

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION  
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)  
VIRTUAL/ REGULAR - MEETING  
February 8, 2024**

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

Present            Mr. Wally Hansen, Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Carter Metcalf, Mr. Alaric Robinson,  
In Person:        Lt. Philip Williams, Mr. Tim McCurry, Ms. Michelle Howes, Ms. Amy Procopio,  
                         Ms. Teri Dane, Mr. Anthony Prinz, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Stephen Adams  
  
Virtually         Mr. Ronald Massey, Mr. Nathan Rhue, Mr. Gregg Whitehead, Ms. Andrea  
Present:          Correll, Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Mr. Wongoo Lee, Ms. Kim Nguyen, Mr. Bill  
                         Marley

**I.     Call to Order**

Mr. Hansen called the TCC meeting to order at 10:31 am, Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Jacksonville Station.

**II.    Welcome and Introductions**

Mr. Hansen welcomed members to the TCC meeting and asked all present to introduced themselves. He recognized all of those who joined virtually.

**III.   Public Comment**

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

**Action Items**

**IV.   Election of Officers**

Mr. Hansen asked for nominations for TCC Chairman and Vice-Chairman officer positions for 2024. Mr. King recommended that Mr. Hansen remain as Chairman of the TCC. Mr. Hansen asked if there were any other nominations, and none other were received. Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Hansen then asked for any nominations for TCC Vice-Chairman position. He recommended that it be a representative from Onslow County. Mr. King made a motion to elect Mr. Metcalf. Mr. Hansen asked if there were any other nominations, and none other were received. Mr. Massey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **V. August 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the August 10, 2023, Meeting Minutes. He asked if there were any questions or comments, and none were received. Ms. Howes made a motion to approve; Mr. Massey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **VI. Draft FY25 UPWP**

Ms. Kutz explained the FY25 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), its purpose, and then gave a few expectations to how the JUMPO will use its funding efforts in the next fiscal year. Focus areas will be special/small studies within the MPO area. There are funds that are set aside for safe and accessible transportation projects which are 100% federally funded with no local match required. The draft FY25 UPWP was previewed by NCDOT with no issues or comments. It has also been posted online for public comment and feedback will be received until March 11, 2024.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the draft, and none were received. Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Draft FY25 UPWP to the TAC. Mr. King made a motion; Ms. Howes seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **VII. Draft 2024-2033 MTIP Amendment 3**

Ms. Kutz explained that Amendment 3 includes modifications to the 2024-2033 STIP which were outlined in the printouts provided to the committee. Amendment 3 covers modifications for the month of February for a state project, and funding modifications for three local projects. The three projects are U-5728 (US17/Bell Fork Rd Intersection), U-5508 (NC24/NC53 Intersection), and U-5951 (US17 BUS). This amendment includes specific changes include preliminary engineering, ROW, additions to funding and timelines. Mr. McCurry asked if U-5508 was moving forward after put on hold. Ms. Kutz explained that the amendment has added an additional construction date from 2030 into 2031, all other dates are the same as in June STIP and there was only a change in the expected funding.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the draft, and none were received. Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend approval of Amendment 3 to the 2024-2033 MTIP. Mr. King made a motion to approve; Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **VIII. Draft Prioritization 7.0 Local Input Methodology**

Mr. Adams explained the requirement for the MPO to adopt a methodology for assigning local input points on top of quantitative scores for Prioritization 7.0 Regional Impact and Division Needs projects. Mr. Adams briefly described the draft presented and the changes that were updated from the previous methodology in Prioritization 6.0. A similar weighting criterion will be used, which includes a score on community importance, project readiness,

and if projects align with national goals. The flexing policy has also carried over, which allows up to 500 points to be transferred from one category to the other. All quantitative scores will be released at the end of May. Statewide Mobility project scores are final. The TCC Subcommittee will convene in June to apply points to Regional and Division projects.

Ms. Kutz talked briefly about the Flex Policy which is optional whether its is used by an MPO. Once quantitative scores are completed the P7.0 Subcommittee will convene to decide on the scoring path for submitted projects.

Mr. McCurry asked about what happens if the JUMPO area population number exceeds 200k and would that result in more available opportunities for projects. Ms. Kutz explained that the MPO would be designated as a Transportation Management Area (TMA). There would be a construction funding element that would open up to the TAC to use. Mr. Norowitz explained that the 200k threshold is based on census data, which doesn't immediately designate the area as a TMA. NCDOT does not make that call, it is a federal designation, by FHWA. Mr. Marley agreed with Mr. Behshad's comments.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the draft, and none were received. Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Draft P7.0 Local Input Methodology to the TAC. Ms. Howes made a motion; Mr. Metcalf seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **IX. Draft Title VI Program Plan 2024**

Mr. Adams explained the updated draft which will recertify the JUMPO Title VI program plan. There are a few changes in the overall formatting in addition to updated demographic numbers which identify the Limited English Proficient populations for the MPO area. A big improvement is also the GIS maps with demographic populations inlayed really show visually the MPOs areas where further outreach may need to be conducted. This program serves as a direction on where outreach should be targeted, and the plan identifies the ways and means that the MPO provides them opportunities to be informed of area planning initiatives as well as public involvement.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the draft, and none were received. Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend approval of the Draft Title VI Program Plan to the TAC. Mr. Metcalf made a motion; Mr. King seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **Discussion Items**

### **X. Prioritization 7.0 (P7)**

Mr. Adams spent a few minutes talking about the P7 progress, the schedule, and when the next items will be covered with the P7 Subcommittee. He explained when the scores

will be released for Statewide Mobility projects and that Regional and Division project will soon undergo data review for scoring. The Local Input methodology which was previously discussed will be the progress to how the Subcommittee will allot points. Mr. Hansen reminded everyone that those involved in the subcommittee need to send a pool on when the subcommittee will convene.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the draft, and none were received.

## **Reports/Comments**

### **XI. Report from MPO Secretary**

Ms. Kutz gave a brief update on the completion of the Downtown Trail. Additionally, work has started on the Western Blvd and Henderson Blvd safety project. The Commerce Drive project has been completed and the road was opened on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. King added that for the houses along Commerce Drive they have been readdressed. This involved notifying the owners and obtaining signatures.

### **XII. Report from NCDOT Division 3**

Ms. Howes gave a brief update to NCDOT projects. There were not many changes to the projects under development, construction, or maintenance lists. NCDOT will begin work at Western Blvd and Henderson Dr intersection project in the next few months. Repaving projects are on hold due to the cold weather and resume in the spring. Ms. Howes then shared aerial images of recently completed projects.

### **XIII. Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division**

Mr. Lee briefly gave updates to the TPD newsletter. Regions 16 Travel Demand Model is currently being developed by Stantec and includes Jacksonville Urban Area. Models should be completed by the end March 2024, and the future year report will be released by April 2024. This new model will be used to update the 2050 MTP. The Regional Coverage Map is available to view at the link provided. He also informed the group that the 2022 AADT traffic counts have been updated, and are available at the Go!NC website.

### **XIV. Report from FHWA Field Officer**

Mr. Marley had no updates to report other than that currently his team is working on grants. He commended JUMPO on their current work on the MTP/UPWP and mentioned that they are in good shape to complete on the scheduled date.

### **XV. Questions, Closing Comments**

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions or closing comments. Mr. Robinson asked about rail options for passenger service in the future. Mr. Prinz commented that currently there is not rail options in the area other than on base which is used for military use. There may be future options open to freight service via Camp Lejeune's railway. Mr. McCurry added that the base is working on agreements for this.

Mr. Hansen thanked everyone for attending in person and asked for an adjournment of the February 8, 2023, TCC meeting. Mr. King made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Metcalf seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024.