200,000** will be available for projects in the TARPO area. This is federal funding and requires a 20% match by the implementing local government or local agency. There are several eligible project types, but typically in our area the funding has been used in the past for sidewalks and transit projects.

TARPO has been informed that the deadline is likely going to be in March, so the RTCC and RTAC will likely need to vote to approve which project (or projects) to submit at the February RTCC/RTAC meetings. Over the intervening months, the eligible local governments (Orange & Chatham Counties and Town of Pittsboro) and eligible local agencies (Chatham Transit and Orange Public Transit) should consider any projects they may wish to submit and let TARPO staff **know about these project requests by January 15th, 2023**. If a project will require multiple years of funding (due to higher cost), this may also be an option we can discuss with NCDOT—communicate with TARPO staff if this may be of interest.

Recommendation

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Item 11e: CTP Status Update

Background

There are three Comprehensive Transportation Plans (CTPs) with activity currently underway in the TARPO area:

Chatham County

The Chatham County CTP was adopted back in 2016. However, at that time the CTP report was never completed due to staff turnover at NCDOT. More recently, when NCDOT started work on completing the report, they found that there were some errors in the adopted maps. Since then, TARPO and NCDOT staff have been working to correct the maps and complete the report. Given the two economic development projects that have been announced, we are discussing whether or not to continue with the adoption of the corrections, or to redo the Plan from scratch.

Pittsboro

The Pittsboro CTP was adopted in 2013. Currently, NCDOT is doing some additional model runs at the request of Pittsboro. We are in the process of discussing next steps, given the Chatham County update above.

Lee County

Background work continues on the Lee County CTP. The Lee County Transportation Committee has reviewed several items, including the recommended roadway projects. Some remaining items to complete include the bicycle, pedestrian, and transit recommendations, and public outreach activities.

Recommendation

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Item 11f: STIP Updates

Background

2020-2029 Draft 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.

2024-2033 Draft STIP Update

NCDOT has updated its schedule and process for the draft 2024-2033 STIP.

- The Draft STIP will be reprogrammed with additional revenue and released as soon as possible. It is expected in the next several weeks.
- TARPO swaps will now be due by **Friday, March 17th, 2023**.
- The Final 2024-2033 STIP is anticipated to be presented to the Board of Transportation for approval in May 2023.

2026-2035 STIP Update

- Prioritization 7.0 has begun. The SPOT Workgroup starts meeting on October 11, 2022. Staff will provide regular updates.

Recommendation

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