



NCARPO Business Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2016, 9:30 am, Morehead City, NC

Attendees

James Salmons*	Karyl Fuller*
Angela Welsh*	Vicki Eastland*
Justin Oakes*	Ann Stroobant*
Ben Rogers*	Travis Marshall
Lauren Tuttle*	Jamal Alavi
Patrick Flanagan*	Patrick Norman
Allen Serkin*	

** indicates RPO representative*

Action Items

Minutes from July 2016 Business Meeting

Angela Welsh made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by David Graham. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Election of 2017 Officers

The nominating committee, composed of Allen Serkin, Angela Welsh, and Rose Bauguess, nominated Dana Stoogenke for the position of President, Matt Day for the position of Vice President, and Vicki Eastland for the position of Secretary. No other nominations were made. The officer slate submitted by the nominating committee was approved unanimously.

Information and Discussion Items

Transportation Planning Branch Update

Jamal Alavi noted that 9 staff from TPB had volunteered for the Reduction through Retirement (RTR) program, meaning that there would need to be an additional reduction in force (RIF) of 2 staff no later than November 14th. 7 vacant positions within the branch would also be cut, meaning that TPB would have 18 fewer positions than before, representing about a 25% cut in staff. TPB would reorganize by the end of the year. The 9 voluntary RTR staff were Wayne Davis, Tobline Thigpen, Elizabeth Bray, Karen Robertson, Danny Bridgers, Linda Dosse, Brenda Jefferson, Vernia Wilson, and Rockne Bryant.

Jamal also provided an update on the Strategic Transportation Corridor (STC) corridor studies. He noted that consultants had been selected to begin work on the first 4 corridors, and that other corridors would be studied in the future as resources permit. He noted that each MPO and RPO along a corridor would be invited to participate in the process.

Jamal also noted that an RFP had been issued for a consultant to work on the statewide model, since the current contract with PB had reached the end of its 5-year period.

RPO Update

Travis Marshall did not have a formal update to present. Janet Robertson noted that the RPOs would still like to hold one-on-one meetings with TPB this year, even though there will not be evaluations. Travis replied that it would probably not happen until March at the earliest, due to the upcoming TPB reorganization.

Dana Stoogenke asked about the process for requesting new CTPs. Travis replied that there would not be a formal call for new CTPs this year due to the staff reductions in TPB and the need to reassign existing CTP studies. However, he noted that if anyone would like to request a new CTP (with no guarantees that the request can be met), they could send an email to Travis and Earlene.

NCAMPO Update

Elizabeth Jernigan noted that work on the MPO Conference in New Bern is progressing. The conference will be April 26-28. Patrick Flanagan recommended the Doubletree as the closest hotel to the conference center, but noted there are also several other hotels within walking distance.

Future Meetings

January 26-27, 2017 – Fayetteville

April 26-28, 2017 – MPO Conference in New Bern

July 20-21, 2017 – Fontana Village

Committee/Workgroup Reports

GIS Committee

Karyl Fuller provided a number of updates:

- NCGIS Conference – Feb 22-24 in Raleigh
- New custom reports function available through Community Analyst
- InfoUSA 2015 data available – available from Karyl's website
- 2015 AADTs available now
- Title VI map layers (in map packages) – available from Karyl's website
- Free online ESRI training available
- If your agency is current on ArcGIS maintenance, you can also get ArcGIS Pro (likely the direction ArcGIS will go in the future) – similar to a Microsoft Office-type interface
- For labeling, recommend using "Maplex Engine". Go into Labeling toolbar in ArcMap, then under Labeling choose "<Use Maplex Engine>"
- Committee discussing PLS issue with GIS met on August 2 and received a statement that the local government exemption still did exist/was not removed.

Legislative Committee

No update

SPOT Work Group

The work group has met twice, and is meeting every two weeks. So far, discussion has been about what topics to address in the work group. The members agreed to send out agendas and minutes of the meetings.

Bike and Pedestrian Committee

Justin Oakes is back to serve as a member of the committee again. He noted that they plan to recirculate their survey again, hopefully before the next meeting. Ann Stroobant noted that the Kerr-Tar Regional Bike/Ped Plan had been completed.

Administrative Documents Committee

The RPO members of the committee are working to revise the quarterly report, including a potential template. They plan to discuss this with the full committee (including TPB) in the near future.

Freight Advisory Committee

The committee is looking at defining primary federally-designated freight routes and secondary state-designated freight routes.

Federal Land Access Program

Vicki Eastland noted that there is \$5 million available over a two-year period, and that applications are due in November.

Asset Management Plan

Patrick Norman noted that they are currently working on writing up the report, and aim to have a draft completed by January.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.