



**RRRPO TCC ZOOM Meeting
Tuesday-November 10, 2020
10 am – 12 noon**

Public is Invited to Attend

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AGENDA: TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 10, 2020
Zoom Meeting
10 am-12 noon

1. Ethics Statement

Bridgette Helms, Chairperson

2. Amend/Adopt Agenda.....(ACTION NEEDED)

Bridgette Helms, Chairperson

3. Approval of Minutes from September, 2020.....(ACTION NEEDED)

Bridgette Helms, Chairperson

4. Electric and Autonomous Vehicles Presentation.....(INFORMATION)

Jason Wager, Centralina Regional Council

5. RRRPO Letter of Support/Stanly County Senior Services.....(ACTION NEEDED)

Lee Snuggs, RRRPO

6. Transit Providers

a. SCUSA.....Randy Shank

b. ACTS.....Scott Rowell

c. UCT.....Theresa Torres

7. NCDOT Updates

a. County Updates.....Division Staff

b. Mobility & Safety Division.....Regional Traffic Staff

c. Corridor Development Engineer.....Scott Miller

d. Transportation Planning Division.....John Bailey

8. Old Business

9. New Business

- Election of New TCC Officers-January 2021
- 2021 TCC Agenda (December 2020)

10. Public Comment

11. Adjourn

Next Meeting:
Tuesday~ January 12, 2021



Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Bridgette Helms (Chairperson - Stanfield), Jay Almond (Vice Chair – Badin), John Bailey (NCDOT-Planning Division), Stuart Basham (NCDOT-Div. 10-Alt.), Anita Blair (Misenheimer), Susan Almond (New London), Scott Efird (Locust), Michael Ferris (Albemarle), Bjorn Hansen (Union County), Scott Howard (Norwood), Randy Shank (Stanly County – Alt.), Ken Swaringen (Stanly County Airport), and Lee Snuggs (RRRPO).

Members Absent: Bud Smith (Oakboro), Minnie Staton (Polkton), Jason Ritter (Richfield), Joey Estridge (Ansonville), Lynn Griffin (Peachland), Scott Rowell (Anson County), and David Edwards (Wadesboro).

Others Present: Tony Lathrop (NCBOT), David Wasserman (NCDOT), Scott Miller (NCDOT), Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT-TPD, Hannah Cook (NCDOT), Ross Holshouser (Albemarle-Alt.), Phil Conrad (CRMPO), and Lisa Park (RRRPO).

Welcome

The meeting convened at 10:00 am. Quorum was established.

1. Ethics Statement

The Ethics Statement was read to members by Chairperson Bridgette Helms.

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Scott Efird to approve the agenda as amended.
It was seconded by Ken Swaringen and unanimously approved.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 2020

A motion was made by Anita Blair to approve the minutes.
It was seconded by Scott Efird and unanimously approved.

4. Strategic Transportation Corridor Master Plan (Informative) Nastasha Earle-Young, NCDOT-TPD

The 292-mile Corridor U serves southwest North Carolina from I-26 in Polk County to U.S. 117 in Wilmington, the primary access to the Port at Wilmington, traversing the state's southern tier counties and the Charlotte metropolitan area. U.S. 74 carries high truck volumes for the entire length of the corridor and high passenger volumes from Shelby to Monroe. Corridor U overlaps Corridor H (Future I-74) for 91 miles from Rockingham to Columbus County. The corridor is used as both a regional and statewide connection to major employment centers, airports, and health centers.

5. US #74 Master Plan Vision Resolution (Approved)
Lee Snuggs, RRRPO

The N.C. Department of Transportation adopted the Strategic Transportation Corridors (STC) Network in 2015 to establish a multimodal, high-priority system of highways, rail lines, ports, and airports to support smart planning, help set long-term investment decisions, and ensure that North Carolina’s economic prosperity goals are achieved. The RRRPO was asked by NCDOT-TPD to consider a resolution for the US#74 Master Plan Vision.

A motion was made by Ken Swaringen to approve RRRPO support of the US #74 Master Plan Vision Resolution and recommend to the TAC. It was seconded by Scott Howard and unanimously approved.

6. RRRPO Letters of Support (Approved)
Lee Snuggs, RRRPO

Union County/Build Grant
City of Albemarle/Build Grant
Town of Oakboro/Bike & Ped Grant
Monarch/5310 Capital – Purchase of Services Funding

A motion was made by Jay Almond to approve RRRPO support for these jurisdictions and recommend to the TAC. It was seconded by Scott Howard and unanimously approved.

7. FY 2019-2020 PWP Amendment (Approved)
Lee Snuggs, RRRPO

NCDOT requires an official amendment of the PWP if there is a cost shift of any one category. Staff has billed out more money in the Program & Project Development line item than anticipated because of work for STIP P6.0. Money has been underspent in several other line items, one being Transportation Planning because of the delay in the Anson County CTP. These line items will be shifted but the overall budget will not be changed.

A motion was made by Scott Eford to approve the 2019-20 PWP Amendment and recommend to the TAC. It was seconded Jay Almond and unanimously approved.

8. Transit Providers:

a. SCUSA: Randy Shank

- Randy was present but we were having technical difficulties, so he wasn't able to provide a report.

9. NCDOT Updates:

a. County: Division Staff

- **NC 24/27 Widening Project (R-2530B)** - The widening of NC 24/27 from Albemarle to Lake Tillery. Work is underway on the project. It is scheduled to be complete at the end of 2023.
- **NC 24/27 Bridges (B-4974)** – Rehabilitation work is continuing. Construction of the bridge is approximately 83% complete. Completion is scheduled for Summer of 2021.
- **Pinkston River Bridge (B-2506)** – This bridge is located on Pinkston River Road north of Wadesboro behind the airport. Construction has been completed and the bridge was opened to traffic in late May. The contractor has since completed his punch list items and the project is now fully complete.
- **FY2021 Resurfacing Contracts** – NCDOT did let a resurfacing contract for the is fiscal year for the RPO Coverage area. Given the Department's current financial situation, which we will hear more about from Hannah Cook shortly, I am not sure if that contract is on hold or is being allowed to proceed at this time. I did check with our Division Maintenance Engineer on this earlier this morning and he said he has not heard any updates on it recently.
- **COVID-19 Revenue Losses & Project Suspensions** – NCDOT is experiencing significant revenue losses due to COVID-19. With the public staying home over the last several months, several of our revenue streams which we rely on for funding have been heavily impacted. Traffic volumes and revenues are still down about 20% across the Division. That means that gas sales and gas taxes are decreased significantly also. In addition, sales of both new and used cars are down anywhere from 10-20% across the region. NCDOT relies heavily on revenue from the gas tax along with DMV fees associated with sales of new and used cars. The result is that the Department has lost many million dollars in revenue. The loss of revenue has caused the Department to implement serious cost saving measures.
 - The Department has been forced to pull almost all projects from our 12 month Let List. An updated let list was issued a few weeks ago and Division 10 only has two bridge replacement projects scheduled to be let in the entire Division over the next twelve months.

- Most projects across the Division were suspended effective May 4th. The suspensions are irrespective of phases that a given project may be in. In other words, the suspensions were regardless of whether a project is in the environmental planning, design, right of way, or preparing to be let for construction. They are being suspended at this time until the revenue losses from COVID-19 stabilize.
- Those projects all remain on suspension at this time.
- Active construction projects and recently let projects that have already had a Notice To Proceed (NTP) issued prior to May 4th are being allowed to proceed forward.
- The suspensions apply to all modes – not just highway projects. In addition to roadway projects, bike and ped, sidewalk, and aviation projects are affected. This affected many of your Locally Administered Projects (LAP) that are being administered by the Division.
- The suspensions apply to bridge projects also.
- Some rail projects were allowed to proceed as planned. This is due to some of the rail projects being funded with a different source of Federal rail dollars that are not affected by the Department’s revenue losses.
- The Department did go below the mandated minimum cash floor in May and June. Our finances have improved considerably over the last month or so. However, we are still not at a point where we can begin reinstating projects to proceed with planning, design, and right of way activities.
- These events will likely result in schedule changes for most projects. NCDOT recently released an updated STIP. Most all projects were pushed out. Those delays range from one year to several years depending on the project and the Department’s ability to fund that project. That document was presented to the NCDOT Board of Transportation at their meeting this month and is expected to be adopted at their October meeting.

b. Mobility & Safety Division: No Updates

c. STIP Reprogramming: Hannah Cook

- STIP Reprogramming. Presentation was provided discussing STIP Components, Reprogramming Process and Key Projects in the RRRPO.

d. Transportation Planning Division: John Bailey

- SPR budgets for FY2022 are currently being developed. It will be provided to the RRRPO by November/December so that planning can begin for the FY2022.

10. Old Business: None

11. New Business: None

12. Public Comment: None

13. Adjourned at 11:10 am.

Jay Almond made the motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Bjorn Hansen.
The motion was unanimously approved.

Adopted: This the 10th day of November, 2020.

Bridgette Helms, TCC Chairperson

Lee Snuggs, Secretary



September 24, 2020

Ms. Becky Weemhoff, Director
Stanly County Senior Services
283 N. Third Street
Albemarle, NC 28001

Re: **CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL CALL FOR PROJECTS GRANT APPLICATION: STANLY COUNTY**

Ms. Weemhoff:

This letter serves as support for the Stanly County Senior Services' Consolidated Capital Call for Projects application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for purchase of service from SCUSA Transportation for Stanly County senior citizens.

SCUSA has provided transportation for elderly citizens for over thirty years. We understand the valuable therapeutic and social benefits that safe, affordable transportation plays as they strive to remain independent and stay in their own homes as they age.

The RRRPO Technical Advisory Committee has unanimously voted to support the Consolidated Capital Call for Projects application from Stanly County Senior Services.

Sincerely,

Chris Whitley,
Chairman, RRRPO TAC

Lee Snuggs,
Director, RRRPO