



**Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) of the  
 Sandhills Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMPO)  
 Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
 Wednesday, June 05, 2024  
 Fallon Council Conference Room  
 395 Magnolia Road  
 Pinehurst, North Carolina  
 10:00 a.m.**

<p><b>Voting Members:</b>                  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</p>	<p><b>Non-Voting Members:</b>                  NCDOT Public Transportation Division*                  FHWA North Carolina Division*</p>
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\* = Absent

Approximately 6 audience members and 1 press in attendance.

- I. Welcome**  
 Mr. Paul Sabiston, Chair and Town Manager for the Town of Aberdeen, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.
- II. Public Comments**  
 None.
- III. Adjustments / Approval of the Agenda**  
 Upon a motion by Mr. Reagan Parsons, Town Manager for the Town of Southern Pines, seconded by Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, the Committee unanimously approved the June 05, 2024, TCC Regular Meeting agenda by a vote of 8-0.
- IV. Approval of April 03, 2024, and May 01, 2024, TCC Minutes**  
 Upon a motion by Mr. Reagan Parsons, Town Manager for the Town of Southern Pines, seconded by Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, the Committee unanimously approved the April 03, 2024, and May 01, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes by a vote of 8-0.
- V. Update on SMPO Director Recruitment**  
 Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, stated recruitment for the position is still difficult and asked the Committee to recommend a salary range increase

proposal to the Governing Board. Mr. Sanborn further stated, while applications from experienced candidates have been received, there has been a lack of technical experience in the transportation planning field.

The Committee agreed to propose a salary range increase to the Governing Board at the June 19, 2024, meeting.

**VI. Update on MOU Adoption**

Mr. Doug Willardson, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, stated all member municipalities have submitted their MOU adoption documents, which were forwarded to the NCDOT and submitted to the Secretary of Transportation.

**VII. Review Scored 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, reviewed a spreadsheet outlining the Division 8 project prioritization, which highlighted the projects within the SMPO geographical area (6 fully SMPO projects with 1 partial SMPO project).

Ms. Fuller stated the projects are now at the local input of points level of the process and it is important for the SMPO to complete the input of points even though there is very little funding available at this time.

Ms. Fuller detailed the input of points process and methodology to be followed by the SMPO and reviewed the scoring criteria used to determine which projects are funded. Ms. Fuller noted the projects that are eligible for SMPO points.

Ms. Fuller stated the SMPO must, also, provide rationale behind the allocation of points and, should the SMPO choose to deviate from the recommended methodology for allocating points, provide rationale for any deviation.

Ms. Fuller asked that the SMPO have points allocated and submitted by July 31, 2024, and the Division allocation of points is due November 30, 2024.

Mr. Willardson noted the projects currently showing the highest number of points allocated to them are M12, M13, and M16.

The Committee discussed whether the Airport Road project would be within the scope of the Pinehurst Traffic Circle project and how the Pinehurst Traffic Circle changes may impact this project.

Upon a motion by Mr. Jeff Sanborn, Village Manager for the Village of Pinehurst, seconded by Ms. Melissa Adams, Town Administrator for the Town of Pinebluff, the Committee unanimously approved recommending the Governing Board allocate 100 points to projects M12, M13, and M16; 25 points to project M10 (R5827); 75 points to project M24; and to return any remaining points to the Central Pines Regional Council RPO by a vote of 8-0.

**VIII. Division 8 Report**

Mr. Bryan Kluchar, NCDOT Division 8 Engineer, reviewed a spreadsheet outlining the Division 8 Active and Upcoming Projects. Mr. Kluchar noted Project U-5976 (US 15-501 Pinehurst Traffic Circle) has three upcoming Public Meetings scheduled for July 16<sup>th</sup> (Pinehurst), 18<sup>th</sup> (Carthage), and 23<sup>rd</sup> (Aberdeen). The Public Meetings will be structured to have a Public Officials period followed by an Open House period for the general public.

**IX. Other Business**

Ms. Liamey Hogan-Rivera, NCDOT Transportation Engineer II, confirmed the Committee preferred a future model projection of 2055 (30 years) and to have the MTP and CTP created consecutively with approval of the SMPO geographical areas sections of the CTP given by the SMPO Governing Board. The Committee agreed to present these preferences to the Governing Board at the June 19, 2024, meeting.

**X. Next Meeting Date**

July 03, 2024, Regular Meeting

If the Governing Board approves the Prioritization 7.0 Projects at the June 19, 2024, meeting, the Committee agreed to cancel the July 03, 2024, Regular Meeting.

**XI. Motion to Adjourn**

Upon a motion by Ms. Sonia Biggs, Moore County Transportation Services Director, 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 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Konstantinou  
Village Clerk  
Village of Pinehurst