

Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 01, 2024
Fallon Council Conference Room
395 Magnolia Road
Pinehurst, North Carolina
10:00 a.m.

Voting Members:

Village Manager – Village of Pinehurst

Town Manager - Town of Southern Pines

Town Manager - Town of Aberdeen, Chair

Town Manager - Town of Whispering Pines

Town Administrator - Town of Pinebluff, Vice Chair

Town Clerk - Town of Taylortown*

County Manager Designee - Moore County**

Moore County Transportation Services Director

NCDOT Division 8 Engineer

NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Representative

NCDOT Public Transportation Division FHWA North Carolina Division

Approximately 9 audience members in attendance.

I. Welcome

Mr. Paul Sabiston, Chair and Town Manager for the Town of Aberdeen, called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Public Comments

None.

III. Adjustments / Approval of the Agenda

Upon a motion by Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, seconded by Mr. Rich Lambdin, Village Manager for the Village of Whispering Pines, the Committee unanimously approved the May 01, 2024, TCC Regular Meeting agenda by a vote of 8-0.

IV. Approval of April 03, 2024, TCC Minutes

Approval of the April 03, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes was deferred to the June 05, 2024, Regular Meeting.

V. Division 8 Report

Mr. Reuben Blakely, NCDOT Division 8 Engineer, and Mr. Travis Morgan, NCDOT Division 8 Construction Engineer, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the following items of discussion:

a. US Open Preparations

i. How the 2024 US Open will impact NCDOT project timelines.

Non-Voting Members:

^{* =} Absent

^{** =} Attending via Zoom but not participating / voting

- ii. A map outlining the location of each project.
- iii. A summary breakdown of projects R-5709 (Hwy 211), R-5726 (Hwy 211), U-3628 & R-5929 (Pinehurst Traffic Circle), U-5756 (NC 5), U-5725 & U-5975 (US 1 & 15-501), U-5814 & U-5815B (US 1).
- iv. The estimated cost of each project.
- v. The potential difficulties some projects may pose.
- vi. The utility work needed for each project.
- vii. The Construction Manager / General Contractor process.
- viii. Business Stakeholders and Public Outreach.
- ix. Public Information Content (website going live July 2024).

b. STIP Project Updates

NCDOT STIP Project U-5976 Pinehurst Traffic Circle (PTC) (US 15-501, NC 211, NC 2 Intersection):

- i. Past / current conditions.
- ii. STIP description.
- iii. Project schedule / history.
- iv. Current / projected PTC daily trips.
- v. Population projections.
- vi. PTC traffic processing capacity.
- vii. PTC safety analysis.
- viii. A preferred solution rendering.
- ix. QR codes to a Continuous Flow Intersections website and a Reduced Conflict Intersections website.

The Committee asked that the NCDOT provide a preferred solution rendering that is superimposed onto the current PTC so a detailed comparison of the two can be made.

c. Other Project Updates

None.

VI. Update on SMPO Director Recruitment

Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, stated the interview process is still being worked through and reported that, due to a recent salary study done by the Village of Pinehurst Human Resources Department, it has been recommended the Governing Board increase the salary for the position by one grade level based on the Village of Pinehurst Position Classification and Pay Plan.

VII. Update on UPWP Adoption

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, stated there will be revisions made to the FY 2024 and FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program, which will be presented to the Governing Board at upcoming meetings.

VIII. Review Submitted Prioritization 7.0 Projects

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, and Ms. Karyl Fuller, Principal Planner / RPO Director for the Central Pines Regional Council (attending via Zoom), reviewed the submitted Moore County Projects Prioritization spreadsheet and discussed the process the Governing Board will need to follow for prioritizing each project.

The Committee asked that Mr. Willardson only include SMPO related projects on the prioritization spreadsheet.

IX. Update on MTP/CTP Development Process

Mr. Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Representative, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) / Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) development process focusing on the development requirements and schedule.

Mr. Walston further stated the Committee and Governing Board will need to work to gather travel demand model and Travel Analysis Zone (TZA) information to use for possible future modeling steps.

The Committee agreed to add the discussion of the MPT / CTP development process to a future Governing Board agenda.

X. Other Business

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, reminded everyone that the May 15, 2024, Regular Meeting of the Governing Board has been relocated to the Cannon Park Community Center – Multipurpose Room.

XI. Next Meeting Date

June 05, 2024, Regular Meeting

XII. Motion to Adjourn

Upon a motion by Mr. Scott Walston, NCDOT Transportation Planning Division Representative, seconded by Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, the TCC unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting by a vote of 8-0 at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shannon Konstantinou

Village Clerk Village of Pinehurst

The Village of Pinehurst is a charming, vibrant community which reflects our rich history and traditions. Mission: Promote, enhance, and sustain the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

Values: Service, Initiative, Teamwork, and Improvement.