

Meeting Summary

March 2, 2017 TARPO Prioritization Subcommittee Meeting

Attendees (* designates voting member; 4 required for quorum): Matt Day (TJCOG), Cara Coppola* (Chatham County), Max Bushell* (Orange County), David Montgomery* (Sanford/Lee County), Marty Tillman* (NCDOT Division 8), Bryan Kluchar (NCDOT Division 8)

Max Bushell agreed to chair the meeting if/when necessary, and the other committee members agreed.

The committee members reviewed the list of projects that would automatically carry-forward for consideration in P5.0 from P4.0. Projects on this list do not need to be re-submitted for consideration and do not use up available 'slots' for projects. The automatic carry-over project list as determined by NCDOT's process is as follows:

- A130488 & A130489 – Phase 1 & 2 of Lee County Airport corporate hangar apron expansion (TIP # AV-5856 & 5857)
- H090669 – widening US 15-501 between Aberdeen and Laurinburg (TIP # R-5827)
- H090296 – turn lane and shoulder improvements on NC 5 in Aberdeen (TIP # U-5756)
- H150663 – synchronized street improvements on US 1, from US 15-501 to Pendergrass Rd (TIP # U-5975)
- H150922 – improvements to Pinehurst Traffic Circle and approaches, and adjacent intersections (TIP # U-5976)
- H140374A – widening NC 54 from Old Fayetteville Rd to Orange Grove Rd (not in TIP)

The committee discussed whether there was any interest in modifying or deleting any of these carry-over projects.

Marty Tillman suggested breaking H090669 (US 15-501 widening from Aberdeen to Laurinburg) into smaller projects due to the large size of the project—perhaps even just spot intersection improvements rather than widening.

Max Bushell suggested deleting H140374A (NC 54 widening) since the operational improvements project in that same corridor had already been funded and there was a corridor study underway by the two MPOs in the NC 54 corridor to determine whether widening was even necessary. He stated that he would follow-up on this with NCDOT Division 7 staff.

The committee members discussed the process they would use within each county to develop an initial draft list of project ideas.

- David Montgomery noted that Lee County was establishing a transportation committee that would work on developing a list.
- Max Bushell noted that the Orange Unified Transportation Board would address this issue at their April 19th meeting.
- Cara Coppola noted that the Chatham County Transportation Advisory Committee would address this at their April 25th meeting.
- Moore County did not have a representative at the meeting, but Matt Day indicated that he would bring it up at the next Moore County Transportation Committee meeting.



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The committee discussed next steps and determined that there should be two more meetings of the Prioritization Subcommittee prior to release of the draft project list:

- A meeting in early April, possibly on the 5th or 6th, for each committee member to provide a status update and an initial (non-binding) concept of what their county's list might look like. This information would be used to help determine a method for cutting down the number of projects (if necessary).
- A meeting on May 1 for the committee to finalize their draft list. TARPO staff would then post and distribute the draft list for comment in the months of May and June.
- Possibility of a meeting in July to discuss any comments received during the May/June comment period and finalize the list for presentation to the RTCC and RTAC in August.



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