

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
September 10, 2020

MEETING ROOM A
815 New Bridge Street, Jacksonville, NC

Present: Mr. Bob Warden, Mr. Paul Buchanan, and Mr. Royce Bennett

Others Present: Mr. Ron Massey, Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Mr. Chad Kimes, Ms. Caitlin Marks, Ms. Jessica Rhue, and Mr. Thomas Bradshaw

Via Phone: Lt. Sean Magill, Ms. Carol Long, Mr. BJ Eversole, Mr. Bill Marley, Mr. Christopher Palsgrove, Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Roy Bredahl, Mr. Ray Silance, Mr. Daniel Combo, and Mr. Ben Warren

I. [Call to Order](#)

Chairman Bob Warden called the Jacksonville Urban Area MPO Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting to order at 3:32 pm on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at the Jacksonville City Hall – Meeting Room A and via Teleconference.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Chairman Warden welcomed everyone to the TAC meeting, and asked everyone on the teleconference call to introduce themselves.

III. [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

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

Mr. Royce Bennett 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:

V. [June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes](#)

Chairman Warden asked for a motion to approve the June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Paul Buchanan made a motion to approve the June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Mr. Royce Bennett seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes.

VI. [FY 2021 UPWP Amendment 2](#)

Ms. Deanna Trebil informed the committee that staff is asking to reallocate funds in the FY 2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to advance the efforts of the Transportation Resiliency Action Committee (TRAC). The consultant, Kimley-Horn, has been working on developing a scenario based model to help identify specific areas of concern regarding flooding and inundation that affects transportation mobility. The goal is to have a final work product by the end of the calendar year.

The net change to the budget results in no new appropriation of funds. The budget remains the same as previously approved in the amount of \$296,500.

Chairman Warden asked exactly where the money was coming from. Ms. Deanna explained and the members were satisfied.

Mr. Paul Buchanan made a motion to approve the adoption of the FY 2021 UPWP Amendment 2. Mr. Royce Bennett seconded the motion.

The committee members present unanimously accepted the motion and second to approve the adoption of the FY 2021 UPWP Amendment 2 as presented.

Discussion Items

VII. [NC 24 Resiliency Project](#)

Ms. Trebil informed the committee that the National Fish and Wild Life Foundation has appropriated \$48 Million for the Coastal Community and NCDOT was awarded a grant of \$4 Million. This is specifically to focus on the resiliency by reducing wave action and embankment stabilization.

This grant would allow NCDOT to put in more nature based designs elements such as shoreline stabilization with wetlands plants, rip rap, etc. There are three locations that NCDOT will be focusing on along NC 24 between Swansboro and Cedar Point. Due to recent storms, the bridge supports and shoreline have deteriorated due to wave action. NCDOT will be partnering with NC Coastal Federation.

Ms. Trebil explained the concept of nature based techniques. The preliminary schedule for this project:

- Preliminary engineering: Mar - Oct 2020
- Design: Nov 2020 – July 2021
- Environmental Review: Nov 2020 – July 2021

- Construction: Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

VIII. [P6.0 Update](#)

Mr. Anthony Prinz began with an update on the P6.0 Work program referencing the numerous adjustments and the progress made to date which included the submission of all projects. It is more than likely that the P6.0 schedule will continue to evolve as more revenue becomes available.

Mr. Prinz then updated the Committee that the current STIP is being reprogrammed to align the budget with the available funding as required by FHWA. The NCDOT Board of Transportation will be considering the adjustments during their August meeting.

The decisions on how projects were reprogrammed focused on the following parameters:

- Active bond or grant funding commitments – funding coming from other sources to which NCDOT is obligated to maintain
- Getting the maximum benefit from as few projects as practical – cost benefit calculation
- Project delivery status – only advance a project if it is ready to be implemented
- Committed status – focus on projects that are already committed
- Relative Pn.0 score - look at P5.0 score to see which projects weighted highest

Mr. Prinz reviewed each project that has been adjusted at the Division, Regional, and Statewide Levels, discussing the changes of construction by years.

Mr. Prinz mentioned that Division 3 sought feedback from the MPO on the reprogramming of projects within the MPO planning area. Ms. Kutz reached out to Ms. Marks from Division 3 about the Revised STIP with recommended suggestions for changes as well as expressed some concerns with the delaying certain projects. The next steps moving forward is to provide additional feedback to the Division with the NC Board of Transportation adoption on October 8th and the TAC STIP adoption on November 12.

Reports/Comments

IX. [Report from TAC Secretary](#)

Mr. Prinz talked about the access issues with the Douglass Gate, which is the back gate to the Air Station. The MPO now has the ability to apply for additional grant funding from DOD to implement some recommendations. The money is for a feasibility study and preliminary designs to advance recommendations on improvements. Our long term goal is to look at options to relocate Douglass so it aligns with Onslow Pines Road or Murrill Hill Rd.

Mr. Prinz reported that NCDOT is still currently reviewing the draft documents for the MPO Boundary expansion. He has reached out to Surf City and is still waiting for a

return call to further discuss their participation.

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

Ms. Caitlin Marks gave her report.

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

Mr. Behshad Norowzi was on line via phone and video; however, he could not be heard so Ms. Trebil gave his report.

Ms. Trebil talked about HB 77 – DOT 2020-2021 Budget/ Governance Bill that has passed both the House and Senate and has been sent to Governor Cooper for signature. NCDOT is seeking feedback about how to improve our state's greenways. The NCDOT Great Trails State Plan will use existing plans and new recommendations to identify a network of trails that connect every county in North Carolina.

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

Mr. Bill Marley gave his report. Stating we will be in a continued resolution going forward until Congress adopts another funding bill.

XIII. [Closing Remarks](#)

Next meeting – October 8, 2020, but it may change to November. Meeting was dismissed at 4:45 pm.