

**JACKSONVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
VIRTUAL/ REGULAR - MEETING
July 11, 2024**

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

Present Mr. Wally Hansen, Mr. Carter Metcalf, Mr. Ryan King, Mr. Ronald Massey,
In Person: Mr. Danny Ferucci, Ms. Andrienne Cox, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Stephen
 Adams, Ms. Teri Dane, Mr. Tim McCurry

Virtually Mr. Mitch Sprunger, Mr. Gregg Whitehead, Ms. Michelle Howes, Ms. Kim
Present: Nguyen, Mr. Wongoo Lee, Mr. Behshad Norowzi, Mr. Nicholas Morrison, Mr.
 Eric Lamb, Mr. Michael Raynor

I. Call to Order

Mr. Hansen called the TCC meeting to order at 10:34 am, Thursday, July 11, 2024, at Jacksonville Station, 1300 N Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Hansen welcomed members to the TCC meeting and asked all present to introduced themselves. Those members attending the meeting online were stated for the recorded.

III. Public Comment

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

Action Items

IV. February 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the February 8, 2024, Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Metcalf made a motion; Mr. King seconded the motion. The motion to was approved by the committee members present both in person and virtual.

V. Draft 2024-2033 MTIP Amendment 5

Ms. Kutz asked for a recommendation to amend the 2024-2033 MTIP to maintain the state's State Transportation Improvement Plan. Amendment 5 is requested to modify funding for Jacksonville urban area projects TN-6131, and U-6065 and statewide projects M-0426DIV, M-0426REG, M-0426SW, M-0460, M-0470, and M-0480. This amendment would cover the modification in NCDOT's Item N report for the months of June and July 2024.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the action item. A question was asked on the project category and what "Exempt" meant. Ms. Cox and Ms. Howes explained that this status occurs with statewide project funding modifications which do not affect JUMPO projects but may border near JUMPO's boundary.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend Amendment 5 adoption to the TAC. Mr. Massey made a motion; Mr. Ferucci seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the committee members present both in person and virtual.

VI. Draft FY25 UPWP Amendment 1

Ms. Kutz asked for a recommendation to amend the FY25 UPWP. Amendment 1 would be to re-appropriate funds within the budget to continue work on the JUMPO's website modernization. The first portion of the order was approved last year, and this adjustment will fund the remainder of the developer's work. No additional funds are being added, this is re-appropriation within the budget line items.

Mr. Massey asked about the current webhost and the difference between Civic Plus the City's webpage host, the advantages of updating the website, and the importance of having an easily accessible webpage. JUMPO maintains its current website under GoDaddy using the WordPress platform. There would be difficulties with MPO integrating various materials using Civic Plus. There was discussion that the City's website may need to be refreshed or moved to another platform once its hosting contract renews.

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend Amendment 1 to the TAC. Mr. Carter made a motion; Mr. King seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the committee members present both in person and virtual.

VII. P7.0 Local Input Point Assignment List

Mr. Adams explained that there has been further clarification from NCDOT on how the Local Input Point allotment are to be assigned. It was previously understood that points would assign across its Regional Impact highway projects and aviation projects separately. In actuality, the 1400 points are to be shared between highway and aviation projects. This will be the same case for when assigning points in the Division Needs categories and modes.

Mr. Hansen began a group discussion on reallocating the Regional Impacts points and identifying which highway and aviation projects were of the least priority. The members reviewed highway projects and decided that removing points from two projects which they were not in favor of and assigning those points towards aviation projects instead. Ms. Kutz acknowledged that there are other means to funding projects, especially those that did not initially score high. She gave an example such as that future developments along the project areas could contribute to the roadway improvements.

Ms. Cox then identified some of the projects in which NCDOT Division 3 would be assigning their local input points to. Ms. Howes also explained the methodology that NCDOT would be using for their point assignment. Members identified a couple of those projects in which they were not in favor even though these projects were priorities of NCDOT. After more discussion it was agreed that joint point assignments for a few projects would be the best solution for everyone.

Mr. Sprunger explained each of the aviation projects and identified those which could potentially be funded by other means. Two projects were noted that could have points assigned and potentially have a faster construction date if chose for STIP funding. The members agreed that this would be the most beneficial solution to assigning those points.

Finally, Mr. Hansen reviewed the highway and aviation points list that the members had agreed upon. Twelve (12) highway projects would receive 100 points each, and two (2) aviation projects would receive 100 each, for a total of 1400 points. Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend the points assignment to the TAC. Mr. White made a motion; Mr. Metcalf seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the committee members present both in person and virtual.

Reports/Comments

VIII. Report from MPO Secretary

Ms. Kutz gave a status update on the Gum Branch Road Sidewalks design project. Staff had received several responses and will be selecting a firm in the following weeks. Once design is completed there is regional safety funding available which will cover construction. She also informed the members that funding has been approved for signal work at Western/Williamsburg. NCDOT confirmed that the funding to contribute to the signal had been approved at a recent meeting. Developers in the area will be contributing to the rest of the signal cost. Regional Safety researched two areas for signals in the city. Deerfield and Raintree were identified and approved for funding.

IX. Report from NCDOT Division 3

Ms. Cox briefly spoke on two projects that are going to be LET in 2025. U-5728/U-5789 which are intersection improvement projects. The projects are still on schedule to begin in development.

She then spoke on the Gum Branch resurfacing project which is ongoing. Ms. Kutz complemented the resurfacing work. Ms. Cox also mentioned the Western and Henderson intersection project which is scheduled to be completed at the end of August. Currently it is 51% complete. Lastly, she covered the projects on the maintenance list.

X. Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Mr. Lee gave a quick update on the status of the Region 16 future modeling which has been delayed due to modeling inconsistencies. The developers has committed to delivering the final modeling, user guides, and reports by the end of the week. Once received Mr. Lee will be spot checking the base and future years, once complete, Mr. Lee will deliver models to MPO staff.

Mr. Lee noted that August 12th is the final day to submit 4th quarter invoices including annual reports.

XI. Report from FHWA Field Officer

Mr. Morrison introduced himself as replacing Bill Marley as FHWA representative for the MPO region. He then mentioned that the next round of funding for "Safe Streets & Roads For All" grant applications are due on August 29th and any application questions can be answered by reaching out to him.

Mr. Morrison thanked everyone for their time and that he was looking forward to working with everyone on the committee in the future.

XII. Questions, Closing Comments

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any additional questions or comments not covered in the meeting and none were received. Mr. Hansen thanked everyone for attending in person, and virtually, and asked for an adjournment of the TCC meeting. Mr. Metcalf made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Ferucci seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am. Next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2024.