

**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
October 28, 2019**

**JACKSONVILLE – ONSLOW COMMERCE CENTER
SPORTS HALL OF FAME CONFERENCE ROOM**

Present: Mr. Bob Warden, Mr. Randy Thomas, Mr. Royce Bennett, Mr. Paul Buchanan, and Mr. Bill Marley (via phone)

Others Present: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Lt. Sean Magill, Mr. Ron Massey, Mr. Roy Bredahl, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, Mr. Chad Kimes, Ms. Caitlin Marks, Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Mr. Andrew Jones, Mr. Trevor Carroll, Ms. Carol Long, Mr. Tim McCurry, Mr. Ben Warren, Mr. Buddy Fowler, Mr. David Key, Ms. Teresa Miller, Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Shaun Hayes, Ms. Amy Procopio, Mayor Doug Medlin (Surf City), and Mr. Chris Seaberg.

Absent: Mr. Mike Alford

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, October 28, 2019 at The Jacksonville Onslow Commerce Center – Sports Hall of Fame Conference Room.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Warden welcomed everyone to the TAC meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

III. [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

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

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

V. [June 27, 2019 Meeting Minutes \(Attachment 1\)](#)

VI. [Title VI Recertification](#)

Mr. Warden asked for a motion to adopt and approve the Consent items as written.

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

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the Consent Items as written.

Discussion Items

VII. [NCDOT FIMAN](#)

Mr. David Key, of ESP Associates, gave a presentation of the FINMAN-T program. This program communicates flood information to emergency managers and the public. The goal of the FINMAN system is to reduce loss of life and flood-related property damage by providing more timely, detailed, and accurate information.

One of the most powerful aspects of FINMAN is not only measure and display current and forecasted stream gage information, but to **analyze, map, and communicate flood risks in real time.**

The FINMAN was put to test during the weeks following Hurricanes Matthew and Florence in 2016 and 2018. Both hurricanes tested the application under extreme access loads. These events also offered chances to evaluate the accuracy and reliability of the FINMAN system.

Mr. Anthony Prinz mentioned how powerful of a tool this is with the ability to now monitor conditions from the office rather than sending Fire and Police to gather data and information. Mr. Prinz stated this helps to make rational decisions in what to do, and what not to do in these extreme weather circumstances.

VIII. [NCDOT Funding Update](#)

Mr. Prinz reminded the committee about the current House Bill. NCDOT is running a low fund balance. Mr. Prinz stated there are a series of steps that caused the balance to drop.

Mr. Warden asked if NCDOT would be suspending any prioritization projects. Mr. Warden stated if there is a low fund balance why we would continue with Prioritization 6.0. Mr. Warden asked if a formal letter from the Committee to DOT would help deter some construction cost and requested that such letter be drafted.

IX. [Merger Concurrence – U-5949 and U-5733](#)

Ms. Deanna Trebil discussed U-5949 and U-5733. These projects are on hold at this time; however, both have received Concurrence Point 2. Once work on these projects can

resume, they will continue working through MERGER process.

The concurrence meeting for the U-5949 (Widening of NC 210) resulted in “best-fit” alternative to allow for the road to be moved to avoid or minimize historical resources, MARSOC entrance, communications tower and environmental conditions.

The concurrence meeting for the U-5733 (Gum Branch Widening) resulted in identifying three alternatives for consideration: Alternative 1A (Southern Alternative), Alternative 1B, and Alternative 2 (Middle Alternative).

X. [MPO Boundary Expansion](#)

Mr. Prinz discussed we have been having meeting with our municipalities from Surf City and Swansboro and everything has been going well. We have received Resolutions of Support for the MPO Boundary Expansion from Holly Ridge, Richlands and Swansboro.

We have spent time with North Topsail Beach, who will consider the Resolution of Support on November 7, 2019. Dialogue has been very positive to date with some questions that still need to be answered.

XI. [Prioritization 6.0 Work Plan](#)

Ms. Stephanie Kutz gave an update on the Prioritization 6.0 Work Plan. Ms. Kutz stated that the work plan is subject to change but what was currently being presented was the most recent plan. She noted key upcoming dates, including when deletions are due and that we were currently out for call for projects.

Reports/Comments:

XII. [Report from TAC Secretary](#)

Mr. Prinz stated we are hoping to have Jacksonville Station out for bid next year. There will be another workshop with the City Council prior to the bidding.

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

Ms. Marks gave her report, mentioning the projects that are on hold, and the projects that have been accepted.

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

Mr. Norowzi presented his updated report. Mr. Norowzi talked about the Onslow County CTP, stating the RPO members of Down East RPO have requested time to review the recommended maps and project list due to change of staff.

Mr. Norowzi also talked about the preliminary engineering project suspension list will temporarily suspend preliminary engineering on most projects that do not receive funding from Garvey Bonds, BUILD NC bonds or Federal Grants.

To conclude Mr. Norowzi conveyed the NC MOVES 2050 Project team would like to thank all who participated in their first and second survey.

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

Mr. Marley was (via telephone), stated he had nothing to add but is interested in how the proposed Boundary expansion proceeds, especially in light of the 2020 Census. Mr. Marley thanked the Committee for the opportunity to join in on the meeting.

XVI. [Closing Comments](#)

The meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.