

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL/ REGULAR - MEETING
June 8, 2023**

**JACKSONVILLE STATION
1300 N MARINE BLVD
JACKSONVILLE, NC 28540**

Present Mr. Wally Hansen, Mr. Ronald Massey, Mr. Chris White, Mr. Danny Ferucci,
In Person: Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Deanna Trebil, Mr. Stephen Adams, Ms. Stephanie
 Kutz, Lt. Philip Williams, Mr. Tim McCurry, Mr. Franky Howard, Mr. Michael
 Connors, Ms. Andrea Correll, Ms. Amy Procopio, Ms. Stacie Miles, Ms. Kim
 Nguyen, Ms. Carol Long.

Virtually Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Nathan Rhue, Ms. Andrea Correll, Ms. Michelle Howes,
Present: Ms. Kirsten Spirakis, Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Mr. Carter Metcalf, Ms. Tracy
 Jackson.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Hansen called the TCC meeting to order at 10:33 am, Thursday, June 8, 2023, at Jacksonville Station, 1300 N Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Hansen welcomed new members to the TCC meeting and asked all present to introduced themselves. He asked Ms. Trebil to introduce those members attending the meeting online.

III. Public Comment

No one signed up for public comment and no requests were received.

Action Items

IV. February 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the February 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Metcalf made a motion to approve the February 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. White seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the February 9, 2023, Meeting Minutes as presented was approved unanimously by the committee members present both in person and virtual.

V. FY24 UPWP Amendment 1

Ms. Trebil stated that JUMPO staff is requesting an amendment to the FY 2024 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) to reappropriate funds within the existing budget for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Update as well as reduce funding under Management, Operations, & Programs Support Administration.

It is worth noting that the PL104 budget remains unaltered, with a total of \$326,125. No additional funding is requested at this time. The Amendment was posted on JUMPO's website on May 30, 2023. The public can provide feedback until July 12, 2023.

Mr. King asked there will be modification/updates to the people identified in the FY24 UPWP amendments and Ms. Trebil confirmed.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend approval of the FY24 UPWP Amendment 1 to the TAC. Mr. White made a motion; Ms. Cox seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously by the committee members present both in person and virtual.

Discussion Items

VI. 2024-2033 STIP

Ms. Trebil began by explaining the timeline for the 2024-2033 STIP. In May, the finalized STIP (for Prioritization 6.0) was present to the Board of Transportation (BOT). In June, the STIP was adopted by the BOT. The MTIP will be presented to the TCC in late July/early August. Lastly, the MTIP is expected to be presented in September to the TAC for approval.

Ms. Trebil then introduced the Carbon Reduction Funding (CRF) program timeline which is available through State. She showed a slide of the timeline with regards to where CRF opportunities align with the STIP, the new MTP, and when these opportunities and projects will be brought forward to the TCC and TAC for discussion.

Mr. Massey asked for clarification about the difference between CFR projects and STIP projects. It was explained that the CRF program can be used to start a project in planning or development phases and later fund it for execution on the STIP. CRF is otherwise funded outside of the STIP. Mr. Prinz gave an example like the funding source code that was shown on the slides, which has a CRF funding.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the 2024-2033 STIP as presented. Ms. Cox made a motion; Mr. White seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously by the committee members present both in person and virtual.

VII. Prioritization 7.0

Ms. Trebil spent a few minutes talking about starting the Prioritization 7.0 (P7) cycle. She reviewed what P7 is, briefly explaining the program cycle, when it begins, and where efforts will be focused on in the coming months. The Committee was presented the Prioritization process and the parties/roles involved, then explained scoring and weighting of projects by the NCDOT SPOT. She showed a few examples of the evaluative criteria for projects and how they will be scored and how the scoring method is intended to be objective for all projects to avoid political interference.

Mr. Massey asked if the quantity of scores are only determined for highway projects.

Ms. Trebil explained that it was not only highway and showed slides for how STI divides projects into three categories for funding. Statewide Mobility (40%), Regional Impact (30%), and Division Needs (30%). She also clarified what the primary focus for selecting/scoring each category will be, and what data the selections are based on.

Lastly, Ms. Trebil spoke about the roles of who does what throughout the P7 process and emphasized the importance of positive working relationships with NCDOT and working together on behalf of the most impactful projects to get those to score higher. Local input, including that from JUMPO partners, will be a large factor in receiving additional points towards projects.

There will be a P7 work plan, a meeting calendar, and working subcommittee identified to consult with throughout the process of identifying and submitting projects. Once projects are identified, the submission will be brought to the TCC and later to TAC for concurrence.

Mr. Hansen offered a few changes to the timeline of when the subcommittee should meet, review, and decide on P7 project submittals and a plan was agreed upon by all those present.

Reports/Comments

VIII. Report from MPO

Ms. Trebil pointed out that NCDOT is currently working on a feasibility study on NC 111 and displayed the three current alternative alignments which are being considered. The options are widening 111, building a new route through to connect with NC 258, or building the new route off Fowler Manning Rd to connect with NC 258.

IX. Report from NCDOT Division 3

Mr. Prinz offered to give the Division 3 update on behalf of Ms. Cox.

Mr. Prinz briefly spoke about the Western Blvd and Henderson Dr widening project, which will be let for construction on July 13th, 2023. Mr. Prinz gave recognition to Senator Lazzara for saving the project, with providing additional funds. Next mentioned was the Living Shoreline project in Swansboro which is under construction.

Ms. Kutz spoke briefly about the Commerce Rd Extension. Progress meetings are currently at 60% completion, and signal contractor to begin work at the end of June.

Mr. Prinz finished up with mentioning the Camp Lejeune Rail crossing near Piney Green, which will be under construction with an onsite detour. Also, he mentioned the resurfacing website, where you can find what areas are to be resurfaced.

X. Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Ms. Trebil gave the update on behalf of NCDOT. She briefly explained that Ms. Jeffers has taken a new position with the SPOT office and Mr. Norowzi will now be reporting in her place.

Ms. Trebil referenced the Transportation Planning Division (TPD) Newsletter which included updates on the state's freight plan, and truck network and restrictions. Finally, she mentioned NCDOT winning a federal grant to expand traveler information.

Additionally, the report reminded about important deadline to submit quarterly reports by June 29th, 2023.

XI. Report from FHWA Field Officer

The FHWA Field Officer was not in attendance to give an update.

XII. Questions, Closing Comments

Mr. Hansen inquired whether the members had any questions or closing comments.

Ms. Kutz commented that progress was being made on the Downtown Trail but construction has not started. Some agreements are still being worked out but that the contractor should be starting work this summer. Additionally, under the TAP program, curb ramps improvements around Henderson Dr. have been funded by NCDOT.

Mr. Hansen thanked everyone for attending in person, and virtually, and asked for an adjournment of the June 8, 2023, TCC meeting. Mr. Massey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. White seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2023.