



MEMORANDUM

TO: Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) Members
FROM: Deanna Trebil – MPO Administrator
DATE: September 2, 2021
RE: TCC Meeting – September 9, 2021

The Technical Coordinating Committee will meet at **10:30 AM** on **Thursday, September 9, 2021**. Board members are encouraged to attend in-person, if comfortable, at the Jacksonville Youth Center located at 804 New Bridge Street. Others may join the meeting virtually through Microsoft Teams: [Click here to join the meeting](#) or call in (469) 269-6113, Conference ID: 58527138#

Discussion topics for this meeting include updates regarding Prioritization 6.0, Regional Mobility Strategy as well as other transportation-related topics.

Your attendance, or that of your alternate, at this meeting is very important.

Please contact me at (910) 938-5073 with any questions or concerns.



AGENDA

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

September 9, 2021 – 10:30 AM – In-person and Virtual

In-person: Youth Center, 804 New Bridge Street

Virtual through Teams: [Click here to join the meeting](#)
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| I. | Call to Order | Wally Hansen |
| II. | Welcome and Introductions | Wally Hansen |
| III. | Public Comment | Wally Hansen |

Action Items

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| IV. | April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Attachment 1)
<i>Recommended Action: Approval of meeting minutes</i> | Wally Hansen |
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Discussion Items

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| V. | P6.0 | Anthony Prinz |
| VI. | Regional Mobility Study | Anthony Prinz |

Reports/Comments

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| VII. | Report from MPO | Deanna Trebil |
| VIII. | Report from NCDOT Division 3 | Caitlin Marks |
| IX. | Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division | Behshad Norowzi |
| X. | Report from FHWA Field Officer | Bill Marley |
| XI. | Questions, Closing Comments | Wally Hansen |



JACKSONVILLE URBAN AREA
JUMPO
METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

Attachment: 1
Technical Coordinating Committee
Action Required

To: Technical Coordinating Committee
From: Deanna Trebil, MPO Administrator
Subject: July 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes

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TCC Recommended Action: Approval of meeting minutes

Attachment: July 8, 2021 meeting minutes

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL/ REGULAR - MEETING
July 8, 2021**

**YOUTH CENTER
804 NEW BRIDGE STREET
JACKSONVILLE, NC 28540**

Present Mr. Wally Hansen, Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Ron Massey, Ms. Debbie Jefferson, Ms.
In Person: Stephanie Kutz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, Mr. Anthony Prinz, Mr. Tim McCurry, Mr. Nathan
 Rhue, Ms. Jessica Rhue, Mr. Brian Kelly, and Mr. Chris White

Virtually Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Ms. Caitlin Marks, Mr. Bill Marley, Mr. BJ Eversole, Mr. Kerry
Present: Terrell, Mr. Sean McGill, Ms. Carol Long, Mr. Daniel Cumbo, Ms. Teresa Miller, Mr.
 Christopher Seaberg, Mr. Christopher Palsgrove, Ms. Tracy Jackson, Ms. Deb Hill, Ms.
 Jennifer Ansell, Mr. Gregg Whitehead, Mr. Joe Fore, Mr. Ray Silance, and Ms. Stacie
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I. [Call to Order](#)

Mr. Hansen called the TCC meeting to order at 10:32am, Thursday, July 8, 2021, at the Youth Center, 804 New Bridge Street., Jacksonville, NC.

II. [Welcome and Introductions](#)

Mr. Hansen welcomed everyone to the meeting, asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves, and acknowledged those that were virtual.

III. [Public Comment](#)

No one had signed up for public comment and no request was received.

Action Items

Walk On Item:

Ms. Trebil officially welcomed the new members to the TCC. The Memorandum of Understanding expanding the MPO boundary has been fully executed. As such, staff is recommending that the Bylaws for the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) be updated to add our new partners.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the Amendment to the TCC Bylaws.

Ms. Jessica Rhue made a motion to approve the Amended TCC Bylaws to include the expansion of our new members. Mr. Ryan King seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the Amended TCC Bylaws as presented to include the expansion of our new members was approved unanimously and approved by the Committee Members present both in person and virtual.

IV. [April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes](#)

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Jessica Rhue made a motion to approve the April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented. Ms. Carol Long seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the April 8, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented was approved unanimously and approved by the Committee Members present both in person and virtual.

V. [MTP Amendment 3](#)

Ms. Trebil stated that the Transportation Advisory Committee adopted the 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) on March 12, 2020, Amendment 1 on November 19, 2020, and Amendment 2 on March 11, 2021. The MTP is our long-range plan for the Jacksonville urbanized area. Staff is recommending updates to add the Bicycle and Pedestrian projects that had been identified and submitted as part of the Prioritization 6.0 cycle. In order for projects to be scored and funded, one criteria is that the project must be identified in our MTP.

Additionally, this Amendment to the MTP includes the a new section on Resiliency, which is a culmination of the efforts of the Transportation Resiliency Action Committee (TRAC) that began two years ago after Jacksonville endured the effects of Hurricane Florence. TRAC identified and prioritized crossings that flooded in Florence as well as an unnamed event in 2010. The goal is to work with NCDOT either through future State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects or through maintenance projects to make improvements to crossings where needed.

The Draft 2045 MTP Amendment 3 was uploaded to JUMPO's website for public comment on July 1, 2021 and no public comments were received.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the 2045 MTP Amendment 3.

Ms. Jessica Rhue moved to approve the MTP Amendment 3 as presented for the TAC to approve and Mr. Gregg Whitehead seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the 2020-2029 MTIP Amendment 3 was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present both in person and virtual.

VI. [2020-2029 MTIP Amendment 4](#)

Ms. Trebil stated that the Transportation Advisory Committee adopted the 2020-2029 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) on December 12, 2019. Amendment 1 was approved on June 11, 2020; Amendment 2 was approved on November 19, 2020; and Amendment 3 was approved on May 13, 2021.

As a result of the MPO Boundary expansion, the State Board of Transportation (BOT) is adjusting projects to move them from the Down East Rural Planning Organization (DERPO) to JUMPO:

- R-5783: division 3 Program to update intersection to comply with ADA
- W-5203: Division 3 Rumble strips, guardrail, safety and lighting improvements
- W-5703DIV: Safety Improvements in Division 3
- W-5703REG: Safety Improvements in Division 3
- W-5703SW: Safety Improvements in Division 3

Additionally, other modifications are proposed to include adjustments to funding or project schedules and/or the addition of the following projects:

- U-4906: Gum Branch widening – funding adjustment
- TK-6150: OUTS Administration – new funding

When NCDOT modifies the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP), JUMPO is also required to update the MTIP to reflect those changes.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the MTIP Amendment 4.

Mr. Chris White moved to approve the MTIP Amendment 4 as presented for the TAC to approve and Mr. Ryan King seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the MTIP Amendment 4 as presented for the TAC to approve was unanimously approved by the Committee Members present both in person and virtual.

Discussion Items

VII. [Introduction to the MPO](#)

Ms. Trebil provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the MPO, a review of funded projects, and projects that were submitted with Prioritization 6.0.

The Jacksonville Urban Area Metropolitan Area Planning Organization (JUMPO) is federally mandated and funded that provides regional transportation planning and programming. JUMPO provides local representation for local concerns as staff reside in the County in which they work. The MPO has a wide variety of technical capacities such as corridor planning, mobility, congestion management. The MPO provides long-range planning, transportation impact analysis, development plan review, project prioritization and construction management to name just a few key areas of responsibilities.

The leadership of the MPO consists of the Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). The TCC provides technical expertise and makes recommendation to the TAC. This Committee is normally comprised of staff members. The TAC serves as the policy board for JUMPO and is comprised of elected officials.

Prioritization is a NCDOT data driven process that scores projects on merits. This is a two-year cycle of identifying projects, submitting and scoring, and then identifying which of those projects get funded.

Many projects that are currently on the State Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) have been delayed due to NCDOT's lack of funding. The current STIP was re-prioritized late 2020 in order for the plan to be fiscally constraint as required by federal law. The good news is that as funding becomes available, work is resuming on selected projects.

Ms. Trebil then gave an update on several larger projects to include Gum Branch Widening (U-4906), NC 258/53 Interchange (U-5716), Curtis Interchange (U-5735), Marine Blvd/US 17 Interchange (U-5951), Jacksonville Parkway Extension (U-5791), and the NC 172/Old Folkstone Rd (U-6065).

In conclusion, Ms. Trebil stated that staff will be reaching out to each of our new partners to provide a similar presentation to the TAC member.

VIII. [P6.0](#)

Ms. Kutz discussed the P6.0 Work Plan. Quantitative scores are due and should be published by the end of July. Ms. Kutz stated that a TCC Subcommittee would need to be formed to begin reviewing each project's score and to develop Regional Impact point assignments. However, the MPO received word from the P6.0 working group that the schedule might change given updated cost estimates for currently funded projects. Updates will be provided as more information is received.

IX. [Camp Lejeune Rail – Road Access](#)

With the Camp Lejeune Rail being clear and available for commercial use, the MPO needs to begin identifying potential roadway improvements for this area both short-term and long-term.

The Camp Lejeune Rail Line crosses Hwy 24 near Piney Green Road and then runs south of Rocky Run Road, passing Riggs Road and continues south of Stella Road. The Rail line does have some limiting factors regarding access with the Hoffman Forrest to the North and the White Oak River to the Right.

From a planning standpoint, Mr. Prinz stated that the MPO has not studied this area much other than the Hwy 24 Access Management Project, which is focused on improving safety along this corridor and not improving capacity. There are other improvements identified to help with regional mobility such as extending the Jacksonville Bypass to Ramsey Road. Another related project is improving Ramsey Road by additional capacity either on existing or new alignment to Hwy 17. These improvements would allow for a greater efficiency to Hwy 24 and creating an outer loop for Jacksonville.

At this time, it is uncertain what type of private companies might be interested or how they might use the rail at this time. It is recommended that staff look at the Rail Study that was previously conducted to determine if any potential companies have been identified and to possibly update that Study.

After much discussion, the Committee recommended establishing a sub-committee to look at a short-term planning exercise to identify limitations and opportunities for access and geometric or safety issues related to the accessing the Rail line that is in close proximity to Piney Green Road. Another step is to review the previously completed Camp Lejeune Rail Study as discussed to help identify other parcels in the area that are eligible for development in the vicinity of Swansboro-Belgrade Road.

Once potential projects have been identified, they would need to be added to the MPO's long-range plan for future prioritization cycles.

Reports/Comments

X. [Report from MPO](#)

Ms. Trebil provided an update on the progress of the Douglass Gate Improvement project and reiterated that this project will include a new traffic signal.

The Jacksonville Station construction is moving forward with roofing almost complete, and windows are being installed. Ms. Trebil also stated that dry wall is beginning to be installed and extended an invitation to anyone who would like a tour to contact her.

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

Ms. Marks gave her report on projects in development. She insured that the newer members had a complete understanding of how everything works.

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

Mr. Behshad gave the Committee an update stating NCDOT has been keeping an eye on traffic trends.

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

Mr. Marley gave his report.

XIV. [Questions, Closing Comments](#)

Mr. Hansen thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Hansen asked for an adjournment of the July 8, 2021 TCC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m. Mr. Bryan Kelly made a motion and Mr. Tim McCurry seconded the motion.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2021