



North Carolina Association of Rural Planning Organizations

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Quarterly Meeting of the
North Carolina Association of Rural Planning Organizations

May 14, 2014

Location: MPO Conference, Wilmington, NC

1. Patrick Flanagan	2. Karyl Fuller	3. Dana Stoogenke
4. Matt Day	5. James Salomon	6. Kelly Larkins
7. Janet Robertson	8. Allen Serkin	9. Elina Zlotchenko
10. Rob Will	11. Lauren Tuttle	12. Vernia Wilson
13. Travis Marshall	14. Jesse Day	15. Justin Oakes
16. Reuben Crummy	17. Dominique Boyd	18. Catherine Bryant
19. Brandie Elliott	20. Davis Graham	21. Christina Walsh
22. Scott Waston	23. Craig Hughes	24. Behshad Norowzi
25. Bryant Buck	26. Carrie Turner	27. Cheryl Hannah
28. Erica Anderson	29. Colista Freeman	30. Ann Steelky

Safe Routes to School Presentation: 11:00am

Carrie Turner (Safe Routes to School National Partnership) and Don Kostelec (Kostelec Planning). Carrie spoke about Safe Routes Partnership. More information can be found at Saferoutespartnership.org. If you have a great safe routes to school story, please contact Carrie or Don.

Statewide Rail Plan Presentation: 11:50

There is a Statewide Rail Plan being conducted. RPO coordinators need to submit Rail Projects from CTPs to Statewide Rail Plan. Additional Rail Project needs can be submitted, even if they are not on a CTP. Please forward the Rail Project submittal sheet and the Rail Survey to all member governments by June 15, 2014. For more information, contact: Ryan White: rlwhite@ncdot.gov
Eddie McFalls: Eddie.mcfalls@aecon.com or click on [Http://www.ncbytrain.org/projects/rail-plan.html](http://www.ncbytrain.org/projects/rail-plan.html) CSRP

Business Meeting 11:32

Minutes: January 2014

A motion was made by Janet Robert to accept the minutes. Karyl Fuller seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NCARPO Secretary Election:

Dana Stoogenke was nominated. A motion was made by Karyl Fuller. It was seconded by David Graham and passed unanimously.

Information and Discussion Items

Transportation Planning Branch Update, Travis Marshall: No update

RPO Update, Elina Zlotchenko:

- Please submit amended PWP's by the end of May. The average amended PWP cost for STI is about \$20,000. If your RPO is spending more money on this line item, please justify.
- STI information can be found on Partner Connect website:
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- The comment period has been extended to August 29, 2014 to submit ranked projects to the SPOT system.
- FHWA is arranging CMAQ classes. If you are interested, please contact Eddie Dancausse (Edward.Dancausse@dot.gov).
- RPO 101 was held in January. RPO coordinators and Division Planning Engineers attended this session. It was a success and plans are in the works for another training session. Please contact NCDOT staff if you have topic ideas.
- Division Planning Engineers should be invited to all *important* RPO meetings. It is critical that this new program is smoothly integrated into the RPO world.
- RPO evaluation committee will reconvene this summer. It will look at how evaluations are going and if changes need to be made.

NCAMPO update, Paul Black: Not present

Future meeting dates:

Summer: Kernersville, NC on July 24-25

Fall: Greenville, NC on October 30-31

Winter: Raleigh, NC on January 30-31. (There may be a training component to this meeting.)

Committee Report**GIS- Karyl Fuller:**

Karyl went to the ARC SE Conference. The big news is that once again Arc GIS will be able to open multiple layers in one file. All RPOs are encouraged to provide updated centerline data to NCDOT. Please contact Karyl if you need help with this data.

Legislative-Dana Stoogenke:

Dana reviewed *Grow America* which is the President's new draft transportation legislation. It is a 4-year, \$302 billion reauthorization legislation. It increases highway spending 22% and transit spending 70%. The current transportation legislation, Map-21, sunsets in fall 2014.

There has been no change to the STI law during NCGA 2014 short session. The Board of Transportation is going to be reviewing the 2040 Plan's nine new potential funding options. These new funding options will supplement the gas tax.

Executive Committee:

Patrick Flanagan met with Susan Pullium to help keep the lines of communication open. She is very open to discussing ideas and information.

SPOT 3.0 Discussion

Other Business

NCDOT staff and a consultant are creating a Public Engagement toolkit. NCDOT staff will be providing more information.

NCDOT staff and a consultant are trying to tie the CTP more closely with the NEPA process. The group is working on potential alternative screening, community impact assessment (high level) and cumulative impacts.

The Strategic Highway Corridor map is going to be replaced with the draft Strategic Transportation Corridor map. There are major changes being drafted. Please attend the regional workshops and forwarded the invitation to member governments. Public comments will be accepted until mid-June. There were originally 55 corridors on the map; now there are only 24 corridors.

If someone is new or replaced during the year, please have them fill out an ethics form and follow up with Dorothy Strickland at the NCEC (dorothy.strickland@doa.nc.gov)

Adjourn (12:58)

Rob Will made a motion to adjourn and Dana Stoogenke seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.