

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
January 9, 2020**

**JACKSONVILLE – ONSLOW COMMERCE
CENTER EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Mr. Bob Warden, Mr. Randy Thomas, Mr. Paul Buchanan, Mr. Royce Bennett, and Mr. Mike Alford

Others Present: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Lt. Sean Magill, Mr. Ron Massey, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Ms. Caitlin Marks, Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Mr. Trevor Carroll, Mr. Thomas Bradshaw, Mr. Mark Sutherland, Mr. Chris Palsgrove, Ms. Carol Long, and Mr. Ben Warren

Absent: Mr. Bill Marley

I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Bob Warden called the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting to order at 3:30 pm on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at the Jacksonville Onslow Commerce Center – Executive Conference Room.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Warden welcomed everyone to the TAC meeting.

III. [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as written.

Mr. Paul Buchanan made a motion to accept the agenda as written. Mr. Randy Thomas seconded the motion to accept the agenda as written.

The agenda was accepted unanimously as written by the committee members present.

IV. [Public Comment](#)

There were no public comments.

Action Items:

Consent

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to approve the Consent items. The following motions were made. There were no discussions after adoption.

V. [December 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes \(Attachment 1\)](#)

Mr. Paul Buchanan made a motion to accept the December 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes as written. Mr. Randy Thomas seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the December 12, 2019 Meeting Minutes.

VI. [Adoption of 2020 NCDOT Safety Targets \(Attachment II\)](#)

Mr. Paul Buchanan made a motion to adopt and approve the Adoption of 2020 NCDOT Safety Targets. Mr. Randy Thomas seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the Adoption of 2020 NCDOT Safety Targets.

Non-Consent

VII. [Election of Officers](#)

Mr. Warden asked for nominations for the position of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Transportation Advisory Committee, (TAC).

Mr. Paul Buchanan made a motion for Mr. Bob Warden to remain in his current position as Chairman of the TAC. Mr. Randy Thomas nominated Paul Buchanan to the Vice-Chairman position of the Committee.

Mr. Royce Bennett seconded both motions.

The motion for Mr. Bob Warden to remain as Chairman of the TAC Committee and Mr. Paul Buchanan as Vice-Chairman was made. Mr. Royce Bennett seconded the motions.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motions and second to approve the Chairman and Vice-Chairman positions for the upcoming year.

VIII. [Unified Planning Work Program Amendment 1 FY 2020 \(Attachment III\)](#)

Ms. Trebil discussed the UPWP Amendment 1 FY 2020. Staff is requesting reallocation of funds to assist a consultant to help the MPO develop a scenario based model to help identify specific areas of concern regarding flooding and inundation that effects transportation mobility.

Ms. Trebil mention the scope is in line with efforts of the Transportation Resiliency Action Committee (TRAC). Phase I will allow work to begin with the possibility of additional phases in the upcoming fiscal year. This request does not result in an increase to the overall budget.

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to approve the reallocation of funds for the UPWP Amendment I FY 2020.

Mr. Royce Bennett made a motion to approve the reallocation of funds for the UPWP Amendment I FY 2020. Mr. Randy Thomas seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the reallocation of funds for UPWP Amendment I FY 2020.

Discussion Items

IX. [MPO Boundary Expansion](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed the MPO Boundary Expansion stating that we have resolutions from all of the municipalities to include Holly Ridge, Richlands, Swansboro, North Topsail, Surf City, and Onslow County. As the lead planning agency, staff has not presented this topic yet to the City of Jacksonville since we wanted to receive feedback from others first.

Staff has met with each community to begin to learn about their specific concerns in reference to transportation. We discussed that the boundary expansion is a learning process for all. Mr. Prinz reviewed the various voting options such as non-voting, non-weighted voting, weighted voting, rotating representation, and consensus.

It was the consensus of the TAC Board to offer the municipalities a position on the Board as an ex-officio member. That would allow the voting structure of the TAC Board to remain unchanged with two members from Onslow County Commission, two members from Jacksonville City Council and one member from the Board of Transportation.

X. [P6.0 – Discuss New Projects](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed the updated P6.0 Work program. He informed the Committee that new project ideas are being solicited reminding the Committee that old projects are still on the list whether they were funded or not.

Mr. Prinz mentioned some new potential projects that the sub-committee will be discussing include:

- **Gum Branch Medians**
Construct superstreet from NC 53 (Western Blvd) to SR 1322 Summersill School Road.
- **US 258 Superstreet**
Construct a superstreet along US 258 from SR 1212 (Pony Farm Road) to SR 1329 (Rhodestown Fire Department Road).
- **Marine Boulevard**
Road widening project specifically around the intersection of Georgetown and US 17. The lanes at this intersection are extremely narrow and do not meet NCDOT standards.
- **Hunting Green Intersection Realignment**
Realign and improve the intersection of Hunting Green Road and Ramsey Drive along Gum Branch Road.
- **Dixon High School**
Construct superstreet along US 17 (Wilmington Highway) from NC 210 to Dixon Estates Road.
- **Commerce Road Extension**
Construct roadway on new alignment connecting SR 1403 (Country Club Road) to SR 2614 (W. Huff Drive).
- **Gregory Fork Intersection**
Improve the intersection of US 258 and SR 1229 (Gregory Fork Road).

Reports/Comments:

XI. [Report from TAC Secretary](#)

Mr. Prinz updated the Committee on the status of the Jacksonville Station. Special thanks to Mr. Alford and Raleigh for bringing us to 100% funding. We have the land, design, and most of the permitting have been secured. We are very proud of this project and it will be a great way to welcome people to Jacksonville and Onslow County.

Mr. Buchanan asked about the status of the newly acquired land at the corner of Old Bridge Street and US 17, the new home of a Welcome Center. He asked for a status update on the project. Ms. Trebil explained we have a draft scope of work from an architect which is being reviewed and that we are moving towards execution of a contract.

[Report from NCDOT Division 3](#)

Ms. Caitlin Marks gave her report. Stating NCDOT is in the process of lifting some suspensions.

XII. [Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division](#)

Mr. Behshad Norowzi talked about the 2020 N.C. Transportation Summit and the MPO Conference. NC Moves 2050 team would like everyone who participated in their first and second survey. The first survey ran from October to December of 2018. The second survey lasted from April to June of 2019 and gathered 10,100 responses. From these surveys it showed that funding is the most important topic with economy and demographics coming in second and third respectively. There is a third survey which started October 16, 2019 and will close on February 14, 2020.

Watch for Me NC Seeking Partners who are interested in participating in the 2020 safety program.

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

Mr. Bill Marley was not present to give his report.

XIV. [Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Warden reminded the Committee of the Ethics paperwork that is coming up. The deadline is April 15th.

Mr. Thomas complimented Ms. Trebil on the excellent procedures of the last TAC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 pm.