



## EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA MPO/RPO COALITION MEETING

October 10, 2012

The Eastern North Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition met for their second time on Wednesday, October 10, 2012, at 1:00 p. m., at the Walnut Creek Country Club, Goldsboro, NC. The following members were present or absent.

Present:

### **Coalition Members:**

Jack Best, Eastern Carolina RPO  
Chuck Allen, Goldsboro MPO  
Kenneth Jones, Upper Coastal Plain RPO  
Michael Lazzara, Jacksonville MPO  
Livingston Lewis, Mid-Carolina RPO  
Lionell Midgett, Down East RPO  
Laura Padgett, Wilmington MPO  
Johnny Farmer, Peanut Belt RPO (for  
Wallace Perry)

### **Advisory Members:**

Bobby Lewis, NCDOT  
Durwood Stephenson, Highway 70  
Commission  
Marc Finlayson, Highway 17 Association

### **Board Member:**

Edward Grannis, NCDOT Board Member  
Guss Tulloss, NCDOT Board Member

### **Division Engineers:**

Jerry Jennings, NCDOT Division 1  
Chris Pendergraph, NCDOT Division 4 (for  
John Rouse)

### **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  
Alex Rickard, Down East RPO/Eastern  
Carolina RPO  
Janet Robertson, Lumber River RPO  
Joel Strickland, Mid-Carolina RPO  
Daniel Van Liere, Upper Coastal Plain RPO  
Daryl Vreeland, Greenville MPO

Absent:

### **Coalition Members:**

Nelva Albury, Cape Fear RPO  
Leon Maynor, Lumber River RPO  
Robert Cayton, Mid-East RPO  
Lloyd Griffin, Albemarle RPO  
Allen Thomas, Greenville MPO  
Lamont Wiggins, Rocky Mount MPO

Also Attending: Dr. Sandra McCullen, Goldsboro MPO, Allen Pope, NCDOT Statewide Logistics, Steve Yetman, Rocky Mount MPO, Chad Strawn, Craven County Planning, Connie Price, Wayne County Planning, Linda Staab, Morehead City, Randall Tyndall, Duplin Planning, Jed Dixon, NC Ferry Division, Harold Thomas, NC Ferry Division, Ron Massey, Jacksonville MPO, Will Letchworth, CDM Smith and Matt Wood.

Chairman Jack Best called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and welcomed those in attendance to today's meeting.

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Greenville MPO • Jacksonville MPO • Lumber River RPO • Mid-Carolina RPO • Mid-East RPO  
Peanut Belt RPO • Rocky Mount MPO • Upper Coastal Plain RPO • Wilmington MPO

Mr. Kenneth Jones made a motion to approve the agenda and Ms. Laura Padgett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Michael Lazzara made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from previous meetings dated August 30 and September 13, 2012. Ms. Laura Padgett seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Moving forward, Mr. Daniel Van Liere provided the Coalition Members with the Executive Director Report and informed the Coalition he continued to be involved with many organizations and made several visits to educate those organizations about the Coalition and its purpose.

At this time, Mr. Daniel Van Liere introduced Mr. Jed Dixon who provided the Coalition with a presentation regarding the North Carolina Ferry System. The presentation given was a result in a study that was conducted to represent the impact tolling would have on the ferry system.

After lengthy discussion regarding the impact of tolling, Mr. Daniel Van Liere informed the Coalition staff would research more in depth and come back before the Coalition at their January meeting for them to take necessary action on opposing the tolling of ferries.

Mr. Jack Best moved forward to discuss the many things the Coalition needed to accomplish before Legislators go back into session. He began with the Coalition's thoughts regarding the Equity Formula. Mr. Michael Lazzara recommended the Coalition should agree to support no change in the equity formula and leave it as is. He stated change could be harmful for areas east of 95. Mr. Bobby Lewis suggested to be prepared to address the Equity Formula if needed.

Mr. Van Liere moved forward to discuss the draft resolution which supports the need for additional funding for transportation. He stated staff is working on preparing a presentation for the January meeting that will look at the 2040 Plan and funding options. The goal of the presentation would be to indicate how the suggested funding options would impact areas east of 95.

With there being no further discussion at this time Mr. Van Liere gave a brief presentation regarding the history of current and additional projects that each MPO/RPO felt were important for the Coalition to recognize. Members of the Coalition were briefed on the project's history and Mr. Jack Best asked the members to take the information provided to them home and study and bring back any comments they had at their January meeting.

At this time, Mr. Van Liere briefed the Coalition members on the Prioritization 3.0 workgroup regarding key points for review and discussion. There is discussion floating around regarding the removal of bonus points for super regional projects. Mr. Van Liere encouraged everyone to discuss this topic with their staff and provide any comments to the Strategic Planning Office.

Mr. Jack Best indicated the next meeting would be held on January 4, 2013 and it was agreed upon the Coalition that future meetings be held in Goldsboro.



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Jennifer Collins  
Eastern North Carolina MPO/RPO Coalition  
Secretary

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