

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
July 9, 2015 10:30 a.m.**

JOHNSON BOULEVARD CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Mr. Ben Warren, Mr. Reginald Goodson, Mr. Johnny Stiltner (for Mr. Wally Hansen), Ms. Carol Long, Ms. Sheila Pierce Knight, Ms. Nazia Sarder (on phone) , Mr. Patrick Riddle (for Ms. Karen Collette)

Absent: Mr. Ron Massey, Mr. David Cotton

Others Present: Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Mr. Anthony Prinz., Ms. Peggy Holland, Mr. Roy Bredahl, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Tim McCurry, Lt. Sean Magill, Mr. Chris White, Mr. Bill Marley (on phone)

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Ben Warren called the TCC meeting to order at 10:33 am, Thursday, July 9, 2015 in the Johnson Boulevard Conference Room at City Hall.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Warren welcomed everyone.

III. [Public Comment](#)

Mr. Warren asked if there were any public comments. No public comments were made.

IV. [March 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Warren asked for a motion to approve the March 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Sheila Pierce Knight moved to approve the March 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Johnny Stiltner seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the March 12, 2015 Meeting Minutes was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

V. [FY 2016-2025 TIP Amendment](#)

Ms. Peggy Holland discussed the FY 2016-2025 TIP Amendment. Ms. Holland mentioned that the TAC adopted the TIP in April and last month the Board of Transportation adopted the STIP which brought about a few changes to the current TIP. She goes on to state there was one project that was originally a FY15 project which had now been moved to FY16. There was one change in Transit, an updated financial plan and mostly administrative changes.

Ms. Holland makes the committee aware that we are officially in the public comment period; this period is open until July 24.

Mr. Anthony Prinz goes on to address the committee regarding the order of operations for the MTIP, TIP and STIP. Mr. Prinz explains that after the MTIP was adopted, members of NCDOT discussed the TIP process in Raleigh and came to the conclusion that several of the projects were programmed too aggressively. He explains that DOT needs more time to make the projects a reality in a timely fashion.

Mr. Prinz and Ms. Holland asked for a motion to approve the FY 2016-2025 TIP Amendment.

Ms. Carol Long made a motion to approve the FY 2016-2025 TIP amendment. Mr. Patrick Riddle seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the FY 2016-2025 TIP Amendment was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

VI.. [Title VI Update](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz stated that a few years ago a Title VI program was created for MPO compliance. Today the MPO needs to certify that that compliance is still present. The document is a conglomeration of several items, including analysis, current programs and other documentation. Mr. Prinz states that this is fairly a routine procedure that occurs every 3-4 years.

Mr. Prinz asked for a motion to approve the Title VI Update.

Ms. Sheila Pierce Knight made a motion to approve the Title VI Update. Mr. Johnny Stiltner seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the Title VI Update was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

VII. [Air Traffic Control Tower Resolution of Support](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz stated that the OAJ Air Traffic Control Tower is the number one need for aviation in Onslow County; this had been discussed during the P3.0 Prioritization Process. OAJ is the third busiest airport in the country that does not currently have an air traffic control tower. Mr. Prinz continued by stating that the need for the tower is not only a safety issue, it is also an efficiency concern, as well as, an opportunity for OAJ to attract more commercial business.

Unfortunately, during P3.0 the tower was not funded; this was due to the need being so few and far between the program did not recognize the project. Now, currently, in P4.0, the project will not be eligible for funding; Mr. Prinz states the legislative road will be taken.

Mr. Chris White stated he has a Future Year Entitlement Fund. Mr. Prinz went on to explain that Mr. White has formula money from the FAA which is about \$2 million; the total need for the tower is \$4.5 million and Mr. White is able to add \$500,000 from the enterprise fund. Mr. Prinz states that the purpose of the resolution is to show local support.

Mr. Prinz asked for a motion to approve the Air Traffic Control Tower Resolution of Support.

Mr. Patrick Riddle moved to approve the Air Traffic Control Tower Resolution of Support Mr. Reginald Goodson seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the adoption of the Air Traffic Control Tower Resolution of Support was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Discussion Items:

VIII. [NC 53 Corridor Study](#)

Ms. Peggy Holland stated that the NC 53 Corridor Study is to be incorporated with Feasibility Study 1003A. She stated that recommendations from the corridor study will go into the feasibility study to aid with design and the actual project. She went on to state that it is not only the access management project for Western Boulevard, that there are a number of other projects that the recommendations from the corridor study can impact.

Ms. Holland also stated that although this was a corridor study that focused primarily on Western Boulevard and number of other recommendations came to light as well. A need for alternative routes and intersection improvements are examples of those other recommendations.

Overall, Ms. Holland stated we are happy with the Corridor Study and that it is available online.

Mr. Anthony Prinz addressed the committee regarding the study as well. He stated that initially the scope of the study was focused solely on the old portion of Western Boulevard and as projects started to emerge, the scope was widened to encompass those budding projects. He stated that the primary recommendation for the corridor is a median and that the public was more accepting than expected.

Additional discussion was made regarding the culvert project that is in place for the intersection of Western and Lejeune. Mr. Patrick Riddle gave details on options for the project and Mr. Prinz discussed the reasoning behind pushing the project back.

Mr. Prinz closed the discussion by asking for additional questions and stating that no action is needed at this time.

IX. [Sneads Ferry Community Plan](#)

Mr. Ben Warren gives a brief background on how the plan came to be and why it came to be. He stated that the plan was started to preserve the historical nature of Sneads Ferry but also to address the rapid growth in the area, traffic issues and also to look closer at alternative recommendations than what were developed by the NCDOT feasibility study for the intersection of NC 210 and NC 172. He continued by discussing what went into the plan and what can be found in the plan. He noted the process will be ongoing.

Ms. Peggy Holland mentioned that the last public meeting turn out was impressive. She mentioned how impressed she was with the Sneads Ferry community and their participation.

Mr. Anthony Prinz mentioned how well the Blue Ribbon Panel process worked.

Additional discussion occurred regarding the transportation recommendations, the importance of multimodalism, the future of the county and MPO working relationship, and other aspects of the plan and the process that went into the plan.

X. [P4.0 Project Selection Subcommittee](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz asked the chairman to combine topics X and XI. Mr. Prinz explained that even though a TIP was just recently adopted, the process for the new TIP will be starting very shortly. He explained that a work program has been put together, once again, and is quite similar to the one used for P3.0. One of the parts of the work program is a TCC subcommittee. A P4.0 timeline was also provided. Mr. Prinz asked to include an additional member on the subcommittee from Camp Lejeune.

Ms. Carol Long moved to approve the P4.0 Project Selection Subcommittee. Ms. Sheila Pierce Knight seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the adoption of P4.0 Project Selection Subcommittee was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

XI. [P4.0 Division Needs/Regional Impact Criteria](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz explained that the same customization in the P3.0 process regarding the quantitative criteria for the division and region will also be available in the P4.0 process. Mr. Prinz explained that the DOT default has been adopted but that the MPO is proposing to stray from that default to better fit the needs of the area and to allow projects to potentially score much better than they would under the default criteria.

Ms. Carol Long moved to approve the P4.0 Division Needs/Regional Impact Criteria. Ms. Sheila Pierce Knight seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the adoption of P4.0 Division Needs/Regional Impact Criteria was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present.

Reports/Comments:

XII. [Report from MPO Administrator](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz stated that hopefully a contract for the Lejeune Greenway will be awarded. The greenway has been a lengthy partnership between NCDOT, the City, the MPO and Camp Lejeune and it is headed towards its next milestone.

Mr. Prinz continued with his report, stating that transit ridership has increased by 20%; a substantial increase from last year. The increase is attributed to the changes and additions that have been made over the last year. He explained that more additions are on the way, including a strategic financial plan, the multimodal center, additional stop changes, among other changes.

Lastly, Mr. Prinz introduced the Watch for Me, NC program, mentioning that it will kick off at National Night Out on August 4, 2015.

XIII. [Report from NCDOT Division 3](#)

Mr. Patrick Riddle presented his report. The Piney Green road project completion is still showing April 2016. He continued by discussing the US17 road widening project to the north of Jacksonville. He also mentioned the culvert project at Western and Lejeune and the Topsail/Surf City bridge project.

XIV. [Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Branch](#)

Ms. Nazia Sarder gave her report. She stated the preliminary work for the Onslow County CTP is being completed. She mentioned the plan is to start the CTP next month.

XV. [Report from FHWA Field Officer](#)

Mr. Bill Marley left the phone conference prior to his report.

XVI. [Questions, Closings Comments](#)

The meeting came to a close at 12:10 p.m.