



EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA
MPO/RPO COALITION MEETING

May 21, 2013

The Eastern North Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition met on Tuesday, May 21, 2013, at 10:00a.m., in the Berne Room at the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center (203 South Front Street), New Bern, NC. The following members were present or absent:

Present:

Coalition Members:

Chuck Allen, Goldsboro MPO
D. Bond, Mid-East RPO
Michael Lazzara, Jacksonville MPO
Trace Cooper, Down East RPO
Allen Thomas, Greenville MPO
Lamont Wiggins, Rocky Mount MPO
Mac Daughety, Eastern Carolina RPO

Advisory Members:

Durwood Stephenson, Highway 70
Commission
Jim Trogdon, NCDOT

Board Member:

Guss Tulloss, NCDOT Board Member
Malcolm Fearing, NCDOT Board Member

Division Engineers:

Jerry Jennings, NCDOT Division 1
Patrick Riddle, NCDOT Division 3
Karen Fussell, NCDOT Division 3
John Rouse, NCDTO Division 4

Staff Members:

Jennifer Collins, Goldsboro MPO
Don Eggert, Cape Fear RPO
Patrick Flanagan, Down East RPO
Steve Lambert, Albemarle RPO
Bob League, Rocky Mount MPO
Justin Oakes, Peanut Belt RPO
Jo Laurie Penrose, Greenville MPO
Anthony Prinz, Jacksonville MPO
Rob Will, Eastern Carolina RPO
Janet Robertson, Lumber River RPO
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO
James Salmons, UCPRPO
Bryant Buck, Mid-East RPO

Absent:

Coalition Members:

Nelva Albury, Cape Fear RPO
Leon Maynor, Lumber River RPO
Lloyd Griffin, Albemarle RPO
Wallace Perry, Peanut Belt RPO
Livingston Lewis, Mid-Carolina RPO
Kenneth Jones, Upper Coastal Plain RPO
Laura Padgett, Wilmington MPO

Also Attending: Ron Massey, City of Jacksonville, Jack Best, Best Commercial Development, Brad Kerr, City of Rocky Mount, Lee Jernigan, City of Fayetteville, Phillip Hart, City of Fayetteville and Stephanie Ayers, NC Port Authority.

Chairman Michael Lazzara called the meeting to order at 10:00am and welcomed those in attendance to today's meeting.

Mr. Chuck Allen made a motion to approve the agenda and Mr. Trace Cooper seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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Mr. Trace Cooper made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from previous meetings dated January 4, 2013 and April 11, 2013. Mr. Mac Daughety seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Moving forward, Mr. Joel Strickland provided the Coalition Members with the Executive Director Report and informed the Coalition staff had not met due to the call of this special meeting and work is continuing on the development of Bylaws for the Coalition. He also indicated the economic study for 1-95 had been released and the consultant conducting the study would be invited back to a future meeting of the Coalition to provide an update on the results of the study.

At this time, Mr. Joel Strickland introduced Mr. Jim Trogdon, NCDOT Chief Operating Officer, who provided the Coalition with a presentation regarding the Strategic Mobility Formula (HB817). Mr. Trogdon began with a history of transportation in North Carolina and provided an overview of how the formula worked. He indicated an estimated \$15 Billion in funds for FY 2016-2025 with 40% in funds allocated to Statewide Tier Projects, 30% Regional Projects and 30% Local Projects. He also indicated all modes of transportation must compete for the same funds.

Mr. Trogdon concluded with focusing on the Project Scoring for proposed highway projects. He indicated Statewide Project were 100% data driven and that Regional and Division Need projects had the option of using the “default” strategy as proposed by the SPOT P3.0 Workgroup or paired funding regions developing their own investment strategy. If developing their own strategy he stressed all parties within the Region (MPO, RPO and Division Engineers) must agree on quantitative criteria prior to July 1, 2013.

At this time Patrick Flanagan, Down East RPO and representative on the SPOT P3.0 Workgroup presented to the Coalition the recommendation the workgroup had proposed for the Statewide, Regional and Division Highway Criteria as of their last meeting on May 20, 2013.

Mr. Michael Lazzara moved forward and stressed the importance of working with paired regions to develop your own investment strategy and suggested scheduling a special workshop as the next meeting to discuss the formula further.

At this time, Mr. Lazzara adjourned the meeting and invited the Coalition members to attend the Highway 17 Association Meeting at 1:00pm where Secretary Tony Tata would be presenting.