

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
June 13, 2024**

**Jacksonville Station, Onslow Room
1300 N Marine Blvd
Jacksonville, NC 28540**

Present Mr. Bob Warden, Mr. Paul Buchanan, Mr. Royce Bennett, Mr. Bill Justice, Mr.
In Person: Phil Misciagno, Ms. Kandy Koonce, Mr. Chad Kimes, Mr. Trevor Carroll, Ms.
 Kirsten Spirakis, Ms. Michelle Howes, Ms. Becca Eversole, Mr. Anthony Prinz,
 Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Stephen Adams, Ms. Teri Dane

Virtually Mr. Ron Massey, Ms. Adrienne Cox, Mr. Danny Ferruci, Mr. Wongoo Lee, Mr.
Present: Behshad Norowzi, Mr. Michael Raynor, Mr. Samuel Rogers

I. Call to Order

The TAC Meeting was called to order at 3:29pm at Jacksonville Station.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Warden greeted everyone and expressed his gratitude for their attendance, both those who were present and those who joined virtually.

Mr. Kimes presented challenge coins to Chairman Warden and Mr. Prinz to show thanks and appreciation from the NCDOT for the TAC's work and efforts throughout the last few years. He emphasized what an honor and joy it has been working alongside the TAC and JUMPO staff.

III. Public Comment

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

Consent Items

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Chairman Warden asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as written. Mr. Buchanan made a motion; Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Action Items

V. Approval of March 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Chairman Warden asked for a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes. Mr. Bennett made a motion to approve; Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Approval of 2024-2033 MTIP Amendment 4

Ms. Kutz asked for adoption of the MTIP Amendment 4. Amendment 4 is requested to modify funding for statewide projects M-0563E, R-5966, HV-0001, and ER-5600; and Jacksonville urban area projects: BO-2403, U-4007E, U-5728, U-5735, U-5736, U-5789, U-6065, HS-2003AA, HS-2003X, HS-2403B. This amendment would cover NCDOT Item N report for the months of March 2024 thru May 2024. Modifying funding from state to federal specifically, will add ROW and preliminary engineering.

Chairman Warden asked for a motion to approve 2024-2033 MTIP Amendment 3. Mr. Buchanan made a motion to approve; Mr. Bennett seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

VII. 650 West Corbett Ave Request

Mr. Prinz begun by showing a letter from the Town of Swansboro regarding an NCDOT maintenance project on NC-24 (West Corbett Ave) that will fix drainage issues at the Candy Adventures driveway. The intent of the letter is to seek support and a recommendation from the TAC to request that NCDOT extend the project across the entire ditch of the American Legion property as well. The additional scope would include piping and backfill of the entire length of the ditch but the benefits would correct existing and future maintenance and slope failures. This also will allow room for a future sidewalk connection.

Mr. Buchanan asked about the timespan of the project and if it would be more timely for the owner of Candy Adventures to either proceed with widening their own driveway or wait for NCDOT to start the NC 24 project. It was recommended that the owner not wait for NCDOT as they are following a schedule.

Chairman Warden asked for consensus from the TAC to support the request from Swansboro. A consensus for support was reached and it was agreed that the TAC would send a letter to Mr. Kimes echoing support for expanding the project.

VIII. Prioritization 7.0

Mr. Adams briefly gave updates to Prioritization 7.0 progress and showed printouts of quantitative scores for all JUMPO projects. He then referenced the email in which Mr.

Prinz sent to the TAC members explaining that per NCDOT, Division. 3, will not be awarded any projects due to lack of current funding. NCDOT has directed MPOs to continue with local input point assignment (LIP). Although a limited number of projects will be awarded for P7.0, it had been since P5.0 cycle (2018) that the prioritization cycle was fully completed.

Chairman Warden voiced concern in that JUMPO's efforts had seemed to have been discounted with how the prioritization process is carried out. A lot of time, coordination and energy had been spent with little to no results for the JUMPO area. Mr. Kimes gave some incite in that this has been the same situation in which many other RPOS/MPOs throughout the division experience. Even though the process does not seem to lean in our favor, efforts have not been wasted. He explained that inflation percentages moved from 2% to 5% and that this has been a main reason for the funding issue.

Finally, Mr. Adams explained that the adopted Local Input Methodology will be utilized to assign additional points and the TCC Subcommittee's recommended point assignment will be brought for approval to the TAC at its next meeting.

Reports/Comments

IX. Report from the MPO Secretary

Ms. Kutz gave a brief update on a few projects currently underway in the area. Also work continues with the 2050 MTP, and the Paved Trails Feasibility Study. An RFQ for portions of sidewalk along Gum Branch Road was advertised for design and engineering. The project falls under a Carbon Reduction Funds grant. She also informed the TAC that we are at the beginning stages of adding signals along Gum Branch, at Raintree and Hunting Green.

X. Report from NCDOT Division 3

Ms. Howes named various projects on the schedule with updates. She named a few that were in development, then construction, and finally maintenance. She also highlighted a few dates which have dates postponed.

XI. Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Mr. Lee briefly gave updates to the TPD newsletter. The Regions 16 Travel Demand Model should be completed by the end of June. The Regional Coverage Map is available to view at the link provided. He highlighted the Smooth Urban Boundaries map which is also available.

XII. Report from FHWA Field Officer

Mr. Morrison introduced himself and explained that he would now be reporting to the TAC in place of Mr. Bill Marley. He then gave updates on grant opportunities for streets and road funding that have recently opened.

Chairman Warden welcomed him to the TAC.

XIII. Questions, Closing Comments

Chairman Warden asked the attendees if there were any additional questions or comments, and none were received.

Chairman Warden thanked all for attending both in person and virtually and asked for a motion to adjourn the June 13, 2024, TAC meeting. Mr. Bennett made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.