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1 Triangle Area Rural Planning Organization (TARPO)  
2 Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC)  
3 **February 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes**  
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5 The meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting. Members were in-person at the at the Chatham County Agriculture &  
6 Conference Center, 192 US-64 BUS, Pittsboro, NC or online. The date, time, and room location were made available to the  
7 public.  
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9 **RTAC Members Present:**

10 Kirk Smith, Lee County (RTAC Chair)  
11 Mike Dasher, Chatham County (RTAC Vice-Chair)  
12 Lisa Mathis, NC Board of Transportation  
13 Frank Quis, Moore County  
14 Amy Fowler, Orange County (RTAC Alternate)  
15 Rebecca Salmon, Sanford (RTAC Alternate)  
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17 **RTAC Members Absent:**

18 Donald Andrews, Broadway  
19 Phyllis Portie-Ascott, Orange County  
20 Curtis Brown, Siler City  
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22 **RTCC Members Present:**

23 Matt Day, Central Pines Regional Council  
24 Jack Meadows, Siler City  
25 Eric Sanchez, Pittsboro  
26 Julie Bogle, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division  
27 Bryan Kluchar, Division 8  
28 Danielle Orloff, Moore County  
29 Thanh Schado, Chatham County  
30 Chad Reimakoski, Division 7  
31 David Montgomery, Lee County/Sanford/Broadway  
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33 **Others Present:**

34 Karyl Fuller, CPRC (RTCC Alternate)  
35 Nishant Shah, Division 7 (RTCC Alternate)  
36 Annie Lee, CPRC  
37 Jesse Duran, CPRC

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39 Note: The RTCC remained in session from its meeting earlier in the morning. These minutes begin at the joint RTCC/RTAC  
40 portion of the agenda. The RTCC minutes from their earlier meeting are recorded separately.  
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42 Item 1 – Welcome, Introductions and Ethics Reminder

43 At approximately 12:00 pm, Commissioner Smith, Chair called the RTAC meeting to order. He read the ethics reminder,  
44 and no RTAC members noted any conflicts of interest with today’s agenda items. Ms. Fuller conducted a roll call of all  
45 participants in the room and on the webinar/phone call. Quorum was established.  
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47 Item 2 – Purpose & Agenda for Today’s Meeting

48 Ms. Fuller reviewed the day’s agenda, including the 8 discussion/information items and 4 decision items: December 14,  
49 2023 Minutes, a recommendation that the TAC approve two SPR Applications, a recommendation to the TAC that they  
50 Approve Vass’ Membership in CPRPO and a recommendation that the TAC Adopt the Resolution of Support for Hunt  
51 Transload Enterprises, LLC, all in the consent agenda.  
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53 Item 3 – Public Comment

54 No public comments were made at this time.  
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56 Item 4 – Triangle Clean Cities Presentation  
57 Annie Lee and Jesse Duran from Central Pines Regional Council gave a quick overview of the Department of Energy Clean  
58 Cities and Communities Program (Triangle Clean Cities) and how the program can be a resource for education and  
59 adoption of alternative fuels. She also discussed how the TCC would like to partner with CPRPO’s members to support their  
60 decarbonization and clean transportation goals.  
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62 The TCC can also assist in the pursuit of funding opportunities, like the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program and  
63 Clean Energy to Communities Program, among others. See their [website](#) for more information.  
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65 Item 5 – NC Board of Transportation Update  
66 Ms. Mathis provided a brief update from the Board of Transportation.  
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68 Item 6 – NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Update  
69 Ms. Bogle reviewed TPD’s newsletter. She briefly reviewed the CTPs’ status.  
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71 Item 7– NCDOT Division 7 Update  
72 Mr. Shah provided information about projects in Orange County. A handout was provided in the agenda materials.  
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74 Item 8 – NCDOT Division 8 Update  
75 Mr. Kluchar provided information about projects in Chatham, Lee, and Moore Counties. A handout was provided in the  
76 agenda materials.  
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78 Item 9 – TARPO Staff Update  
79 Ms. Fuller noted that she planned to send a newsletter out sometime after the meeting. She reminded the RTAC members  
80 that they need to submit their SEI and RED forms by April 15, 2024. She mentioned HPO Historic Properties and District  
81 Viewer, see board packet for more information. There are also two upcoming conferences: NCAMPO from April 17-19,  
82 2024 and NC Transportation Summit, May 21-22. See Board packet for more information.  
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84 Item 10 – RTCC Adjournment and Report to RTAC  
85 Mr. Meadows adjourned the RTCC meeting at 12:35 PM. He reported out on the RTCC meeting.  
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87 Item 11a – Preparation for FY 2025 Planning Work Program  
88 Ms. Fuller presented the draft FY 2025 PWP and Supplemental Memo. She also stated that any members that would like to  
89 have the RPO do a specific project can reach out to her to discuss. She mentioned that if one or both SPR applications  
90 (next item) are funded, there would not be any time to do anything significant.  
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92 Item 11b – SPR Discussion  
93 Ms. Fuller stated that NCDOT, TPD had released a call for SPR applications. Each year for the last several years. NCDOT’s  
94 TPD has made SPR funds available to the RPOs competitively. She has reviewed the two applications that were received,  
95 one from Pittsboro and one from Siler City.  
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97 She said that the TAC would be asked in the Consent Agenda, to approve sending the two applications to NCDOT.  
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99 Item 11c – MOU Amendment Update  
100 Ms. Fuller noted that Cameron had adopted their Municipal Statement in December and sent it along. Vass also adopted  
101 the Municipal Statement at the end of January. Since it was after 12/31/2023, the membership would need to be approved  
102 by the TCC and TAC. A motion is in the Consent Agenda.  
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104 Chatham County has reached out to Goldston and has offered to represent them. The RPO and Chatham County are  
105 finalizing that now. Once that happens, all eligible municipalities will have representation on the Board.  
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107 Item 11d- Request for a Resolution of Support for Hunt Transload Enterprises, LLC  
108 Ms. Fuller said Central Pines RPO has been asked by its member, Lee County, to support Hunt Transload Enterprises, LLC.,  
109 in their efforts to construct a rail industrial access track on their property at 5944 Lower Moncure Road, Moncure, NC.  
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111 There is an item in the Consent Agenda, asking the TAC to adopt the Resolution of Support.

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113 Item 11e –STIP Updates

114 Ms. Fuller briefly discussed changes to the adopted 2024-2033 STIP. She also stated that the membership could review  
115 those changes in the attached Item Ns.

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117 Item 11f– U-6070 Modification Discussion

118 Ms. Fuller said that at our December meeting, we discussed a modification to U-5727 in Lee County. The modification was  
119 to remove the relocation of NC 78 from the scope. After a brief discussion, the RTCC and RTAC agreed with this. However,  
120 RTCC and RTAC disagreed with adding the relocation to U-6070, a proposed P 7.0 project. They wanted to further discuss  
121 the addition with Sanford and Lee County.

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123 Staff spoke with staff at Lee County/Sanford and they agreed with the TCC and TAC that adding the relocation of NC 78 to  
124 U-6070 would be too expensive.

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126 So, staff wanted to let everyone know the final resolution. No action is required.

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128 Item 11g –Prioritization 7.0 Update

129 Ms. Fuller noted that data review has started. CPRPO’s next steps include developing and approving a Local Input Point  
130 Methodology. She also stated that she hoped to review the Public Involvement Plan in April.

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132 Item 11h–Local Input Point Methodology Review (SMPO and Points)

133 Ms. Fuller pointed out that generally, staff would not recommend making substantial updates to this methodology,  
134 considering that there have been only a few changes to the Prioritization process. However, CPRPO needs to decide how to  
135 conduct the Local Input Point Process, given the new MPO in Moore County.

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137 Staff reviewed the methodology and stated that it had been shared with SMPO. Staff anticipated approving the  
138 methodology in April.

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140 Item 12 – Consent Agenda

141 Ms. Mathis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Quis seconded. The motion passed  
142 unanimously.

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144 Item 14 – Adjournment

145 The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:22 pm.