



**Minutes of May 14, 2014**  
 11:00 AM, Wilmington, NC  
 Wilmington Convention Center  
 505 Nutt Street, Wilmington NC 28401

**ATTENDANCE**

Bob League	<i>Rocky Mount MPO</i>	Paul Black	<i>FBRMPO</i>
John Marshall	<i>GHMPO</i>	Deloma West	<i>FAMPO</i>
Michael Mandeville	<i>FAMPO</i>	Maurizia Chapman	<i>NAMPO</i>
Shelby Powell	<i>CAMPO</i>	Greg Venable	<i>High Point MPO</i>
Bob Cook	<i>CRTPO</i>	Loretta Barren	<i>FHWA</i>
Andy Grzymiski	<i>City of Charlotte</i>	Daniel Amstutz	<i>Greensboro MPO</i>
Peggy Holland	<i>Jacksonville MPO</i>	Daryl Vreeland	<i>Greenville MPO</i>
Wendy Miller	<i>WSMPO</i>	Bill Marley	<i>FHWA</i>
Suraiya Rashid	<i>WMPO</i>	Curtis Bridges	<i>CRTPO</i>
Chris Lukasina	<i>CAMPO</i>	Neil Burke	<i>CRTPO</i>
Shirley Williams	<i>NCDOT Rail Division</i>	Colista Freeman	<i>Mulkey/NCDOT Rail</i>
Ann Steedly	<i>Planning Communities</i>	Cheryl Hanna	<i>NCDOT Rail</i>
Unwanna Dabney	<i>FHWA</i>	Glenda Gibson	<i>Hatch-Mott-McDonald</i>
Blair Israel	<i>GCLMPO</i>	Chris Clark	<i>Grand Strand TSA</i>
Mike Kozlosky	<i>WMPO</i>		

Participating by Phone:

Phil Conrad	<i>Cabarrus Roman MPO</i>	Alpesh Patel	<i>NCDOT</i>
David Wasserman	<i>NCDOT</i>	Don Volker	<i>NCDOT</i>

- 1. NC Rail Plan** – Glenda Gibson, with Hatch-Mott-McDonald, spoke about the NC Comprehensive Rail Plan. The North Carolina Department of Transportation has initiated the development of a Comprehensive State Rail Plan (CSRP) under requirements outlined in the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act (PRIIA) of 2008. Once completed the CSRP will serve as a blueprint for improvements to freight and passenger rail service in North Carolina and will provide an overview of potential funding opportunities, costs and economic benefits associated with an enhanced rail system.

Communication and collaboration will be required involving numerous of stakeholders, technical and advisory groups, and prospective funding partners. In order to ensure the ultimate success of the CSRP, the AECOM team will be coordinating with MPOs & RPOs across the state to gather data about their local and regional rail needs and other relevant topics. Project team representatives will also look to these local representatives to help vet assumptions and provide feedback throughout the development of the CSRP. MPOs and RPO are being asked to complete a survey for the CSRP at:

<http://www.ncbytrain.org/projects/rail-plan.html>)

2. **SPOT Update** – Don Volker announced the release of the new SPOT 3.0 projects. Projects listed in blue on the spreadsheet made the statewide tier and do not need local input points assigned. July 21<sup>st</sup> will be the kickoff for SPOT 4.0 discussions. It was requested from Mike Kozlosky that SPOT send out notification of the SPOT project scores to everyone affected.
3. **Minutes of the January 31, 2014 Board Meeting** – Maurizia Chapman was mistakenly omitted from attendance at the January 31, 2014 meeting. Blair Israel made a motion to approve the minutes, with the addition of Maurizia in attendance, from the January 31<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. Wendy Miller seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
4. **NCAMPO By-laws Discussion** – John Marshall reviewed the Association By-laws. New Bern and the Grand Strand MPOs were added to the membership. There was also discussion about removing the language in Section 3.03 allowing the Corporation the discretion to recognize MPOs in the statewide association. Throughout the by-laws “corporation” and “association” are used interchangeably and not consistent. Section 10.04 mentions gifts may be accepted on behalf of the Corporation and there was discussion to remove this language. It was eventually decided to leave the by-laws language alone until it can be reviewed by legal counsel. There was a motion by Chris Clark to approve the by-laws with the addition of New Bern and the Grand Stand MPOs to the Corporation. The motion was seconded by Mike Kozlosky which passed unanimously.
5. **Financial Update** – Wendy Miller gave a Treasurer’s Report. Current balance was \$32,624.40. Outstanding balance was \$2,597.14. IRS notice was received on March 3, 2014 that the \$1,240.00 penalty was removed from the NCAMPO account. Also mentioned was a processing fee for credit cards of \$345 and Wendy mentioned looking for a better deal. Need to look at liability insurance for the conference through the Association.
6. **Current Conference Update** – Mike Kozlosky gave an update on the current conference. So far there was \$60,000 in expenditures and \$70,000 in revenue. There was 325 people registered for the conference. Mike also reviewed the three day conference schedule and events.
7. **2015 Conference Update and Consultant Discussion** – Paul Black gave an update of the 2015 conference that will be jointly hosted by CAMPO and the DCHC MPO. There were discussions of hiring a professional event’s organizer to help plan future conferences. The location of the 2015 conference is still being decided between downtown Raleigh and Research Triangle area.

- 8. FHWA Update** – Unwanna Dabney gave an update of ADA requirements and an earlier ADA presentation by Patrick Gomez from the FHWA Research Center. Patrick may do additional training including a webinar over the summer. Unwanna passed out two additional FHWA Civil Rights documents addressing curb ramps necessity when streets or highways are altered through resurfacing. She discussed possible language to be added to reauthorization regarding the “Grow America Act.” Jill Stark will be moving to the headquarters office and her responsibilities will be divided among existing FHWA staff. There was a concern from several MPO members regarding the MPOs additional responsibilities and how they would be implemented and how these responsibilities and transition plans would be funded and included in the work programs.
- 9. MAP-21 and AMPO Update** – Paul Black mentioned AMPOs involvement with MAP-21 and a matrix that was put together identifying some of the topics areas of reauthorization and the different organizations stance on these topics. He mentioned a provision that would allow a portion of the “Grow America” money to be allocated directly to metros. AMPO supports this provision to be included in the House and Senate bills. Paul said he could provide a link to Burt Tasaico’s funding forecast presentation that we had to skip is anyone is interested. The Statewide Safety Plan update is going on at NCDOT. There are seven subgroups evaluating different aspects of safety. Tyler and Ellen are on a committee looking at the re-designation of highway functional classifications.
- 10. Adjournment** – With additional speaker’s not available, consensus was that we stood adjourned.