



**TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TCC)
Virtual/Regular – Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2025**

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

Present Mr. Wally Hansen, Mr. Carter Metcalf, Mr. Jeremy Smith, Mr. Danny Ferucci,
In Person: Mr. Gregg Whitehead, Mr. Tim McCurry, Ms. Kirsten Spirakis, Ms. Adrienne
 Cox, Mr. Alaric Robinson, Ms. Stephanie Kutz, Mr. Stephen Adams, Mr. Chris
 Coursey, Mr. Ronald Massey, Mr. Joseph Bauer

Virtually Ms. Michelle Howes, Ms. Kim Nguyen, Mr. Bill Marley, Ms. Rebecca Brehmer,
Present: Ms. Amy Procopio, Mr. Wongoo Lee, Mr. Terrell Blackmon, Mr. Michael
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I. Call to Order

Chairman Hansen called the TCC meeting to order at 10:32 am.

II. Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Hansen welcomed members to the TCC meeting and acknowledged all who were in person and those who were virtual.

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 2025. Mr. Hansen nominated Mr. Metcalf as Chairman of the TCC and asked if there were any other nominations, and none other were received. Mr. Smith made a motion; Mr. Massey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Hansen then asked for any nominations for TCC Vice-Chairman position. Mr. Metcalf nominated Mr. Hansen as Vice-Chair. Mr. Hansen asked if there were any other nominations, and none other were received. Mr. Whitehead made a motion; Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

V. September 12, 2024 & November 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to approve the September 12th and November 14th Meeting Minutes as presented. Mr. Whitehead made a motion; Mr. Metcalf seconded the motion. The motion to was approved unanimously.

VI. 2024-2033 MTIP Amendment 8 Draft

Mr. Adams asked for a recommendation to amend the 2024-2033 MTIP. Amendment 8 covers the modifications in NCDOT's Item N report for the months of January and February. He explained that the first few pages cover various statewide project modifications which are not in the MPO area. The amendment also modifies funding for Jacksonville urban area projects U-5787 and U-5950. U-5787 is the Trade Street extension project and being modified to allow additional time for parcel acquisition. U-5950 is the Marine Blvd and Henderson Dr intersection improvement project and is being coordinated with HS-2003AJ which should accelerate its construction date from FY27 to FY26.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the draft, and none were received. Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend adoption of Amendment 8. Mr. Smith made a motion; Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Draft

Ms. Kutz explained the FY26 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), its purpose and then mentioned 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 Options which are 100% federally funded with no local match required. This set aside can be used in developing Complete Streets plans improving safety, mobility, or accessibility. Additionally, the funds can also be used to develop plans to create a network of active transportation facilities, including sidewalks, pedestrian, or bicycle trails. The drafted FY26 UPWP was previewed by NCDOT TPD and revised accordingly. It has also been posted on JUMPO's website on February 5th, and public comments will be received through Feb 19th.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the draft, and none were received. Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend adoption of the Draft FY26 UPWP. Mr. Metcalf made a motion; Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VIII. 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Ms. Kutz briefly discussed the timeline of the 2050 MTP, emphasizing the need for adoption by the TAC in March. She also touched on the chapter drafts which were provided to the TCC and TAC members, as well as planning partners, to review and provide comments. FHWA, NCDOT TPD, Onslow County Planning, and Camp Lejeune provided initial comments on the draft. JUMPO staff also discussed and reviewed

internally to provide a few updates on some of the mapping and formatting of the chapters. The draft MTP was posted on JUMPO's website on February 5th and public input or comments will be received through March 5th. This is in accordance with the MPO's Public Participation Plan.

Mr. Hansen asked if there were any questions on the draft, and none were received. Mr. Hansen asked for a motion to recommend adoption of 2050 MTP. Mr. Whitehead made a motion; Mr. Metcalf seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Discussion Items

IX. 2025 NCDOT Safety Performance Targets

Ms. Kutz briefly explained that federal law requires that the JUMPO adopt safety targets annually. Due to the need for NCDOT to streamline the adoption deadline, the 2025 targets presented were approved by the TAC in December 2024. At that time, NCDOT were delayed in providing the Jacksonville Area MPO results for 2024 in comparison to the State. The results are now available and have been included in the packets and on the slides. NCDOT allows for MPO's to adopt their own targets, or they may also follow in line with the State's targets. Ms. Kutz concluded that the adopted safety targets will follow the proposed targets set forth by the NCDOT for the upcoming year.

X. Gum Branch Road Feasibility Study

Ms. Kutz informed the members about a feasibility study that NCDOT is currently conducting for the projects along the Gum Branch Rd. The study is in effort to confirm the future planning decisions in preparation to the next prioritization cycle. She showed a map of the projects which JUMPO submitted during P7.0. These two projects U-5793A and U-5793B both scored reasonably well during P7.0 scoring but unfortunately were not chosen for programming. During the meeting, the group discussed several strategies in addressing the challenges in competing for funding. One strategy proposed was to scale back the length of U-5793B and add a third leg which would be an additional "U-5793C". Ms. Kutz showed a slide with the mapping on how the projects would connect with U-5793C.

Mr. Metcalf added that the MPO should consider carrying the endpoint of U-5793C through the NW Bridge Road intersection to Quaker Bridge Road. He explained that this would allow for the entire intersection length to be improved upon with the specific intersection being in three-legged intersection. Staff agreed that this could be investigated further and noted that suggestion.

XI. Completion of Prioritization 7.0

Mr. Adams briefly spoke on the close of P7.0. The completion of P7.0 was marked by the release of final project scores and the draft 2026-2035 STIP, which occurred on January 31st. The Board of Transportation is anticipated to adopt the 2026-2035 STIP in July, later

this year. The TCC is already aware of the currently funding situation for the region and that due to funding availability for the P7.0 cycle, no project for our division were awarded programming. Overall, the only categories that were selected for funding were Statewide Mobility projects, Regions C & D, and Division 6. Finally, Mr. Adams explained that a draft 2026-2035 STIP will be presented to the TCC and TAC for adoption later this year.

Reports/Comments

XII. Report from MPO Secretary

Ms. Kutz gave a status update on the Gum Branch Road Sidewalks design project which kicked off on January 25th. The sidewalk design will be funded thru a Carbon Reduction grant. Once design is completed Regional Safety funding will cover project construction. Staff is currently working with the consultant with the surveying kicking off this month. Springer Studios who are redesigning the JUMPO webpage is expected to have final designs for review. The website is anticipated to go live in March. Staff is working on collecting letter of Right of Entry from parcel owners along the Henderson Drive Curb project. This project will be modifying driveway curbs to be at level with the sidewalks and allow for ADA compliancy. Finally, Ms. Kutz informed the members of a Post-census Statewide functional classification review for roads occurring in March where staff will be attending in reviewing the categories of Western Blvd and Gum Branch Road in hopes of better strategizing and scoping current and future roadway projects.

XIII. Report from NCDOT Division 3

Ms. Cox announced that Michelle Howes has recently accepted the Deputy Division Engineer position, under Trevor Carrol. Michelle has been an asset to the communication and coordination of projects within the MPO. She then briefly spoke on the projects that are going to be LET in 2025. U-5789 was mentioned, which is an intersection improvement project at Western and Gateway Dr North.

She also explained the "HS" naming in projects referring to it as falling under a separate funding package set for highway-safety improvements. HS projects typically will be additional features that are incorporated into over STIP projects. Finally, Ms. Cox mentioned the NCGO dashboard site and link which will keep everyone up to date on changes in current maintenance schedule. The let dates which are listed in the spreadsheets are not in stone but are fairly accurate to gauge when the ramp up of road work will occur.

XIV. Report from NCDOT Transportation Planning Division

Mr. Lee briefly pointed out a few items in the TPD Newsletter. He informed the members of the final due dates for the UPWP plans for FY2026. Additionally, he mentioned the feedback that TPD provided to JUMPO on the MTP draft chapters and the excitement to seeing the 2050 MTP adoption in the March.

XV. Report from FHWA Field Officer

Mr. Marley briefly informed the TCC that there were currently no updates. FHWA departments are currently working with the new administration and that agreements are being worked out with regards to grant opportunities and management of departments. More will be reported as things move forward into 2025. He also added that FHWA will be reviewing functional classification of roads based off the updated census numbers. MPOs/ and RPOS will be requesting modifications of their area roadways, if the decide to, and working with NCDOT TPD on submitting those requests.

XVI. 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. Smith made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Whitehead seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:36 am. Next TCC meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025.